

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

We urge Congress to provide **\$155 million** for the National Endowment for the Humanities and **\$48 million** for the state humanities councils in FY 2019 and to vigorously oppose any efforts to eliminate the agency.

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

	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018 House	FY 2018 Senate
Federal/State Partnership	38.320	42.435	42.528	43.040	46.000	48.000	46.000
Total, NEH	138.383	146.021	146.021	147.942	149.848	145.000	149.848

The \$48 million requested for FY 2019 would enable councils to strengthen 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 2017 state councils:

- **Leveraged over \$4** 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 **8,800 partner organizations**.

How State Humanities Councils Foster Vibrant Communities and Strengthen the Nation

Boost Local Economies

Distribute grants across each state, especially to small local museums, libraries, and other cultural organizations.

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

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

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.

Preserve Local History & Cultural Heritage

Support speakers & local history exhibits in libraries & museums.

Fund oral history projects, online encyclopedias, & documentaries.

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

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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