

FY 2012 FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUESTS LOG

FOIA #	REQUESTER	INFORMATION/RECORDS REQUESTED	DATE MAILED	DETERMINATION
12-01	Ron McMahan	<p>Original Request: I am in need of a copy of ["Life of the Western Coal Miner"] , as well as any other paperwork that may be included in the files (e g , original proposal, extensions, progress reports, etc) I have two bits of information concerning the grant My records showed a grant number 76-070210-481 However in a web search I found the query response below which seems to have a different grant number GN-*0426-77 Perhaps you could check under both numbers</p> <p>Revised Request: (10/13/2011) the original proposal, the NEH award letter, all interim and final reports, and all extensions</p>	10/31/2011	Full Denial No Records
12-02	Jason Smathers	I hereby request all records that contain the standard language or template paragraphs used for responses to FOIA Requests and FOIA Appeals in your agency; may limit the search to records created between 1/1/2000 and the date this request is processed Please limit your search to records held by the FOIA office or persons tasked with FOIA related responsibilities Further, you may limit the search to records created between 1/1/2000 and the date this request is processed Further, you may exclude all actual responses to specific FOIA requests This request is only for the template paragraphs that your agency uses in drafting responses to FOIA requests and appeals	11/16/2011	Full Grant
12-03	Justin Hollis U of St Thomas	I request that a copy of the following documents [or documents containing the following information] be provided to me: National Endowment for the Humanities Grant Applicant Data for 2009-2011		WITHDRAWN
12-04	Jeff Hershberger	(1) a recent organizational directory of NEH headquarters, listing the name/title of offices, room numbers, building numbers, telephone numbers and any other relevant information to certain the service of communication with that particular office(s) by US mail or by telephone; (2) a recent printed handout of NEH policy and procedures developed for civilian use of the FOIA and Privacy Act	12/19/2011	Partial Grant B6
12-05	Scott Johnson Power Line	<p>Original Request (12/7/2011): Please produce any investigative report and/or related materials on the July 2010 East-West Center Conference on the Pacific theater in World War II prepared on behalf of the NEH</p> <p>Clarified Request (12/9/2011): This is to confirm that my request is directed to the report that I understood the NEH had commissioned on the East-West Center Pacific War conference that Professor Blake had complained about I also asked for the "related materials" that must be in the NEH's custody Here are what I had in mind: 1 All correspondence and memoranda -- and both here and in what follows, I mean by the word "correspondence" any communication in any form whatsoever, such as electronic mail, and other such media -- relating to the process by which the reviewer was selected, including the criteria for his/her selection, and the specific reasons why that particular scholar was chosen 2 All correspondence with the scholar who performed the review/evaluation and produced the report including such matters as the NEH charge or instructions to him or her regarding the scope of his assignment 3 All records regarding any compensation made to the scholar for his or her services, including all correspondence with the scholar involving negotiations or contract or engagement correspondence over the terms of his employment by NEH 4 Correspondence with the scholar that is provided should include all versions of the report, up to and including its final version If the scholar produced any draft version or versions which were modified in any way whatsoever by NEH staff before the release of the final report, I want those as well 5 All correspondence between NEH staffers and the staff of the East-West Center on matter touching on the controversy over the 2010 workshop In particular, all correspondence between NEH staff members and the director of the 2010 workshop should be included By staff members I mean not only members of the Chairman's staff but members of the Division of Education and its director William Rice 6 Please provide a timeline, indicating when the decision was made to perform a review, when the reviewer was selected, when he was instructed to submit a report, when he actually did submit a report, when he was paid for his work, when the members of the National Council on the Humanities were informed of the report, etc 7 All correspondence between NEH staff and National Council on the Humanities members relating to the review -- its timing, its contents, its importance, etc 8 All correspondence and memos relating to any follow-up site visit to the East-West Center that may have occurred in the wake of the July 2010 controversy including all correspondence with the EWC concerning any such site visit both before and after the visit I have to ask that you be sure that in reviewing files for production that any missing materials are restored to their proper place</p> <p>Amendment (12/13/2011): I am particularly interested in drafts of the report -- the first draft submitted to the agency by the scholar retained to perform the review and any subsequent revisions to the report by the agency leading to its final form I am also particularly interested in email and other communications regarding the report</p>	1/30/2012 2/24/2012	Partial Response: Partial Grant B4, B5, B6 Final Response: Partial Grant B4, B6, B5, 7E

12-06	Brady Eames	Information requested be expeditiously published by each Executive Department and Agency ("EDA") in the Federal Register for the guidance of the public: (A) The EDA's definition of the term "head of the agency" as referred to in the FOIA (a)(6)(A)(i); (B) The head of the EDA shall be designated the adjudicator of the appeals of initial adverse FOIA orders made within the EDA; (C) If the case may be, the head of the EDA shall delegate its authority to adjudicate the appeals of initial adverse FOIA orders made within the EDA; (D) The title(s) of the employees and/or officers within the EDA who have been delegated the authority of the head of the EDA to adjudicate the appeals of initial adverse FOIA orders made within the EDA; (E) A senior official within the EDA (at the Assistant Secretary or equivalent level) shall be designated the Chief FOIA Officer of the EDA ("CFO"); (F) The title(s) of the designator(s), and, if the case may be, of the delegator(s) of the designator(s), of the CFO; (G) The title of the CFO; (H) The CFO within the EDA shall be delegated the responsibility of performing the following functions within the EDA: (1) have agency-wide responsibility for efficient and appropriate compliance with the FOIA; (2) monitor implementation of the FOIA throughout the agency and keep the head of the agency, the chief legal officer of the agency, and the Attorney General appropriately informed of the agency's performance in implementing this section; (3) recommend to the head of the agency such adjustments to agency practices, policies, personnel, and funding as may be necessary to improve its implementation of the FOIA; (4) review and report to the Attorney General, through the head of the agency, at such times and in such formats as the Attorney General may direct, on the agency's performance in implementing the FOIA; (5) facilitate public understanding of the purposes of the statutory exemptions of the FOIA by including concise descriptions of the exemptions in both the agency's handbook issued under subsection (g), and the agency's annual report on the FOIA, and by providing an overview, where appropriate, of certain general categories of agency records to which those exemptions apply (6) designate one or more FOIA Public Liaisons; (I) The EDA's definition of the term "head of the agency" which is referred to numerously in the FOIA (k); (J) Within the EDA, FOIA Public Liaisons shall be designated; (K) Within the EDA, FOIA Public Liaisons shall be delegated the responsibility of assisting in reducing delays, increasing transparency and understanding of the status of requests and assisting in the resolution of disputes (L) The titles of the employees and/or officers within the EDA who are designated as the FOIA Public Liaisons and who shall be delegated the responsibility of assisting in reducing delays, increasing transparency and understanding of the status of requests and assisting in the resolution of disputes (M) Within the EDA, employees will be designated FOIA officers; (N) The titles of any and all employees who are designated FOIA officers within the EDA	1/10/2012	Full Denial Improper FOIA Request
12-07	Michael Ravnitzky	Original Request: 1) an electronic copy of the records provided to the Honorable Chairman Darrell Issa, whose office had in January 2011 asked your agency for various data concerning the administration of the Freedom of Information Act 2) a copy of any correspondence whatsoever sent to Chairman Issa's office on the subject of the January 2011 inquiry, and any correspondence sent during calendar year 2011 to Chairman Issa's office on the subject of FOIA Revised Request (12/20/2011): Exclude 10-45 correspondences	1/10/2012	Partial Grant B6
12-08	Nathaniel Herz	Original Request: copies of all public records pertaining to any grants or funds awarded by the NEH to the Museum for African Art in New York City; electronic format requested Clarified Request: I've taken a look at your grants database, and it turns out that I'm only really interested in two of them: CH-20880-02 and CH-50702-10, which are both \$500,000 challenge grants awarded to support construction of the museum's new building If narrowing my request to those two grants reduces the responsive records to a reasonable size, I'd prefer not to limit it any more than that, and to just receive the entire grant files, if possible, with whatever redactions are necessary If that doesn't work, please let me know and I can give you a little more information to help limit the request I want to add that I'd like my request to include any correspondence or other public records pertaining to these grants that has been generated since the awards were made, like follow-up e-mails or year-end accounts of grant funds spent; I'm not sure whether such records would be included in the grant files or not	1/25/2012 2/16/2012	Partial Response: Partial Grant B4, B5, B6 Final Response: Partial Grant B4, B5, B6
12-09	Marco A Ruiz	Copy of funded (awarded) proposal for CFDA program # 45 164: "Promotion of the Humanities_Public Programs"; applicant type: "Sponsored Organization"		CLOSED
12-10	Lolly Bowean Chicago Tribune	Any internal communications (print or electronic), memoranda, or notes from the NEH staff, board members or leadership dating from December 1, 2011 through the present involving either: The Illinois Humanities Council, Kristina Valaitis, Illinois Humanities Council Board members and Humanities Council staff (or any combination of the above, regardless of whether one party is not a member of one of the above), which relate to: The 10th Anniversary Auction, the online auction, auction items involving Bill Ayers, auction items involving activist Bill Ayers and/or law professor and scholar Bernadine Dohrn	1/23/2012	Partial Grant B5, B6
12-11	Joel Swadesh	NEH Grant PM 10342-74-62 1) Any documents mentioning Lieutenant Governor Roberto Mondragon; 2) documents produced at or following the submission of the completed slide tape show; and 3) an indication of whether the audio of the completed slide tape show is in existence If the audio of the completed show is available, an estimate of the cost of obtaining a copy	1/26/2012	Full Denial No Records
12-12	Terrence Williams	[I]nformation regarding the revival of Greek and Neo-Gothic Traditions and Customs namely lyrical poetry during Greece's Archaic Age (800-480 B C) Lyrical Lays; neo gothic; Artocratic Schools; Aegean civilization	2/15/2012	Full Denial Improper FOIA Request

12-13	Nathaniel Herz	Copies of all public records pertaining to any grants or funds awarded by the National Endowment for the Arts to the Museum for African Art in New York City	2/15/2012	Partial Grant B6
12-A-01	Joel Swadesh	Appeal of 12-11	3/12/2012	Full Denial No records
12-14	Derrick Mayes William Still UGRR Foundation Inc	Please provide the complete final Major Grant application submitted and award amounts giving to American Library Association and National Baseball Hall of Fame This grant award was given in 2008 or before The grant was award for project called Pride and Passion the African American Experience in Baseball This was not the small grant awards to local libraries This was award for the exhibition Pride and Passion: The African American Baseball Experience” has been designated as part of the National Endowment for the Humanities’ (NEH) “We the People” initiative, Request for a waiver of fees Please provide this in electronic format if fully available	3/22/2012	Partial Grant B4, B6
12-15	Michael Ravnitzky	I request a copy of each final report and closing memo for any closed NEH OIG Investigations (not audits or inspections) on travel-related issues You may limit this request to records originated between January 1, 2006 and the present This is a noncommercial request for research and study purposes, and falls into the fee category "all other requesters " That fee category is not charged review fees or the first two hours of search time or the first 100 pages of duplication costs I agree to pay up to \$30 for statutory costs associated with this request Please release all segregable releasable portions Please correspond with me using either email or regular U S Mail	4/12/2012	Full Denial No Records
12-16	Michael Sartisky Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities	1 ALL reviewers comments and internal NEH staff review comments on our proposal so we can see yet again the specific reasons being cited 2 A list of the review panelists including their institutions and location 3 A list of all funded proposals under this competition including institution and location 4 Items 2 And 3 above, but for the past ten years	4/23/2012	Partial Grant B5
12-17	Gary Geiman Kreller Group	Original Request (4/6/2012): Please provide the monthly usage / summarized invoice statements for the months of January 2012 and February 2012 for the Dun & Bradstreet contract (NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES Task Order Procurement Identifier NEH120218) entered into 12/20/11 for \$2,482.00 I have attached a copy of a sample of the usage / summarized invoice statements from Dun & Bradstreet that I seek I am willing to pay any costs related to the acquisition and delivery of this information Revised Request (4/16/2012): A copy of the invoices submitted by Market Data Retrieval for the November 2011 award	5/9/2012	Full Grant
12-18	Michael Ravnitzky	Pursuant to the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act, I hereby request a copy of each biannual response to Senators Grassley and Coburn regarding their April 8, 2010, request to the NEH Office of the Inspector General to provide a summary of your non-public management advisories and closed investigations This is a noncommercial request for research and study purposes and I agree to pay up to \$25 for costs if necessary Clarification to my request: I am seeking: Each and every biannual response/report to Senators Grassley and Coburn, IN ADDITION TO the original response from your agency to the April, 2010 letter from the Senators	5/18/2012	Full Grant
12-19	Lucinda Noches Talbert Park University	I would like hard copies of three of the top scoring NEH Challenge Grants awarded between 2010 and 2012	6/7/2012	Partial Grant B4, B6
12-20	(b) (6)	I need complete immigration court/trial documents		WITHDRAWN
12-21	(b) (6)	I am seeking the department affiliations (e.g., philosophy, history, etc.) of the panelists that reviewed my NEH Summer Stipend proposal for summer 2012 My application # was (b) (6) I already requested and received the panelists' ratings and written evaluations I would now like to know what discipline each panelist works in in order to consider how strongly the application was rated by people from different disciplines Thus, for the information to be useful I would need to have the department/discipline listed with each panelist's rating and written evaluation	6/15/2012	Full Grant
12-22	Robert Leopold Smithsonian Institution	Grant number: PA-51495-05 ("Smithsonian Cherokee Language Materials and Languages Revitalization"), awarded to the Museum of the Cherokee Indian (PI = Barbara R Duncan) I request all records, documents, memos, notes, recordings and other media relating to the grant, as well as its administration by NEH staff, including all internal and external proposal reviews, interim reports, and final performance reports	7/10/2012	Partial Grant B4, B6

12-23	Senator Robert Menendez	I hereby request copies of any and all documents that the National Endowment for the Humanities has in its files containing, referring to, or relating to my U S Senate office including: A copy of all correspondence, including all letters, records, documents and electronic records, between my office (the Office of U S Senator Robert Menendez) and the National Endowment for the Humanities, dating back to January 1, 2007	7/19/2012 7/25/2012	Full Grant Full Denial No Other Records
12-24	Mairym Lopez Rodriguez Instituto de Estadísticas de Puerto Rico	I would like to obtain [a] copy of the following approved grants in 1982 and 1984: Grant 139472 / RT-20207-82 and Grant 139543 / RT-20447-84	7/18/2012	Partial Grant B4, B6
12-25	Andrew Conovaloff (formerly) Highgate Road Social Science Research Station	Please send the final status report for this 1981 grant (RS-*2061-80) which was never, or partially, completed	7/18/2012	Full Denial No Records
12-26	Michelle Suranofsky	A copy of the grant application for PhilaPlace: A Neighborhood History and Culture Project, which was awarded a grant in 2007 Please find additional details about this grant below: (1) PhilaPlace: A Neighborhood History and Culture Project; (2) Grant Number PK-50023-07; (3) Project Field: American History; (4) Program: Advancing Knowledge, The IMLS/NEH Digital Partnership; (5) Division: Preservation and Access; (6) Total Amount Awarded: \$347,520; (7) Grant Period: 10/1/2007- 10/31/2010	8/13/2012	Partial Grant B4, B6
12-27	Scott LaBarre obo National Federation of the Blind	<p>The NFB requests nonobsolete records obtained or created from January 1, 2003 to the present regarding whether any website developed, procured, maintained or used by [the NEH] or its subdivisions to provide information or services to members of the public complies with Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act, 29 USC Sec 794d and 36 CFR Part 1194 When interpreting the scope of this request, FOIA personnel should use the following points to guide their searches:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This request is limited to records that relate to the current version of a website and the most recent evaluation of that website; records evaluating or measuring obsolete versions of websites need not be produced - If a record reflects a policy or practice of compliance applicable to new and old versions of the website, then that record should be produced <p>* For the purposes of this request, the term "records" as used herein includes all records or communications preserved in electronic or written form, including but not limited to correspondence documents, data, videotapes, audiotapes, e-mails, faxes, files, guidance, guidelines, evaluations, instructions, analyses, memoranda, agreements, notes, orders, policies, procedures, protocols, reports, rules, technical manuals, technical specifications, training manuals, or studies</p> <p>This formal request includes but is not limited to any records that fall within the following four categories:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Any records of testing, evaluation results, reports, assessments or other similar records demonstrating that the above websites are compliant with Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act; 2 Any records regarding the plan, process, methods or manuals used to ensure that the above websites remain compliant with Section 508 as design and content changes are made; 3 Any records referencing whether websites were tested for Section 508 compliance when any portion of the above websites were procured, developed, maintained or used; and 4 Any records that specifically state which personnel position within the above agency is responsible for ensuring that above websites are compliant with Section 508 	8/23/2012	Partial Grant B4, B5, B6

12-28	Mark Flatten Washington Examiner	1) Any letters, reports, emails or other documents responsive to NEH's review of conference costs in response to the directives of the Office of Management and Budget in M-12-12 issued on May 11, 2012 (conference costs of federal agenices) On page 4 of that memorandum OMB directs agencies to conduct senior level reviews of all planned conferences, and all future conference expenses in excess of \$100,000 Point #3 also prohibits any single conference in which the cost will exceed \$500,000 unless the agency head specifically documents the grounds for any waiver of this prohibition in writing I would also note that M-12-12 directs agencies to "report publicly on all conference expenses in excess of \$100,000 " While this requirement states that this information shall be posted on the agency Web site by Jan 31, 2013, I would ask that you fulfill the expectation of transparency on any documents responsive to this issue in your possession as quickly as possible; 2) Any letters, reports, emails or other documents from your agency responsive to the directive of OMB in its memorandum M-11-35, issued Sept 21, 2011 Page 2 of this report requires deputy secretaries or their equivalent to certify that appropriate policies and controls to mitigate inappropriate spending practices are in place It also directs agenices to report to OMB on the results of their reviews, presumably in writing; 3) Any spreadsheets, reports or other records which document your agency's total spending on conferences over the past five years; 4) Any spreadsheets, databases or other reports that provide detailed spending records for any conference over the past five years in which your agency's cost exceeded \$100,000 This differs from Item #3 in its level of detail Item 3 seeks total costs on conference spending Item 4 seeks all records, including line items for hotels, travel, meals, entertainment and any other expenses for any conference in the past five years in which the total cost exceeded \$100,000; [See FOIA 12-31 for addtl request for OIG records]	8/30/2012	Full Grant
12-29	Karen Harris Walden University	I would like to request the Chief FOIA Officer report for FY 2009	8/9/2012	Full Grant
12-30	Michael Ravnitzky	Records concerning the planned relocation of the NEH offices in 2013 Specifically, I would like to request a copy of any memoranda that outlines the planned move My preference is to receive records from the calendar years 2012 and 2011	8/22/2012	Full Denial No Records
12-31 (full request 12-28)	Mark Flatten Washington Examiner	5) Any report from the Inspector General of your agency, or any other investigative report, examining the issue of any conference costs incurred over the past five years	8/30/2012	Full Denial No Records
12-32	Jack Gillum Associated Press	Original Request (8/12/2012): [R]equest access to and copies of correspondence to or from Wisconsin Rep Paul Ryan or his staff, from Jan 3, 1999, to the present This request covers paper and electronic records — including those in Microsoft Word or Portable Document File (PDF) format — and should include, but not be limited to, requests in which Rep Ryan or his office wrote on behalf of a constituent Such records are usually generated in your agency's legislative affairs office, but may be produced or maintained in other agency offices Revised Request (8/13/2012): Requester revised request to exclude grant notification letters	9/6/2012 9/14/2012	Full Grant Full Denial No Other Records
12-33	Lauren Harper The National Security Archive	The complete text of you agency's most recent FOIA regulation including: the date they were most recently updated on, and their Federal Register citation number Please note that this is a simple request As a representative of the news media, the National Security Archive qualifies for "representative of the news media" status and therefore, may not be charged search and review fees This request is made as part of a scholarly research project that is intended for publication and is not intended for commercial use Please notify me before incurring any photocopying costs over \$100	9/14/2012	Full Grant
12-34	Ralph Adams	I would like a copy of Saul Bellow's 1977 Jefferson Lecture titled "The Writer and His Country Look Each Other Over "	9/17/2012	Full Grant