
Greetings from the Challenge America Fast-Track (CAFT) category at the National Endowment for the Arts. Congratulations on the FY 2009 CAFT grant awarded to your organization.

Recently NEA staff has spoken with several FY 2009 CAFT grantees regarding the Arts and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. We would like to inform everyone that **FY 2009 CAFT grantees are eligible to apply for funds allocated to the NEA through the Recovery Act.** In accordance with this Act, the NEA has received funds to help preserve jobs in the nonprofit arts sector that are threatened by declines in philanthropic and other support during the current economic downturn.

Guidelines for Recovery Act funding are available on the NEA Web site.
<http://www.arts.gov/grants/apply/recovery/index.html> (Deadline: April 2, 2009)

The FY10 CAFT guidelines are also available on the NEA Web site.
<http://www.arts.gov/grants/apply/GAP10/Challenge.html>
(Deadline: May 28, 2009)

The Recovery Act is a one-time funding opportunity. Organizations may apply for *both* FY 2010 CAFT *and* Recovery Act funding. The one application per fiscal year rule still applies to Grants for Arts Projects, which are the Access to Artistic Excellence, Challenge America Fast-Track and Learning in the Arts categories.