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. A variety of grants are offered to nonprofit organizations that support educational programming.

Humanities Council minigrants, which support projects that request $1,500 or less, are offered four times per year. The next Humanities Council minigrant deadline is October 1, 2021.

The West Virginia Humanities Council recently awarded three minigrants:

Big Laurel Learning Center, Mingo County, “Solidarity Supper, Storytelling, and Songs” (folk music, lecture, and discussions)

Brooke County Library Foundation, “Voices from the Past,” (audio tour program)

Marshall University Research Corp., Cabell County, “Labor Film Festival”

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 also available on the Humanities Council website, www.wvhumanities.org.

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