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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

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***1** James Walker

Accountant

South Carolina Arts Commission

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Dear Mr. Walker:

You have notified this office that the South Carolina Arts Commission has been awarded a federal grant to coordinate and promote a program of dance throughout the southeastern states of South Carolina, Georgia, North Carolina and Tennessee.

Pursuant to this grant the South Carolina Arts Commission is to disburse monies under the grant to various participating local sponsors in South Carolina, Georgia, North Carolina and Tennessee. The question has arisen as to whether or not the Arts Commission has the authority to disburse these federal grant monies to the participating sponsors.

Section 9-359, 1962 Code of Laws of South Carolina (1973 Supp.) provides:

The Commission shall be the official agency of the State to receive and diaburse any funds made available by the Federal Government for programs related to the creative and interpretive arts.

The Commission is further empowered to ‘. . . make and sign any agreements and to do and perform any acts that may be necessary, desirable or proper to carry out the purpose of this chapter.’ Section 9-357, 1962 Code of Laws of South Carolina (1973 Supp.)

From the above it is apparent that the South Carolina Arts Commission is able to contract, to receive and to disburse federal monies so as to pursue the encouragement of the Arts.

It is therefore the opinion of this office that the South Carolina Arts Commission has the statutory authority to disburse these federal monies to the participating local sponsors.

Very truly yours,

Patricia O. Brehmer

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