In 2014, the Humanities Council marked 40 years of service to the Mountain State by delivering grants and programs to tens of thousands of West Virginians at their schools and colleges, libraries, museums, and other locations in communities statewide. Our Civil War Sesquicentennial speakers presented programs in Mineral, Cabell, Kanawha, Preston, Pocahontas, and Monongalia counties. A February snowstorm did not halt activities at West Virginia History Day, held annually at the state capitol with support from the Humanities Council. We partnered once again with Cabell County Public Library to present the Ohio River Festival of Books in Huntington.

We sponsored educational programs in the humanities in all corners of the state in 2014. Our efforts included 174 programs in 40 counties. We premiered the latest Smithsonian traveling exhibit, Hometown Teams, sponsored by the Humanities Council, at the Brooke County History Museum in Wellsburg and the Market Place Ferry, among other projects.

The Humanities Council continued to support the Contemporary American Theater Festival in Shepherdstown.

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The Humanities Council awarded a grant to West Virginia Public Broadcasting to produce the documentary, “Jay: A Rockefeller’s Journey.”

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Our finances

Our financial report for 2015 is an assessment and very welcome increase in federal funds followed by three years of reductions. Council revenues totaled $3,075,546, $324,800 above budget and $1,012,000 above the previous year.

 revenue

National Endowment for the Humanities $465,200
East Coast Arts Association $280,000
Other sources $98,160
Total revenue $593,360

EXPENSES

Programs & grants $257,809
Council office $194,085
Travel expenses $18,600
Total programs & grants $257,809
Administrative $360,206
Development $67,365
Total expenses $1,174,916

Surplus (deficit) $1,674,500

Where the money went...

We were pleased that the share of Humanities Council expenses going to programs and grants rose to 52 percent in 2015, the highest level in several years. Council administrative costs include both direct programs and related expenses. These expenses were down to 48 percent, a reduction of $192,000, or 23 percent, from the previous year. This reduction came from the private sector, including individual gifts and corporate and foundation support.

Looking back. A year with solid growth. We made up some of the ground lost to previous cuts in federal funding. The continued growth of Council assets during the year led to a surplus of $1,674,500. This additional 52 percent of the 2014 budget was a result of adjustments in the Federal budget with a $2,050,500 improvement.

Year in review

We have planned for continued moderate growth. The Humanities Council board of directors has approved a budget of $1,543,000 for fiscal year 2016, requiring a $1,000,000, or 33 percent, increase in revenue and expenses of $1,515,400.