



**WEST VIRGINIA HUMANITIES COUNCIL
ANNOUNCES ONLINE GRANT APPLICATIONS**

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CHARLESTON, WV – The West Virginia Humanities Council recently added online grant applications to its website. Applicants may now submit grant applications electronically to the Humanities Council at www.wvhumanities.org/grants/.

Founded in 1974, the Humanities Council budgets more than \$600,000 for grants and programs each year for educational programming in history and other fields of the humanities in communities across West Virginia. In the last year, the Council awarded 70 grants and provided funding for more than 250 programs, exhibits and presentations at libraries, museums, colleges and universities, senior centers, and other locations statewide.

Humanities Council grants range from \$1,500 (or less) up to \$25,000 and support not only educational programming but conferences, exhibits, teacher institutes, publications, documentaries, and opportunities for research and independent study as well. The next deadline is the June 1 minigrant deadline for small projects, single events, lectures, small museum exhibits and brochures, consultation needs, and planning for more complex projects. Minigrant applicants may request up to \$1,500.

West Virginia nonprofit organizations are eligible for Humanities Council grants. 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.

For more information, contact grants administrator Erin Riebe at (304) 346-8500 or via email at riebe@wvhumanities.org. Grant guidelines are available at www.wvhumanities.org.

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The West Virginia Humanities Council is a nonprofit corporation governed by a board of directors whose members are drawn from all parts of West Virginia. It is the state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities, supported by the NEH, the State of West Virginia, and by contributions from the private sector. The purposes of the West Virginia Humanities Council are educational, and its mission is to support a vigorous program in the humanities statewide in West Virginia.