



**WEST VIRGINIA HUMANITIES COUNCIL
ANNOUNCES GRANT AWARDS**

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Charleston – The West Virginia Humanities Council, the state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities, serves West Virginia through grants and direct programs in the humanities. The Humanities Council budgets more than \$600,000 for grants and programs each year. A variety of grants are offered to nonprofit organizations that support educational programming.

Humanities Council major grants for projects requesting over \$1,500 and up to \$20,000 are awarded twice annually. Minigrants support projects that request \$1,500 or less, and are offered four times per year. The next Humanities Council major grant deadline is September 1, 2016. The next minigrant deadline is June 1, 2016.

The West Virginia Humanities Council recently awarded eight new major grants:

Robert C. Byrd Center for Congressional History & Education (Jefferson County): Robert C. Byrd – Senator, Statesman, West Virginian, traveling exhibit

Cabell County Public Library (Cabell County): Ohio River Festival of Books 2016

Capon Bridge Ruritan Club (Hampshire County): Capon Bridge Founders Day

Marshall University Research Corporation (Cabell County): Amicus Curiae Lecture Series on Constitutional Democracy

Rich Mountain Battlefield Foundation (Randolph County): *The First Campaign* Exhibit

Shepherd University Foundation (Jefferson County): 2016 Appalachian Heritage Writer's Award and Writer-in-Residence

Shepherd University Foundation (Jefferson County): Civil War Soldiers Database Upgrade

West Virginia Mine Wars Museum (Mingo County): Exhibit Design and Construction

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The American Defenders of Bataan & Corregidor Museum, Education and Research Center (Brooke County): ADBC Museum Artifact Preservation

Contemporary American Theater Festival, (Jefferson County): Contemporary American Theater Festival Stage Reading Series July 2016

Greenbrier Historical Society (Greenbrier County): Native American Heritage Gathering

Peterstown Association of Community Engagement (Monroe County): Peterstown Heritage Festival 2016

Preservation Alliance of West Virginia, Inc. (Randolph County): West Virginia Historic Theatre Trail Promotion

Thanks! Plain and Simple, Inc. (Kanawha County): Obtaining Accurate Rosie the Riveter Facts and Stories for Valid Education

Youth Museum of Southern West Virginia (Raleigh County): Youth Museum's 'History in a Wagon

For more information about the West Virginia Humanities Council grants program contact Humanities Council grants administrator Erin Riebe at (304) 346-8500 or via email at riebe@wvhumanities.org. Grant guidelines and applications are also available on the Humanities Council website, www.wvhumanities.org.

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