

## State Humanities Councils

### FY 2021 APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST

*Please NOTE: The Appropriations Committees annually provide an on-line form for Members to submit programmatic and language requests for appropriations bills. As a result, many Members create their own forms which they ask constituents to complete. We are seeing a number of different forms, many of them due in the next several weeks. The following is a composite of several of these forms. The information provided below should help with the completion of forms should your Member's office request them.*

#### Sample Form

**Organization Completing Request:**

Please include organization name, mailing address and a street address. Do not use a PO box.

State Humanities Council

00 xx Street

Your city, state, zip

**Contact person in organization including email address and phone number:**

Executive Director's name

Phone:

Email

**Appropriations Bill/Subcommittee with jurisdiction over program:**

Interior and Environment Appropriations Subcommittee

**Department (if applicable):**

NA

**Agency:**

National Endowment for the Humanities

**Agency account:**

National Endowment for the Humanities

Federal/State Partnership

**Authorization:**

National Endowment for the Arts and Humanities, as amended.

**Programmatic Funding Requests**

**Program:**

Federal/State Partnership/NEH

**Amount requested in FY 21:**

\$170 million for NEH as a whole

\$54 million for Federal/State Partnership which directly funds the councils

**Amount requested in President's FY 21 Budget:**

(unknown at the moment.)

**History of funding:**

Federal/State Partnership

FY 16: \$43 million

FY 17: \$46 million

FY 18: \$47.2 million

FY 19: \$48 million

FY 20: \$50.028 million

**Will this request be submitted by multiple Members of Congress?**

Councils are requesting their Members to make this request. Thus, we anticipate multiple requests.

**BRIEF description of program and its value (limit to 500 words):**

The Federal/State Partnership (F/SP) line in the NEH budget provides direct funding to the humanities councils that exist in all states, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and American Samoa. Federal funding helps councils develop and deliver a broad range of programs, such as local commemorations, historical and cultural events, discussion programs, reading and literacy programs, teacher institute and support workshops, book and literary festivals, civics education and literature and medicine. It allows councils to reach out to rural areas, veterans and their families, indigenous populations, inner cities — to places and groups that might not otherwise have access to humanities programs. These programs contribute to local economies by bringing people to events, promoting tourism, helping educate the workforce, and to the quality of life in communities across the nation. State councils, as 501(c)(3) institutions, leverage state, local and private funding. Council resources are stretched thin, limiting the number of projects and programs that can be funded; the local schools, libraries and other organizations that can be supported; and the local areas and groups that can be served. Councils are also restricted in new program development to commemorate such events as the suffrage movement and the 2026 anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. Each council responds to interests and needs in its own state, thus supporting a rich variety of activities, but no council has adequate resources to meet all the demands that are presented to them. The requested increase would, on the average, provide each council with slightly less than an additional \$80,000 in FY 2021.