

BOARD OF REGENTS
BRIEFING PAPER

1. Agenda Item Title: NEH Challenge Grant Endowment, GBC
Meeting Date: December 3, 2015

2. BACKGROUND & POLICY CONTEXT OF ISSUE:

In September 2013, GBC was offered a National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Challenge Grant of \$500,000 with a total of \$1 million in matching funds required for release of the federal funds. This grant and matching funds must be housed in endowment accounts whereby all earnings from the endowments will be used for supporting the GBC Virtual Humanities Center and staffing/programming associated with it. A separate endowment for the matching funds will be housed with the GBC Foundation. GBC must be able to report endowment earnings and uses of the funds.

3. SPECIFIC ACTIONS BEING RECOMMENDED OR REQUESTED:

GBC requests that an endowment account be created for our NEH Challenge Grant.

4. IMPETUS (WHY NOW?):

GBC has recently been able to provide enough match to release \$350,000 in federal funds. Now, we are required to establish an institutional endowment account for the federal funds. We must be able to accurately track all endowment earnings and expenditures.

5. BULLET POINTS TO SUPPORT REQUEST/RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) The endowment creation is required for staying in compliance with the grant terms and conditions.
- 2) The endowment creation will allow for accurately accounting for and reporting all earnings and expenditures.
- 3) The federal NEH funding cannot be commingled with other endowment funds.

6. POTENTIAL ARGUMENTS AGAINST THE REQUEST/RECOMMENDATION:

We do not see any potential arguments.

7. ALTERNATIVE(S) TO WHAT IS BEING REQUESTED/RECOMMENDED:

There are no alternatives to the request because GBC's grant terms require that there be an institutional endowment created for the federal funding.

8. COMPLIANCE WITH BOARD POLICY:

- Consistent With Current Board Policy: Title #_4__ Chapter #_10___ Section #_9
- Amends Current Board Policy: Title #____ Chapter #____ Section #____
- Amends Current Procedures & Guidelines Manual: Chapter #____ Section #____
- Other:_____
- Fiscal Impact: Yes__X___ No_____
- Explain:___If this endowment is not established, GBC would need to return all funds (total of

\$500,00) to the National Endowment for the Humanities.
