



NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

March 4, 2021

Via FedEx

Board of Directors
Illinois Humanities
125 South Clark Street; Suite 650
Chicago, IL 60603
Attn: [REDACTED], Chair

OIG Report Number: OIG-21-03 (DR)

Dear Board Members:

The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Office of Inspector General (OIG) has completed a desk review of the single audit report prepared by Wipfli LLP (the "IPA"), which includes Federal assistance programs administered by the Illinois Humanities Council (the "Council") during the organization's fiscal year (FY) ended October 31, 2019. The independent auditors previously furnished a copy of their audit report dated June 9, 2020 to the Council. The IPA issued unmodified opinions¹ regarding the financial statements and compliance with Federal requirements. Furthermore, the IPA issued no written findings in conjunction with the single audit. The Federal Audit Clearinghouse (FAC) accepted the single audit reporting package on July 9, 2020.

Our review was limited to an examination of the single audit reporting package, email exchanges with the Council's Executive Director and Chief Financial Officer, a limited review of select IPA workpapers, and review of applicable NEH grant files and accounting records. We did not perform a comprehensive examination of the underlying audit documentation to evaluate the adequacy of the audit work performed; rather, we used the *Guide For Desk Reviews of Single Audit Reports (2016 Edition)*, as issued by the Council of Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency (CIGIE), to determine whether the reporting package meets the core reporting requirements stipulated by Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (2 CFR Part 200). Based on our review, we can assign a rating to the IPA's reporting package of either **Pass**, **Pass with Deficiencies**, or **Fail**. Audit reports receiving a **Fail** rating require corrective action.

¹ **Unmodified opinion.** The opinion expressed by the IPA upon concluding that the financial statements are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with the applicable financial reporting framework. An unmodified opinion represents the highest level of assurance the IPA can provide that the Council's financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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We assigned a rating of **Pass** to the FY 2019 reporting package. We determined that the audit report meets Federal reporting requirements, as evidenced by the lack of any noted exceptions. Accordingly, our office is accepting this single audit reporting package in its current form and no corrective action is deemed necessary.

Please be advised that we are sending a copy of this letter to Wipfli LLP to inform the firm of the results of our review.

If you have any questions concerning this letter or need accounting assistance, please contact Mr. Daniel M. Gelfand at (202) 606-8353 or via email at dgelfand@neh.gov.

Sincerely,



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Inspector General

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