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Minnesota Humanities Center to Distribute Funding

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May 18, 2020 — ST. PAUL, Minn. — The Minnesota Humanities Center (MHC) is providing rapid response grants up to \$20,000 to Tribal Nations and organizations facing financial hardship. This program is made possible by funding through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act and the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH).

As the state affiliate of the NEH, MHC has partnered with organizations in Minnesota to bring humanities programming into the lives of Minnesotans. We know first-hand the significant impact that small non-profit organizations have in convening people together, increasing shared understanding and common goals and the importance of investing in public programs that enable disparate neighbors to learn together.

“At this moment, we need to feel connected to one another and there is an acute need for the humanities help to bring people together,” said Kevin Lindsey, CEO of the MHC. “MHC is honored to support organizations that amplify stories and perspectives that bring more depth to the identity, culture, and history of Minnesota.”

Grant Quick Facts:

- Eligible applicants include Tribal Nations and 501(c)(3) organizations such as libraries, community organizations, museums, historical societies, and cultural and arts organizations providing humanities programming.
- Grants may be used for general operations and do not require matching funds
- MHC is prioritizing awards for organizations who amplify the cultural heritage of communities that have historically been politically disenfranchised.

“Applicants will be able to use this funding to address financial disruption or financial loss due to COVID–19,” said Laura Benson, MHC Assistant Grants Director. “We have a streamlined application to expedite our review process. Applications will be considered on a rolling basis and applicants will be given a status update within 10 business days of application submission.”

[Details and application information are available on MHC’s website.](#)

About the Minnesota Humanities Center. MHC collaborates with individuals, organizations, and communities to bring transformational humanities programming into the lives of Minnesotans throughout the state. Using story as a catalyst, MHC produces, creates, and supports projects and programs that explore a range of subjects. Founded in 1971, MHC is an independent nonprofit affiliated with and supported by the National Endowment for the Humanities. MHC is also a grantmaking organization and operates a full-service event center in a historic building on St. Paul’s East Side. More information available at mnhum.org.

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