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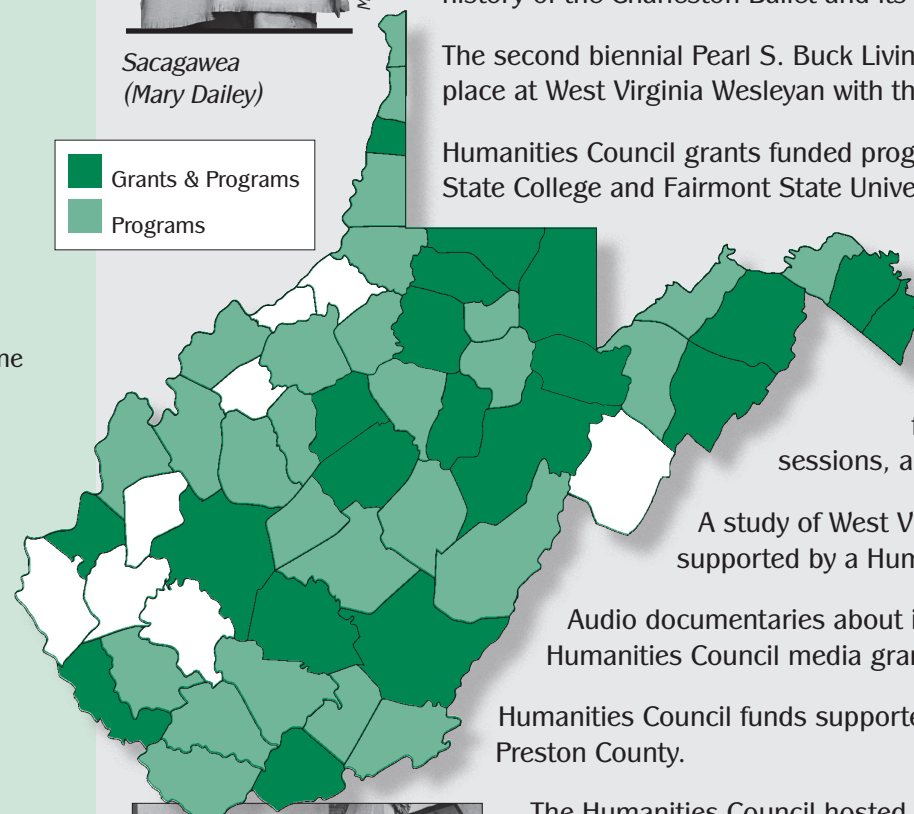
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Grants & Programs
Programs



In 2018, Humanities Council grants and programs served tens of thousands of West Virginians through lectures, programs and events, the West Virginia Book Festival, scholarly research and travel, documentaries, publications and e-WV: *The West Virginia Encyclopedia*.

Eleven fellowships were awarded to researchers in Shepherdstown, Fairmont and elsewhere.

In 2018 the Humanities Council awarded 51 grants in 20 counties throughout the state.

Minigrants supported *Frankenstein* programming at West Liberty University and the Kanawha County Public Library in recognition of the 200th anniversary of its publication.

Council grants supported exhibits in Glenville, Richwood, Elkins, and elsewhere.

A Humanities Council media grant supported a film documenting the history of the Charleston Ballet and its founder Andre Van Damme.

The second biennial Pearl S. Buck Living Gateway Conference took place at West Virginia Wesleyan with the support of a Council grant.

Humanities Council grants funded programming and lectures on diversity in Appalachia at Glenville State College and Fairmont State University.

The Council funded a labor history symposium at the First State Capitol in Wheeling.

Council funds helped support the Augusta Heritage Center's "Old-Time Week" at Davis & Elkins College, featuring traditional dance and music performances, jam sessions, and instructional showcases.

A study of West Virginia's teenage dance bands of the 1960s is being supported by a Humanities Council Fellowship.

Audio documentaries about integration in Mount Hope were made possible by a Humanities Council media grant.

Humanities Council funds supported an archive and indexing project at Arthurdale Heritage in Preston County.

The Humanities Council hosted Jon Peede, Chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities, for a two-day West Virginia visit.

Council fellowship is supporting research of the cultural traditions of sausage making in West Virginia.

West Virginia Pulitzer Prize-winning journalists Eric Eyre, John Hackworth, and Eric Newhouse participated in public forums at Marshall University, Shepherd University, and West Virginia University for the Humanities Council's "Path to the Pulitzer: Journalism and the Informed Citizen" series.

Authors David Grann, Dennis Lehane, Debbie Macomber, and others appeared at the Humanities Council-sponsored West Virginia Book Festival.

Our popular Little Lectures featured presentations by Oscar-nominated filmmaker Elaine McMillion Sheldon, folklorist Rosemary Hathaway and other thought-provoking speakers.

Harvard historian Joyce Chaplin delivered a program on food history at the University of Charleston.



Visitors at the October Open House



Kara Vaneck and Master herbalist
Marion Harless



Charles Schulz
(James Froemel)

Report Card

and Annual Honor Roll



Dear Friends:

2018 was a year of transition for the WV Humanities Council. We said goodbye to retiring staff members whose service to the Council was invaluable through the years, and welcomed new colleagues aboard.

Chief among the departing faces was longtime Executive Director Ken Sullivan (right). For 22 years Ken provided dedicated leadership to the WVHC, and his retirement is certainly well-earned. Happily, we don't have to say farewell just yet: Ken's

association with the Council will continue through his work as Content Editor for e-WV, the online version of the *West Virginia Encyclopedia*, the standard reference work on the Mountain State and one of Ken's signature achievements as Director.

Dr. Eric Waggoner assumed the duties of Executive Director on October 1. Formerly Associate Professor of American Literature and Cultural Studies at West Virginia Wesleyan College, Eric brings two decades of experience as a teacher, writer, editor, and publisher to the Council. In Eric we found a proficient scholar with deep knowledge of literature, music, Appalachian history, film, and the arts, and one whose administrative leadership has been tested in both academic and nonprofit settings. We welcome Eric, and offer him our counsel and support as he develops his vision for the Council.

While we navigated these changes, we worked as always to promote humanities programs and projects across West Virginia through advocacy of scholarship, culture, living traditions, and the arts. We're proud to say that even in a transitional period, we were again successful in providing a full year of programming and material support for humanities work throughout the state.

In 2018 we were able to award 51 grants and 11 fellowships, and to support over 350 programs and events—all totals exceeding our previous year's numbers—in 47 counties across West Virginia. Our annual McCreight Lecture series hosted Harvard University history professor Jill Lepore, who spoke from her acclaimed new book *These Truths: A History of the United States*. The Council's West Virginia Folklife Program allowed us to help preserve traditional West Virginian arts via our Apprenticeship program, featured in a series of public showcases at the historic MacFarland-Hubbard House.

Matching 2017 amounts, the State of West Virginia dedicated a much-appreciated \$250,000 to our work. That commitment, plus a welcome increase in funding from the National Endowment for the Humanities in Washington, D.C., allowed us to expand our offerings even during a second year of belt-tightening.

The credit for our successes in 2018 goes in large measure to our friends and partners, whose generosity permitted us to maintain our high standards of excellence and reach the widest audiences possible. We hope you'll join in those efforts in the upcoming year. You'll find a contributions envelope bound with this report!

Our common humanity, which binds us all, is to be celebrated, preserved, and shared. As we enter 2019 we remain committed to furthering that important work in, for, and throughout the great state of West Virginia.

Sincerely,

Charlie Delauder
Charles Delauder, President

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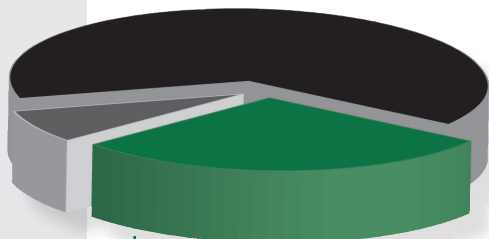
In 2018 the Council experienced a year of continuing revenue challenges, as well as an increase in one-time transitional expenses. Though we see 2018 as an anomalous year on the “costs” side, we will go forward seeking ways to conserve our resources, beginning with deliberately conservative budgeting for fiscal 2019.



Work continues on the MacFarland-Hubbard House.

Where the money came from...

The National Endowment for the Humanities, a federal agency, remains our largest source of income. The NEH provided \$704,680 (58 percent) of total income in 2018, up from \$684,700 (52 percent) the previous year. The West Virginia Office of the Secretary of Education & the Arts (since replaced by the newly-created Department of Arts, Culture and History) provided \$250,000, equal to the amount given in 2017. The remaining \$266,764 (22 percent) came largely from the private sector, including individual gifts and corporation and foundation support, plus \$28,000 from the National Endowment for the Arts.



■ Programs & Grants
■ Administration
■ Development

Looking back, the Council endured a year of multiple anomalous one-time expenses, as well as a reduction in revenue, compared to 2017. Our private-sector support from individuals and corporations/foundations remained strong, and our NEH funding was slightly increased.

Looking forward, with state support remaining at the level of \$250,000 for a third year, our board approved a budget of \$1,470,680 for fiscal year 2019 reflecting projected reductions in revenue. Conservative budgeting and close review of resource allocation throughout 2019 will allow us to continue programming as we seek to regain lost funds.

The figures and charts shown here are based on actual, unaudited financial information as reported internally to management and the board of directors. The West Virginia Humanities Council is audited annually by an independent auditor, with each year's audit available for public inspection by April of the following year. Fiscal year 2018 ended October 31.

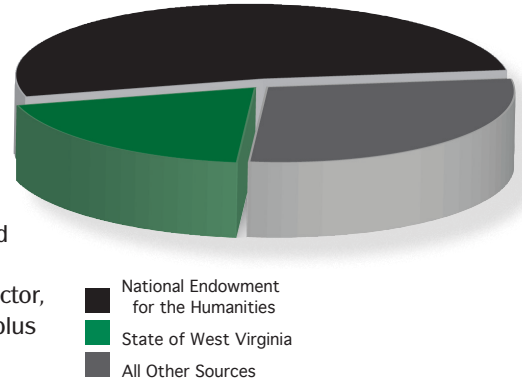
REVENUE		
National Endowment for the Humanities	\$704,680	
State of West Virginia	\$250,000	
All other sources	\$266,764	
Total revenues	\$1,221,444	

EXPENSES		
Programs & grants		
grants	\$271,912	
direct programs	\$377,853	
related expenses	\$212,219	
total programs and grants	\$861,984	

Administrative	\$394,534
Development	\$ 97,373

Total expenses **\$1,335,891**

Deficit (\$132,447)



■ National Endowment
for the Humanities
■ State of West Virginia
■ All Other Sources

...and where the money went.

In 2018, 64 percent of Humanities Council expenses went to programs and grants (up three percent from 2017), 29 percent to administration (up three percent), and seven percent to development (up one percent). The increase in administrative costs was attributable to retirements of multiple vested employees during the fiscal year.

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