We urge Congress to provide **$167.5 million** for the National Endowment for the Humanities and **$53 million** for the state humanities councils in FY 2020.

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

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The $53 million requested for FY 2020 would enable councils to expand their programming and better address the significant unmet demand for their services. Councils stretch the federal investment by **leveraging, on average, more than $4 for every federal dollar awarded** in grants. The increase requested for NEH and the councils will also provide resources to begin planning for the commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence in 2026. The state humanities councils, with programs in nearly every congressional district, are uniquely positioned to lead this exploration of the ideals and institutions on which this great nation was founded.

### How State Humanities Councils Foster Vibrant Communities and Strengthen the Nation

#### Support Diverse Groups
Reach **nearly every congressional district** and serve a variety of communities:
- Native Americans & other ethnic groups
- Veterans
- Rural residents
- Young adults, teens, & children
- Students
- Seniors
- Immigrants
- Teachers

#### Invest in Communities
Make long-term investments in **more than 5,300 communities** nationwide through:
- Grants to small local museums, libraries, & other organizations
- Resources to cultural institutions
- Professional development trainings
- Capacity-building
- Cultural tourism tools, such as online tours & folklife & book festivals

#### Reach Rural Residents
Provide cultural resources to rural residents through:
- Traveling exhibits
- Speaker series
- Chautauquas
- Folklife festivals
- Reading & discussion programs
- Television & radio programs on cultural & historical topics

#### Serve Veterans
Strengthen connections between veterans, their families, and their communities through:
- Writing workshops
- Reading & discussion groups
- Programs to educate the public about challenges veterans & their families face
- Support for VA Hospital staff

#### Promote Literacy & K-12 Education
Support students, families, and teachers through:
- Funding family literacy programs to help children succeed in school & parents thrive in the workforce
- Providing professional support for teachers to improve student learning
- Supplying online resources for students

#### Protect & Preserve Local Heritage
With more than **8,800 local partners**, councils use their network to:
- Support speakers & local history exhibits
- Fund oral history projects & documentaries
- Digitize cultural artifacts to ensure long-term stability
- Distribute emergency funds quickly after natural disasters