



State Humanities Councils: An Investment in America’s Communities

Request

- For FY 2017 the Federation of State Humanities Councils requests \$155 million for the National Endowment for the Humanities and \$46 million for the state humanities councils.

Funding for the NEH and the State Humanities Councils (in millions of dollars)

	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016
Federal/State Partnership	40.370	42.450	40.435	38.320	42.435	42.528	43.040
We the People*	6.824	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total, State Councils</b>	<b>47.194</b>	<b>42.450</b>	<b>40.435</b>	<b>38.320</b>	<b>42.435</b>	<b>42.528</b>	<b>43.040</b>
NEH	167.500	154.690	146.021	138.383	146.021	146.021	147.942

\*Portion received by the councils

In FY 2016, councils received about \$43 million, a 9% cut from \$47 million in FY 2010. By bringing funding closer to its 2010 level, the \$46 million requested for FY 2017 would enable councils to rebuild their programming and better address the significant unmet demand for their services.

Councils stretch federal dollars through diligent fiscal management, strategic collaborations, and leveraging of resources at the local level. In FY 2015 state councils. . .

- Leveraged \$5 for every federal dollar awarded in grants. NEH funding is crucial for securing additional support from individuals, foundations, corporations, and state governments.
- Conducted programs in nearly every Congressional district and over 5,300 communities nationwide.
- Worked with over 9,200 partner organizations.

How State Humanities Councils Foster Vibrant Communities and Strengthen the Nation



Preserve Local History & Cultural Heritage

Fund oral history projects, online encyclopedias, & documentaries

Support Veterans

Reintegrate veterans into their communities & re-energize VA hospital staff

Serve Rural Residents

Bring cultural resources such as traveling exhibits & speakers series to rural communities

Boost Local Economies

Provide grants to libraries, museums, & other cultural institutions

Promote cultural tourism through online tours, folklife & book festivals, & Chautauquas

Attract businesses & skilled workers to a community by enhancing its quality of life

Reach Diverse Populations

Provide programs for seniors, youth, numerous ethnic groups, Native Americans, & new citizens

Spur Lifelong Learning

Bring together people of all ages to discuss books, films, & issues of local and national interest

Promote Literacy & K-12 Education

Offer programs that help make students college- & career-ready

Provide professional support for teachers that improves the quality of student learning

Fund family literacy programs that help children succeed in school & parents get jobs