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IE ARTS UPDATE

4/3/2025 - The U.S. District Court in Rhode Island denied a motion for preliminary injunctive relief to arts organizations applying for **National Endowment for the Arts (NEA)** funding, despite the possibility of President Trump's **Executive Order #14168** (<https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/01/defending-women-from-gender-ideology-extremism-and-restoring-biological-truth-to-the-federal-government/>) certification being reimposed. However, the court held that any NEA decision to make projects that promote "**gender ideology**" ineligible for funds is "likely" a violation of the First Amendment and outside its statutory authority.

► **Read the ACLU press release.** (<https://www.aclu.org/press-releases/court-denies-preliminary-relief-to-arts-organizations>)

► **Read the judge's ruling.**

(<https://www.artsactionfund.org/sites/artsactionfund.org/files/RILA%20v.%20NEA%20PI%20Order.pdf>)

NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES UPDATE

4/4/2025 - The Trump administration made drastic cuts at the **National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)**, by placing **80% of its staff on indefinite administrative leave** and cancelling all open grants issued under the Biden administration. These extreme cuts were made by DOGE, part of Elon Musk's government restructuring effort. The move has drawn strong criticism from humanities advocates, who warn that it could devastate state humanities councils and cultural institutions that rely on NEH funding.

► **Read the full statement from the National Humanities Alliance** (<https://nhalliance.org/nha-statement-neh-doge-threats/>). (<https://rhodeislandcurrent.com/2025/03/27/lgbtq-theater-groups-have-day-in-court-over-endangered-arts-funding/>)

► **Take Action with the National Humanities Alliance** (<https://nhalliance.org/federal-funding/savetheneh/>). (<https://rhodeislandcurrent.com/2025/03/27/lgbtq-theater-groups-have-day-in-court-over-endangered-arts-funding/>)

THREATS TO NONPROFIT CHARITIES CONDUCTING DEI PROGRAMS

4/1/2025 - The conservative American Alliance for Equal Rights (AAER) formally filed complaints to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) to open investigations regarding three prominent tax-exempt charitable organizations—the **Gates Foundation**, **Lagrange Foundation**, and **Creative Capital Foundation**—of "intentionally discriminating against white people." **The complaints request the IRS revoke their tax-exempt 501(c)(3) charitable status.**

► **Read more about this update.** (<https://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/american-alliance-for-equal->

rights-files-request-to-irs-to-examine-racial-practices-at-three-tax-exempt-foundations-gates-foundation-pital-foundation-302417428.html)

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