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Artist William D. Goebel's 1999 rendition of our headquarters, the 1836 MacFarland-Hubbard House in Charleston.



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In 2023, the West Virginia Humanities Council delivered grants or programs directly in 49 counties and digital programming in all 55 counties.

Direct Programs

Reflecting our history, culture, and diversity.

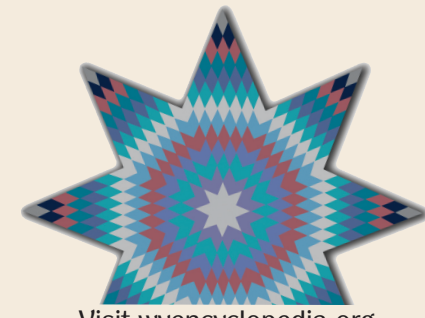
- Dedicated \$482,033 to original programs on state and national history, culture, and civics
- Served 27,371 people in 49 counties



e-WV: The West Virginia Encyclopedia

The comprehensive reference resource for the Mountain State.

- Spent \$81,853 to expand and rebuild e-WV
- Served 284,287 users in 189 countries, with more than 1.1 million page views



Visit wvencyclopedia.org

Grants

Statewide support for organizations and individuals promoting the humanities.

- Awarded \$355,787 through 51 grants, 10 fellowships, and 15 travel assistance grants
- Served 156,828 people in 23 counties



WV Folklife

Documenting, preserving, presenting, and supporting our vibrant cultural heritage and living traditions.

- Spent \$95,758 on Folklife Apprenticeships, oral histories, and written materials
- Served 8,337 people across the state



Photos by (clockwise) Kyle Warmack, Julie Blackwood, and Jennie Williams

Annual Report



West Virginia Humanities Council
BRIDGING TRADITION & TOMORROW



Dear Friends:

As you can see, space is at a premium here, so I'll keep my comments brief: 2023 was, to put it plainly, a standout year for the West Virginia Humanities Council. Our mission was fulfilled by delivering over one million dollars to support humanities projects statewide. Support from the National Endowment for the Humanities, the State Legislature, and friends like you allowed us to devote 75% of our operating budget to grants and programs. Assisted by a U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs' Veterans Legacy Grant, our acclaimed West Virginia National Cemeteries Project trained a

Council Receives Remarkable Estate Gift

The Humanities Council can fulfill our mission only with the support of our loyal membership. While funding from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) drives our grantmaking, the generosity of private supporters allows us to develop, sustain, and expand direct programs.

In September 2023, the Council received a **magnificent one-time gift of \$700,000 from a private donor's estate**. The donor asked for these funds to be placed in a non-operating account to help meet our annual NEH match requirement and, in his words, "encourage greater public engagement with the Council's work."

Remembering the Council in estate planning offers an immeasurable impact. Benefits include reducing estate taxes and expressing personal values while ensuring the Council's mission. If you are planning a bequest or would like to know more about giving options, please contact the Council at 304-346-8500.

Sincerely,

Megan Tarbett

Megan Tarbett, Board President

Our work in 2023 was made possible by the generous support of the National Endowment for the Humanities, the West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture & History, and many other organizations and individuals. Our donor honor roll follows.

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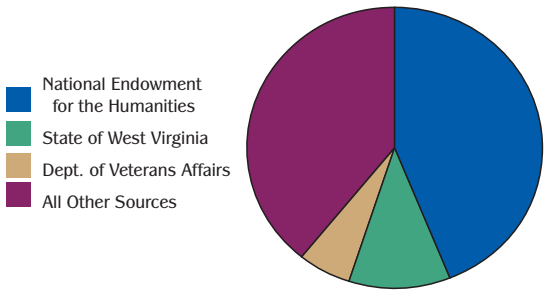
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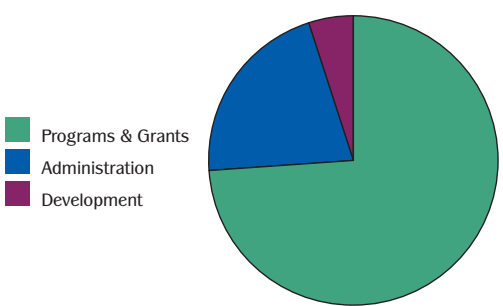
Our finances

The year 2023 was unique for the Council's finances. A restricted \$700,000 estate gift allowed us to shore up our investment portfolio, while a continued return to normal in-person programming, for both the Council and our grantees, increased mission-related expenses. Administrative costs remained largely level from 2022, representing 21% of our total expenses. This allowed us to dedicate a higher percentage of spending to total programs and grants.

	2023	2022
Revenue		
National Endowment for the Humanities	\$1,011,151	\$ 826,927
State of West Virginia	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000
Department of Veterans Affairs	\$ 137,386	\$ 0
All Other Sources	\$ 900,391	\$ 159,287
Total Revenue	\$2,298,928	\$1,236,214



Expenses		
Programs & Grants		
Grants	\$ 406,512	\$ 406,847
Department of Veterans Affairs	\$ 137,386	\$ 0
Direct Programs	\$ 482,033	\$ 384,704
Related Expenses	\$ 104,324	\$ 94,979
Total Programs & Grants	\$1,130,255	\$ 886,530
Administrative	\$ 314,643	\$ 314,434
Development	\$ 74,148	\$ 96,337
Total Expenses	\$1,519,046	\$1,297,301
Net Income (less estate gift)	\$ 79,882	\$ (61,087)



The Council held administrative costs level from 2022 to 2023, allowing us to devote 75% of our total spending in 2023 to grants and programs. A reduction in development expenses was due to preparations for a major fundraising initiative in 2024, as the Council marks its 50th anniversary with a series of public events throughout the coming year.

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 2023 ended October 31.

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