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More than \$500,000 in funding relief provided to Indiana humanities organizations through CARES Grants

Grants provided by Indiana Humanities with funds from CARES Act

INDIANAPOLIS (May 27, 2020)—Nonprofit organizations that provide public humanities programming to Hoosiers across the state will receive more than \$500,000 in operating support to help with funding relief due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Indiana Humanities awarded CARES Grants to 74 organizations, from Mishawaka to Milan. Awards range from \$1,000 to \$15,000, depending on the size of the organization's budget. Organizations in the 6th Congressional District will receive \$87,500.

The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) provided the funding to Indiana Humanities as part of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act economic stabilization plan appropriated by the U.S. Congress.

“The CARES Act includes provisions to help small businesses and Hoosiers in many industries, including those employed by public humanities such as cultural sites, libraries, and museums. The funds appropriated for Indiana Humanities CARES Grants will help support these programs through this difficult time,” said Senator Mike Braun.

CARES Grant recipients from Indiana's 6th Congressional District include:

Bartholomew County Historical Society – Columbus (\$7,500)
Hillforest Historical Foundation – Aurora (\$5,000)
Historic Madison – Madison (\$5,000)
Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame Foundation – New Castle (\$7,500)
Jefferson County Historical Society – Madison (\$5,000)
Jennings County Historical Society – Vernon (\$5,000)
Levi and Catharine Coffin State Historic Site – Fountain City (\$5,000)
Milan 54 – Milan (\$2,500)
Shelby County Historical Society and Grover Museum – Shelbyville (\$5,000)
Shelby County Public Library – Shelbyville (\$10,000)
Switzerland County Historical Society – Vevay (\$5,000)
The Facing Project Gives – Muncie (\$5,000)
Union County Public Library – Liberty (\$7,500)
Wayne County Historical Museum – Richmond (\$5,000)
Yorktown Mt. Pleasant Public Library – Yorktown (\$7,500)

“We are quite appreciative to receive a grant through this program. For over 100 years, basketball has been an important part of Hoosiers' lives,” said Chris May, executive director of the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame Foundation. “Especially in times like these, we hope that Hall of Fame programs like our podcast and Indiana Basketball History magazine will continue to document history, educate and entertain until our events and museum can resume normal operations. Thank you to Indiana Humanities for their support of our organization and our mission.”

Requests for the grants exceeded \$1.3 million, and the 186 applicants expressed \$11.7 million in total losses to date, as well as projected losses of \$44.9 million through Sept. 30.

“We are pleased to have awarded grants to groups large and small, carrying out a variety of programming, in each congressional district and in 48 of our 92 counties,” said Doran Moreland, Indiana Humanities board chair. “Because of the immense need we had to turn down many organizations that are doing good work, including some of our close partners. The grant committees put great care into the review, weighing a number of factors such as public humanities focus, need, audiences served, and geography.”

The grants do not require a match and will be distributed to the organizations in June. Organizations with budgets less than \$250,000 received up to \$5,000; organizations with budgets from \$250,000 to \$999,999 received \$7,500; organizations with budgets from \$1 million to \$2,499,999 received \$10,000 and organizations with budgets of \$2.5 million or more received \$15,000.

“These CARES grants will help meet immediate needs at cultural institutions around the state, allowing Indiana museums, archives, libraries and historical societies to maintain vital operations,” said NEH Chairman Jon Parrish Peede. “Thank you to Indiana Humanities for their swift and judicious distribution of CARES Act funding to the many humanities organizations suffering financial distress during the pandemic.”

To view an interactive map, an infographic, and more information about the grant recipients, visit www.IndianaHumanities.org/INCares.

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About Indiana Humanities

Indiana Humanities connects people, opens minds and enriches lives by creating and facilitating programs that encourage Hoosiers to think, read and talk. Learn more at www.indianahumanities.org.

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