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 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 $2,000. The next grant deadline is February 1, 2024.

The West Virginia Humanities Council recently awarded 11 new grants:

Alchemy Theatre Troupe (Cabell County), “7th Annual West Virginia Shakespeare Festival”

Appalachian Forest Heritage Area (Randolph County), “Discover the Appalachian Forest,” exhibit plan

Grow Ohio Valley (Ohio County), “Wheeling Community Cookbook Project,” folklife book

Marshall University Research Corp. (Cabell County), “Dr. Carter G. Woodson Lyceum’s Black History Institute”

Marshall University Research Corp. (Cabell County), “Marshall University’s A. E. Stringer Visiting Writers Series,” reading and discussion

Martinsburg Berkeley County NAACP, “The Sumner-Ramer Memorial School: Preserving the History of Black American Education in Martinsburg,” documentary film

Shepherd University Foundation (Jefferson County), “The Art of Storytelling: Teaching and Telling in the Classroom across the Curriculum,” teacher institute

Step by Step, Inc. (Kanawha County), “Engaging West Virginians with Our Literary Heritage,” website and promotion

West Virginia Mine Wars Museum (Mingo County), “A Window into History: Upgrading the Bloody Mingo Exhibit in the West Virginia Mine Wars Museum”

West Virginia Public Broadcasting Foundation (Kanawha County), “Us & Them, Season 10,” podcast

West Virginia Symphony Orchestra (Kanawha County), “A Melding of Cultures: West Virginia Symphony Orchestra State Tour,” lecture and discussion series

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