

Sample Appropriations Request Form, FY2018

Organization Completing Application:

Please include organization name, mailing address and a street address if different (Physical address, NOT a PO box).

xxxxx Humanities Council
xxx Main Street, Suite xxx
City, State ZIP

Contact person(s) in organization who can respond to questions; include email address and phone number:

This should include a local **name and address**, but could also include relevant Washington, DC representatives.

xxxxxxxxx, Executive Director
(000) 000-0000
Email

Appropriations Bill/Subcommittee:

Please select only one

Interior and Environment Appropriations Subcommittee

Department (if applicable):

NA

Agency:

Please be specific:

National Endowment for the Humanities

Agency account:

Federal/State Partnership

Priority Ranking (if applicable):

If you are submitting more than one request, please rank the requests in order of priority

Will this request be submitted by multiple Members of Congress?

Yes

For Programmatic Funding Requests

Federal/State Partnership / NEH

Amount desired for project for FY 2018:

\$46.0 million for the state humanities councils through the Federal/State Partnership and \$155.0 million for NEH

Amount requested in the President's FY 2018 Budget:

TBD

Federal funding history (going back at least five years):

State Humanities Councils		
Year	Federal/State Partnership	
2010	\$47.1 million	
2011	\$42.4 million	
2012	\$40.4 million	
2013	\$38.3 million (sequestration)	
2014	\$42.4 million	
2015	\$42.5 million	
2016	\$43.04 million	
2017	\$46 million (House); \$43.5 million (Senate)	

BRIEF description of program value, nationally and in state (maximum 500 words):

The 56 state humanities councils are an investment in America's local and cultural infrastructure, contributing to the quality of life and desirability of communities throughout the nation. Through support for local historical and cultural events, veterans programs, civic education, book fairs, family reading and literacy programs, museum exhibits, library programs, teacher institutes, cultural tourism and related activities, the councils enhance the lives of millions of Americans each year. Their programs invigorate local economies by contributing to a skilled and educated workforce and help make communities appealing places to live and work.

State humanities councils are 501(c)(3) nonprofits organized in each state. They are governed by volunteer boards composed of community, business and policy leaders who oversee the councils' work in developing, supporting and delivering grassroots humanities programs. State councils receive core funding through the Federal/State Partnership account in the NEH budget. This core funding is essential in enabling the councils to deliver quality programming in communities throughout the nation, reaching

geographical areas and groups that would otherwise not have access to such programming and to offer topics that have particular local and regional interest.

In 2015, councils reached over 5,300 communities – rural, suburban and urban – in nearly every Congressional district. Councils partnered with more than 9,200 local organizations and with these partners served over 44 million people through in-person events and 120 million through virtual events. Councils worked with museums and libraries, K-12 schools and universities, senior centers, veterans' hospitals and other medical facilities, churches and social service agencies, corporations and local businesses, chambers of commerce, state tourism and economic development offices and local radio and television stations.

While state councils engage in local fundraising to leverage federal funds, the federal support is vital seed money to ensure the on-going operation of councils and their programs. Federal funding for the state councils goes directly to them through a formula, ensuring that all parts of the nation benefit.

For Language Requests

Is this request for bill language or report language?

FYI:

Language from FY 2016 Omnibus Appropriations Report

The agreement provides \$147,942,000 for the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH).

The Committees commend the NEH for its support of grant programs to benefit Wounded Warriors and to ensure educational opportunities for American heroes transitioning to civilian life. The Committees commend the NEH Federal/State Partnership for its ongoing, successful collaboration with State humanities councils in each of the 50 States as well as Washington, DC, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and American Samoa. The Committees urge the NEH to provide program funding to support the critical work of State humanities councils consistent with guidance provided in the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 (P.L. 113-235). (pg. 50)

FY 17 House Report on Interior Appropriations Bill:

The Committee commends the NEH Federal/State Partnership for its ongoing, successful collaboration with State humanities councils in each of the 50 states as well as Washington, DC, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and American Samoa. The Committee recognizes the State humanities councils for the scope and reach of public

humanities programming in congressional districts across the nation, which serve rural areas, promote family literacy, and support cultural tourism that contributes to local economies. Every NEH dollar received by a council is matched by a local contribution...

Why is the Language Important (2 sentences)?

The language is important in order to recognize the vital contribution of the state councils to grassroots programming, activities and support of other local institutions nationwide.