For FY 2018 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)

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*Portion received by 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 speakers & local history exhibits in libraries & museums.

Publish magazines with in-depth stories on local & state history & culture.

**Support Veterans**

Reintegrate veterans into their communities through writing workshops & reading & discussion programs.

Offer programs to educate the public about the challenges veterans & their families face.

Support VA hospital staff through Literature & Medicine programs.

**Serve Rural Residents**

Provide cultural resources such as traveling exhibits, speakers series, summer Chautauquas, folklife festivals, & reading & discussion programs in local community centers.

Support television & radio programs on cultural & historical topics that reach remote rural communities.

**Boost Local Economies**

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

Provide grants to libraries, museums, & other cultural institutions.

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

**Work with Diverse Communities & Partners**

Serve veterans, seniors, rural populations, urban residents, children, students, teachers, Native Americans, & other ethnic groups.

Partner with senior centers, hospitals, churches, corporations, local businesses, chambers of commerce, & state tourism offices.

**Promote Literacy & K-12 Education**

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

Provide professional support for teachers to improve student learning.

Support afterschool programs to prepare high-school students for college.