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 over $800,000 for grants and programs each year. Various grants are offered to nonprofit organizations that support educational programming.

Minigrants, designed for projects requesting $2,000 or less, are awarded four times per year. The next Humanities Council minigrant deadline is April 1. The West Virginia Humanities Council recently awarded five new minigrants:

Harpers Ferry Park Association, *Known Unknowns: Enslaved and Enslavers in Harpers Ferry*, research and database project


National Coal Heritage Area Authority, *Clear Fork Rail Trail Interpretive Plan*

West Virginia University Research Corporation, *Art and AI*, panel discussion

West Virginia University Research Corporation, *WVU Libraries’ Art in the Libraries Program Retrospective Exhibition*

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

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