



**CHARLIE CRIST**  
GOVERNOR

March 11, 2009

Secretary Kurt S. Browning  
Department of State  
500 South Bronough Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0250

Dear Secretary Browning:

As you know, the National Endowment for the Arts has established a March 13, 2009 deadline for submission of a grant application to support salaried positions in jeopardy or eliminated as a result of the current economic climate that are critical to the artistic mission. Submission of the application could result in \$393,700 available to Florida from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

Please ensure that appropriate action is taken to ensure these critically needed funds will be available as soon as the Legislature provides the appropriate authorization.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Charlie Crist".

Charlie Crist