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We have completed our desk review of this single audit report of the New York Public Library, Astor, Lenox and Tilden Foundations, a grantee of the National Endowment for the Arts, prepared by KPMG LLC., as of June 30, 2015. The audit report covers the grantee's Fiscal Year 2015 Financial Statements and other Audit Report requirements related to OMB Circular A-133 (now 2 CFR 200, Subpart F) as prepared by the independent auditors. KPMG also issued separate additional reports dated November, 2015 and January 12, 2016 on the consideration of the grantee's internal controls over financial reporting; and on the tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, grant agreements and other matters for each major federal program, respectively. The additional report issued November 16, 2015 on financial controls was performed to describe the scope of testing of internal controls over financial reporting and compliance with the results of that testing, but not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. The additional report of January 12, 2016 provided an opinion that the Library complied in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements that could have a material effect on its major federal programs.

Our review of this report was limited to an examination of the audit that was submitted to the Federal Audit Clearinghouse and forwarded to us from the New York Public Library on February 5, 2016. We did not examine the related audit documentation to evaluate the adequacy of the audit work performed. We found that the audit report generally meets the Federal reporting requirements.

The audit of the grantee, the New York Public Library, includes two NEA grants: Promotion of the Arts – Challenge Grants of \$710,000, and Grants to Organizations and Individuals of \$33,584.

The opinion of KPMG, is that the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the grantee as of June 30, 2015 based upon the underlying documentation provided by the grantee. However, such quality of the underlying documentation used to prepare the financial statement is the responsibility of management, subject to additional auditing procedures. In other words, KPMG is not attesting to the veracity and propriety of the individual grant expenditures.

In summary, we are reporting to you that the independent auditor issued unmodified (clean) opinions of both the grantee's financial statement and internal controls over financial reporting; and of federal awards compliance requirements, without material weaknesses. There are no findings relating to the Financial Statements, nor any findings or questioned costs relating to federal awards.

Transmission of this report is for your information in providing effective grant monitoring, and in future grant consideration of this grantee.


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