FEDERATION OF STATE HUMANITIES COUNCILS

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.

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*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