HUMANITIES WASHINGTON AWARDS OVER ONE MILLION DOLLARS TO STATE ORGANIZATIONS AFFECTED BY COVID

THE GRANTS, MADE VIA THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN, WILL BE MADE TO HUMANITIES-BASED ORGANIZATIONS AND PROJECTS THANKS TO FUNDING FROM THE NEH

SEATTLE – Nonprofit Humanities Washington, Washington State’s affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities, has awarded over one million dollars in relief funding for Washington State cultural organizations affected by COVID.

The grants, known as Sustaining the Humanities through the American Rescue Plan (SHARP) grants, will support Washington State nonprofit cultural organizations that provide humanities programming and that are facing financial hardship due to the coronavirus. The grants are funded by the American Rescue Plan via the National Endowment for the Humanities.

"The cultural sector in our state has shown great resiliency during the pandemic, but we cannot forget how deeply it was affected,” said Julie Ziegler, CEO of Humanities Washington. “We are honored to be able to support this important but fragile sector as we begin to rebuild.”

A total of 122 organizations were awarded $1,024,139, with grants ranging from $2500 to $15,000 per organization. The funding supported either general operating or specific projects. Organizations serving and led by members of communities traditionally under-resourced in the humanities were given priority, especially those organizations serving people of color, immigrants and refugees, those who identify as LGBTQ+ community, people with disabilities, and people whose first or only language is not English.
This is the second round of grants awarded to cultural organizations from Humanities Washington during the pandemic, the first being in the spring of 2020 via the CARES Act.

“The pandemic has brought isolation, uncertainty, and loss to so many,” said Ziegler. “The humanities, with their ability to provide connection and perspective, are an essential part of our recovery. The sector, however, is far from whole compared to pre-pandemic. It is our hope that this investment from the federal government will be further leveraged with state investment for the benefit of the sector.”

ABOUT HUMANITIES WASHINGTON

An independent 501(c)(3) nonprofit, Humanities Washington is Washington State’s affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities. Its mission is to open minds and bridge divides by creating spaces to explore different perspectives. For more about Humanities Washington, visit humanities.org.

SHARP GRANT Awardees

206 Zulu
9th and 10th Horse Cavalry Buffalo Soldiers Museum
Arbutus Folk School
Arts & Humanities Bainbridge
Asotin County Library Foundation
Bainbridge Island Museum of Art
Bellevue Arts Museum
Bushwick Northwest
Cascadia College
Celtic Arts Foundation
Central Washington University
Central Washington University - El Centro Latinx
Centro Cultural Mexicano
Children's Museum of Skagit County
Clark County Historical Society
Coastal Interpretive Center
Columbia Pacific Heritage Museum
Confluence
Cowlitz County Historical Society
Densho
Desert Fiber Arts
Moses Lake Museum & Art Center
Everett Museum of History
Everett Public Library
Experience Learning Community
Fort Vancouver Regional Library Foundation
Fort Walla Walla Museum/Walla Walla Valley Historical Society
Foss Waterway Seaport Museum
Friends of Asian Art Association
Friends of Denny Ashby Library
Friends of Mukai
Gig Harbor Peninsula Historical Society dba Harbor History Museum
Gonzaga University
Grief Dialogues
Hedgebrook
Heritage University
Highline Heritage Museum
Historic Tacoma
Historic Whidbey
Historical Society Of Seattle And King County dba Museum of History and Industry (MOHAI)
Holocaust Center for Humanity
Huong Viet Performing Arts Group
Imagine Children's Museum
Issaquah History Museums
Jack Straw Foundation dba Jack Straw Cultural Center
Jefferson County Historical Society
KidsQuest Children's Museum
Kitsap County Historical Society and Museum
Kittitas County Historical Society, Inc.
Knappton Cove Heritage Center
Kulshan Community Media (KMRE Community Powered Radio)
KUOW Puget Sound Public Radio
KYRS Thin Air Community Radio
Living Voices
Look Listen and Learn (LL+L)
Make.Shift Art Space
Maple Valley Creative Arts Council
Marysville Historical Society
Mason County Historical Society Museum
Meaningful Movies Project
Methow Arts Alliance
Methow Field Institute dba Methow Valley Interpretive Center
Mirror Stage
Music Fusian NW
National Nordic Museum
North Olympic History Center
Northeast Washington Community Radio Guild (Northern Lights Public Radio KCHW)
Northern Kittitas County Historical Society
Northwest African American Museum
Northwest Museum of Arts and Culture
Northwest Railway Museum
Ocheami
Okanogan Highlands Alliance
Orcas Center
Orcas Island Historical Society
Orquesta Northwest
Pioneer Farm Museum
Polson Park & Museum Historical Society
Port Angeles Fine Arts Center Foundation
Port Gamble S’Klallam Foundation
Poulsbo Historical Society
Quillissascut Education Foundation
Rachel Corrie Foundation for Peace and Justice
Seattle Latino Film Festival
Seattle Live Aloha Hawaiian Cultural Festival
Sequim Museum & Arts
Shafer Museum, part of the Okanogan County Historical Society
Shoreline Historical Museum
The Rhapsody Project
Skagit River Poetry Foundation
Sound Theatre
SPLAB
Spokane Arts
Spokane Public Radio
Spokane Valley Heritage Museum
Stanwood Area Historical Society
Steilacoom Historical Museum Association
Steilacoom Tribal Museum
SV Archive (dba Scarecrow Video)
Tacoma Historical Society
Tasveer
The Family Guide
The South Sound Reading Foundation
Thorp Mill Town Historical Preservation Society
Tieton Arts and Humanities
Upper Valley Historical Society dba Greater Leavenworth Museum
Vancouver National Historic Reserve Trust dba The Historic Trust
Vashon-Maury Island Heritage Association
Village Theatre
Voices of the Children
Washington Museum Association
Washington State Historical Society
Washington State University Tri-Cities
Washington Trust for Historic Preservation
Washington's National Park Fund
Wenatchee Valley Museum and Cultural Center
Whatcom READS
Window Seat Media
Wing Luke Memorial Foundation
WOW China
Yakima Valley Museum and Historical Association