

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 04-09

**DESIGNATING THE GREATER PHILADELPHIA CULTURAL ALLIANCE
AS THE PHILADELPHIA LOCAL ARTS AGENCY
AUTHORIZED TO SUBGRANT NEA RECOVERY PROGRAM FUNDS**

WHEREAS, arts and culture are critical to the quality of life in the City and the region; and

WHEREAS, art and cultural activities are major economic engines in the City and the region; and

WHEREAS, the federal government, through the 2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, has appropriated \$50,000,000 to the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) for the purpose of making grants to preserve jobs in the non-profit arts sector; and

WHEREAS, the City of Philadelphia wishes to ensure that the City's arts organizations have full opportunity to benefit from the financial resources made available through the NEA's use of this appropriation by designating a local agency to act as its local arts agency to apply for funding to make subgrants on behalf of the City; and

WHEREAS, the Greater Philadelphia Cultural Alliance has functioned as the region's local arts agency in connection with previous National Endowment for the Arts funding applications, and

WHEREAS, the Greater Philadelphia Cultural Alliance has demonstrated that it has the technical and administrative capacity to manage such a subgrant program; and

WHEREAS, the Greater Philadelphia Cultural Alliance has committed to working closely with the City's Office of Arts, Culture, and the Creative Economy to promote the availability of funds that may be awarded through the National Endowment for the Arts' Recovery Program and to make determinations regarding distribution of such funds;

NOW, THEREFORE, by the powers vested in me by the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter, it is hereby **ORDERED** as follows:

Section 1. DESIGNATION.

The Greater Philadelphia Cultural Alliance is hereby designated as the local arts agency to act on behalf of the City of Philadelphia to apply for funding under the National Endowment for the Arts' Recovery Program (pursuant to the 2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act ("the Act")) in order to make subgrants of such funds to Philadelphia arts institutions pursuant to the requirements of the Program. This designation is made for the express and sole purpose of accessing funding under the National Endowment for the Arts' Recovery Program pursuant to the Act.

Section 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Order shall be effective immediately, and shall expire upon the full distribution of any funding awarded as contemplated by this Order.

3/11/09
DATE


MICHAEL A. NUTTER, MAYOR