

2021 Current Fiscal Year Report: National Council on the Humanities

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1. Department or Agency

National Endowment for the Humanities

2. Fiscal Year

2021

3. Committee or Subcommittee

National Council on the Humanities

3b. GSA Committee No.

1099

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

11/22/2019

6. Expected Renewal Date

11/22/2021

7. Expected Term Date

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

8b. Specific Termination Authority

8c. Actual Term Date

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Continue

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

No

10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority Statutory (Congress Created)

12. Specific Establishment Authority

20 U.S.C. 957

13. Effective Date

09/29/1965

14. Committee Type

Continuing

14c. Presidential?

No

15. Description of Committee Grant Review Committee

16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for this Fiscal Year

17a. Open Meetings and Dates 0 17b. Closed Meetings and Dates 0 17c. Partially Closed Meetings and Dates 0 17d. Total Meetings and Dates 0

No Meetings

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$0.00	\$0.00
18d. Total	\$0.00	\$0.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.00	0.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The NCH's objectives and scope of activities include: (1) advising the Chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) with respect to policies, programs, and procedures for carrying out the Chairman's functions; (2) reviewing and making recommendations to the Chairman on applications for financial support submitted to NEH; and (3) advising the Chairman on policies, programs, and procedures for support and gifts offered to NEH. Pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 957(f), the NEH Chairman cannot make any grant in excess of \$30,000 until he/she has received a recommendation thereon from the National Council on the Humanities (NCH). Therefore, NEH would be unable to carry out its main activity, grant-making, without recommendations from the NCH.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

Pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 957(b), the NCH is composed of the NEH Chairman, who serves as NCH Chairman, and twenty-six other President-appointed, Senate-confirmed members. These other members are private U.S. citizens who (1) are recognized for their broad knowledge of, expertise in, or commitment to the humanities; and (2) have established records of distinguished service and scholarship or creativity in a manner which will provide a comprehensive representation of the views of scholars and professional practitioners in the humanities and of the public throughout the U.S. In making appointments, the President may consider recommendations from national organizations concerned with the humanities. Additionally, the President must give due regard to equitable representation of women, minorities, and individuals with disabilities who are involved in the humanities.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

The NCH generally meets three times per calendar year, to formally convey its recommendations and advice to the NEH Chairman. Pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 957(d), the NCH must meet at least twice per calendar year, and at the call of the Chairman. The NCH met five times during FY 2020.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

Because of the structure established under 20 U.S.C. 957, no other source may fulfill the NCH's function, nor provide the advice or information the NCH provides.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

Pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 957(f), the NCH is responsible for (1) advising the NEH Chairman with respect to policies, programs, and procedures for carrying out the Chairman's functions; and (2) reviewing and making recommendations to the Chairman on

applications for financial support submitted to NEH. The portion of NCH meetings involving the first of these responsibilities are open to the public. The portion of NCH meetings involving the review of grant applications are closed to the public because they include discussion of personal, commercial, and/or financial information given in confidence by grant applicants to the NEH.

21. Remarks

NA

Designated Federal Officer

Michael P. McDonald General Counsel

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Albrecht, Kathe	08/05/2019	01/26/2024	Institute for Doctoral Studies in the Visual Arts	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Callanan, Keegan	08/06/2019	01/26/2024	Middlebury College	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
English, William	08/05/2019	01/26/2024	Georgetown University	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Fisher, Marjorie	08/05/2019	01/26/2022	University of Michigan	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Griffin, Claire	08/05/2019	01/26/2022	Independent Consultant	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Holmes, Kim	08/05/2019	01/26/2022	Heritage Foundation	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Margo, Adair	08/05/2019	01/26/2022	First Lady of El Paso, TX	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Rose, Matthew	08/05/2019	01/26/2024	Berkeley Institute	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Yarbrough, Jean	08/05/2019	01/26/2022	Bowdoin College	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 9

Narrative Description

The National Council on the Humanities (NCH) is comprised of the NEH Chairman and twenty-six distinguished private citizens who are appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate. The NCH supports NEH's mission by advising the NEH Chairman with respect to the grants NEH awards to cultural institutions (such as museums, archives, libraries, colleges, universities, public television, and radio stations) and to individual scholars. The NCH supports NEH's strategic plan by providing the Chairman with continuing advice on how best to: strengthen teaching and learning about the humanities in schools and colleges across the nation; facilitate research and original scholarship; provide opportunities for lifelong learning; preserve and provide access to cultural and educational resources; and strengthen the institutional base of the humanities.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

- Improvements to health or safety
- Trust in government
- Major policy changes
- Advance in scientific research
- Effective grant making
- Improved service delivery
- Increased customer satisfaction
- Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements
- Other

Outcome Comments

NA

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

- None
- Unable to Determine
- Under \$100,000
- \$100,000 - \$500,000
- \$500,001 - \$1,000,000
- \$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000
- \$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000
- Over \$10,000,000
- Cost Savings Other

Cost Savings Comments

NA

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

6,825

Number of Recommendations Comments

NA

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or

will be Fully implemented by the agency?

99%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

NA

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

1%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

NA

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes No Not Applicable

Agency Feedback Comments

Oral and written reports.

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

	Checked if Applies
Reorganized Priorities	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Action Comments

NA

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

Yes

What is the estimated <u>Number</u> of grants reviewed for approval	6,825
What is the estimated <u>Number</u> of grants recommended for approval	1,058
What is the estimated <u>Dollar Value</u> of grants recommended for approval	\$98,987,194

Grant Review Comments

NA

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

- Contact DFO
- Online Agency Web Site
- Online Committee Web Site
- Online GSA FACA Web Site
- Publications
- Other

Access Comments

NA