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Arkansas Humanities Council Sets July 1 for American Rescue Plan Grant Application Opening

LITTLE ROCK – The Arkansas Humanities Council has received \$759,297 from the National Endowment of the Humanities to implement the America Rescue Plan Grant program that will help ensure the survival of Arkansas’s critical cultural institutions and assist in their recovery from the continuing economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. Maximum awards of up to \$25,000 will be offered.

The funds are designated for operational expenses, strategic planning and capacity building and are available to nonprofit humanities-based cultural organizations in Arkansas. The American Rescue Plan Grant provides immediate funds to museums, historical societies, college and universities, and other humanities-based cultural organizations to help stabilize and provide funding for them to maintain essential functions and retain core personnel. Information about eligibility, grant applications and guidelines can be found **here**. Applications must be submitted on or before 11:59 p.m. August 15, 2021.

The American Rescue Plan Act 2021 provides supplemental funding to NEH for emergency relief to institutions and organizations working in the humanities that have been adversely affected by the coronavirus pandemic. NEH awarded funding directly to the 56 state and jurisdictional humanities councils to support these subawards.

Created in 1965 as an independent federal agency, the National Endowment for the Humanities supports research and learning in history, literature, philosophy, and other areas of the humanities by funding selected, peer-reviewed proposals from around the nation. Additional information about the National Endowment for the Humanities and its grant programs is available at: www.neh.gov.

For more information about the Arkansas Humanities Council, visit <https://arkansashumanitiescouncil.org/>. The Arkansas Humanities Council is a non-profit affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

