



**NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES  
INVITES APPLICATIONS FOR NEW FUNDING CATEGORY**

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Charleston – The National Endowment for the Humanities recently announced *Creating Humanities Communities*, a new initiative to support grassroots humanities programs by encouraging partnerships and collaborations. West Virginia is among the areas targeted by the initiative as the NEH seeks to serve areas previously underfunded by its grants program.

Interested West Virginia institutions and organizations are invited to apply for the matching grants of \$30,000, \$60,000, \$90,000 or \$150,000. Each \$1 of NEH grant support awarded must be matched by \$1 in nonfederal third-party funds. The application deadline for the inaugural round of grants is February 15, 2017.

A link for more information about the *Creating Humanities Communities* initiative may be found on the West Virginia Humanities Council website at [www.wvhumanities.org](http://www.wvhumanities.org). 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](mailto:riebe@wvhumanities.org).

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