

# The State Humanities Councils: An Investment in America's Communities

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)

	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017 House	FY 2017 Senate
<b>Federal/State Partnership</b>	40.370	42.450	40.435	38.320	42.435	42.528	43.040	46.000	43.540
<b>We the People*</b>	6.824	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total, State Councils</b>	47.194	42.450	40.435	38.320	42.435	42.528	43.040	46.000	43.540
<b>Total, NEH</b>	167.500	154.690	146.021	138.383	146.021	146.021	147.942	149.000	147.942

\*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, & Chatauquas.

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.



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