



National Endowment for the Humanities

Enriching America's Educational and Cultural Life

The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) is an independent federal agency created by Congress in 1965. NEH is the single largest funder of humanities programs in the United States.

WE URGE CONGRESS TO SUPPORT FUNDING OF \$156 MILLION FOR FY 2007 FOR THE NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES, AN INCREASE OF \$15 MILLION ABOVE THE FY 2006 APPROPRIATION AND THE PRESIDENT'S REQUEST.

ADDITIONAL FUNDING WILL STRENGTHEN NEH'S ABILITY TO SUPPORT HIGH-QUALITY HUMANITIES PROJECTS THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES. A proportional increase for all grant programs could help offset the recent decline in funding for NEH core programs, and provide a modest increase to extend the reach of the NEH *We the People* initiative:

- \$1.7 million for the Research Division to support basic research and original scholarship
- \$1.6 million for the Education Division to strengthen teaching and learning in the humanities in our nation's schools, colleges, and universities
- \$1.3 million for Challenge Grants to strengthen the institutional base of the humanities
- \$2.5 million for the Preservation & Access Division to preserve and make accessible significant historical, cultural and intellectual resources
- \$1.7 million for the Public Programs Division to support humanities projects in media (film, television, radio), discussion series, and exhibits at museums, historical societies, libraries and archives
- \$4.2 million for the Federal/State Partnership to support the work of the state humanities councils
- \$2.0 million for the NEH *We the People* initiative to promote the study and understanding of American history and culture

FUNDING HISTORY

The National Endowment for the Humanities is funded under the **Interior** appropriations bill. NEH is funded at \$140.949 million in FY 2006. For the second year in a row, the Administration has requested flat funding for the NEH. In addition, the President's FY 2007 budget proposal would cut funding for NEH grant programs by \$1.32 million to offset administrative salary and overhead cost increases. The collective effect of flat budgets and rescissions means that each NEH core program division has lost approximately 3% of its funding since FY 2002.

National Endowment for the Humanities Annual Appropriations, FY94 to Present (in millions of dollars)

Fiscal Year	94	95	96	97	98	99	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07
Budget Request	177.5	177.5	182.0	136.0	136.0	136.0	150.0	150.0	120.5	126.9	152.0	162.0	138.1	141.0
Appropriation	177.5	172.0	110.0	110.0	110.7	110.7	115.3	120.0	124.5	124.9	135.3	138.1	140.9	N/A

Note: Figures above are not adjusted for inflation. Source: National Endowment for the Humanities.

BACKGROUND

NEH grants are awarded on a competitive, peer-review basis to organizations, institutions and individuals throughout the country. Many grants provide significant leveraging of nonfederal giving through matching requirements. Awards are made to nonprofit cultural institutions, such as **colleges, universities, museums, archives, libraries, public television, and radio stations**; to **state humanities councils**; and to individual **scholars**. NEH extends its reach through annual operating grants to its partner institutions, the 56 state humanities councils, located in every state and U.S. territory.

President Bush launched the NEH *We the People* initiative in 2002 to promote the study and teaching of American history and culture; to preserve the nation's historic documents; and to disseminate knowledge of American history and culture through exhibitions, public programs, and partnerships with the state humanities councils.

National Humanities Alliance Members and Sponsoring Organizations

HUMANITIES ADVOCACY DAY 2006

African Studies Association
American Academy of Arts & Sciences
American Academy of Religion
American Anthropological Association
American Association for State & Local History
American Association of Museums
American Association of University Professors
American Comparative Literature Association
American Council of Learned Societies
American Dialect Society
American Folklore Society
American Historical Association
American Library Association
American Musicological Society
American Numismatic Society
American Philological Association
American Philosophical Association
American Political Science Association
American Society for Aesthetics
American Society for Legal History
American Society for Theatre Research
American Sociological Association
American Studies Association
Association for Asian Studies
Association for Documentary Editing
Association for Jewish Studies
Association of American Colleges & Universities
Association of American Geographers
Association of American Law Schools
Association of American Universities
Association of American University Presses
Association of Art Museum Directors
Association of Research Libraries
Center for Research Libraries
Center for the Liberal Arts (East Carolina University)
Chicago Historical Society
Coalition for Networked Information
College Art Association
Community College Humanities Association
Council of American Overseas Research Centers
Council of Independent Colleges
Council on Library & Information Resources
Dictionary Society of North America
Doreen B. Townsend Center for the Humanities (University of Kansas)
Federation of State Humanities Councils
History of Science Society
Imagining America (University of Michigan)

Independent Research Libraries Association
Institute for Advanced Study
Institute for the Humanities (University of Michigan)
Institute for the Medical Humanities (University of Texas Medical Branch)
Linguistic Society of America
Medieval Academy of America
Middle East Studies Association
Minnesota Humanities Commission
Modern Language Association of America
National Association of State Universities & Land Grant Colleges
National Coalition for History
National Communication Association
National Council of Teachers of English
National Humanities Center
Northeast Document Conservation Center
Omohundro Institute of Early American History & Culture
Organization of American Historians
Phi Beta Kappa Society
Popular Culture Association
Renaissance Society of America
Research Libraries Group
Shakespeare Association of America
Shelby Cullom Davis Center for Historical Studies (Princeton University)
Simpson Center for the Humanities (University of Washington)
Sixteenth Century Society & Conference
Society for Cinema & Media Studies
Society for Ethnomusicology
Society for Music Theory
Society for the History of Technology
Society of Architectural Historians
Society of Biblical Literature
Society of Christian Ethics
SOLINET Southeastern Library Network, Inc.
South Dakota Humanities Council
The Council of the Humanities (Princeton University)
The Franke Institute for the Humanities (University of Chicago)
The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi
University of Buffalo (SUNY) Humanities Institute
Virginia Center for the Humanities
Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation