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## **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](http://humanities.org).

### **SHARP GRANT AWARDEES**

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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  
Inland Northwest Juneteenth Coalition  
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  
Quillisascut 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  
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