Charleston – The West Virginia Humanities Council, the state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities, serves West Virginia through grants and direct programs. The Humanities Council budgets over $800,000 for grants and programs in the humanities each year. A variety of grants are offered to nonprofit organizations that support educational programming. Humanities Council major grants are awarded twice annually for projects requesting up to $20,000. Minigrants, offered four times a year, support projects that request up to $1,500. The next grant deadline is February 1, 2021.

The West Virginia Humanities Council recently awarded 14 new grants:

University of Charleston (Kanawha County), “The Blennerhassetts,” documentary film

Clio Foundation (Cabell County), “Digital Humanities for West Virginia,” virtual museum tours

Eastern West Virginia Area Health Education Center (Berkeley County), “Healthcare is Human,” oral history project

Friends of Ashby’s Fort, Inc. (Mineral County), “The Final Bastion,” archaeological investigations

Harrison County West Virginia Historical Society, “The Pickle Shelf Radio Hour Podcast”

Ohio County Public Library, “Ann Thomas Memorial Lecture with Crystal Wilkinson”

Marshall University Research Corp. (Cabell County), “The Dr. Carter G. Woodson Lyceum’s 2021 Institute for Black History Instruction,” teacher institute

Municipality of Pax (Fayette County), “Pax Library Revitalization,” humanities accessibility project

Randolph County Museum, “If These Walls Could Talk,” museum exhibit

Rivers to Ridges Heritage Trail (Putnam County), “Rivers to Ridges Heritage Trail Interpretive Signage”

Shepherd University Foundation (Jefferson County), “Toward a More Perfect Union: Teaching about Congress, the Constitution, and Representative Democracy in American History,” teacher institute

West Virginia Public Broadcasting Foundation, Inc. (Kanawha County), “Us & Them: Season 7,” podcast series
West Virginia State University Research & Development (Kanawha County), “The Art of Story Telling,” lecture series

City of Weston (Lewis County), “Historic Walking Tour of Weston Exhibits”

For more information about the West Virginia Humanities Council grants program contact 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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