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HUMANITIES COUNCIL SEEKS GRANT PROPOSALS

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Charleston – The West Virginia Humanities Council is seeking proposals for its upcoming September 1 grant deadline. Four grant categories will be offered to nonprofit organizations that provide public humanities programming for West Virginia audiences. The Council encourages proposals from colleges and universities, schools, libraries, historical societies, parks, convention and visitor bureaus, historic sites, museums, civic and service organizations, cultural groups, and local government agencies. A description of each grant category follows:

Major grants. This category supports public programs including, but not limited to, lectures, school projects, symposia, panel discussions, reading and discussion series, exhibits, reenactments, and conferences. Major grant proposals may request up to \$20,000. Applicants must allow twelve weeks between the deadline and the start of the project.

Media grants. This category supports the planning, scripting, and production of audio or video materials, websites, or a newspaper series. Media grant proposals may request up to \$20,000. Applicants must allow twelve weeks between the deadline and the start of the project.

Publication grants. These grants support the production phase of completed manuscripts, and are available only to recognized nonprofit and academic presses. Publication grant proposals may request up to \$20,000. Applicants must allow twelve weeks between the deadline and the start of the project.

Teacher Institute grants. This category is available to colleges and universities, RESAs, and the state Department of Education to develop summer seminars on humanities topics suited to the teaching needs of elementary or secondary teachers. Applicants may request up to \$25,000, and must allow twelve weeks between the deadline and the start of the project.

The Humanities Council, the state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities, serves West Virginia through grants and direct programs in the humanities. 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 <u>riebe@wvhumanities.org</u>. Grant Guidelines and applications are available on the Humanities Council website, <u>wvhumanities.org/grants</u>.