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Dance Notation Bureau

GRANT IN AID TO BALLET SOCIETY, INC. - to enable Miss Ann Hutchinson to complete a textbook on dance notation by the Laban system.

ACCOUNT: RF 52201 - Grants in Aid - Humanities
Balance in fund after deducting this grant - \$ 176,350

PREVIOUS ACTION: A grant in aid of \$2,500 was approved April 14, 1949, to Ballet Society, Inc. toward the completion of a book, A Model of the Classic Dance.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: The lack of a standard and precise notation system has been a major handicap for ballet and modern dance of all types. Inventions and great achievements in choreography and dancing style have been lost without a system for their recording and reliable transmission. Recognizing this, Rudolf von Laban devised a usable system of dance notation which was published in 1928. At the time the most complete and practical method for exact recording of dance movements, this gained widespread acceptance, and has been used to describe with precision the choreography of different dances. Nevertheless, while providing a sound basis and a set of principles, the Laban system needs elaboration and simplification, ideally in the form of a textbook which would in addition standardize notation for the use of different choreographers, dancers and teachers. Miss Ann Hutchinson, Director of the Dance Notation Bureau, wants to complete such a textbook and has been assured of the cooperation of Laban in Great Britain and other interested individuals and organizations. In recommending a grant for the purpose, Humanities officers feel this will contribute both to creative work in dance of various types and to the study of dance as an art form in different cultures.

The present request from Ballet Society, Inc., a non-profit organization, is for \$4,800 to provide \$3,000 for Miss Hutchinson's expenses for one year, \$450 for artist's fees, \$350 for ink copy work of notation and \$1,000 for the preparation of manuscript for photolithography.

A grant in aid of Four thousand eight hundred dollars (\$4,800), or as much thereof as may be necessary, is approved to Ballet Society, Inc. to enable Miss Ann Hutchinson to complete a textbook on dance notation by the Laban system, this sum to be available over the period terminating December 31, 1954.

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