



WEST VIRGINIA HUMANITIES COUNCIL GRANT AWARDS ANNOUNCED

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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, 2025.

The West Virginia Humanities Council recently awarded 18 new grants:

Alchemy Theatre Troupe (Cabell County), “8th Annual WV Shakespeare Festival”

Appalachian Forest Heritage Area (Randolph County), “Ways of Knowing: Indigenous Connections to Landscape and Place in Central Appalachia,” symposium

Contemporary American Theater Festival, Inc. (Jefferson County), *Who is Chantal Buñuel?* a documentary film about the play *Tornado Tastes Like Aluminum Sting*

Community Coalition for Social Justice (Monongalia County), “Reprint of the graphic novel *West Virginians’ Experiences in Civil Rights: How We Have Benn Connected All Along*”

Jackson County Public Library Association, “Digitizing the Past, Preserving for the Future,” preservation access project

Jefferson County Museum, “Exhibit of Jefferson County’s Early History and Light-Limiting Display”

The Outwords Archive (out of state), “Making Community: West Virginia LGBTQ+ Elders Share Their Stories,” oral history and video project

Parkersburg Art Center (Wood County), “ArtisTrees 2024 at the Parkersburg Art Center,” exhibit

City of Ravenswood (Jackson County), “Clara Weisheit’s Photography Exhibit”

The Real WV (Greenbrier County), “Death of the Family Farm,” print series

Shepherd University (Jefferson County), “Shepherd University’s AHWIR 2025: The Fiction and Essays of Annette Saunooke Clapsaddle,” writer-in-residence project

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Tri-State Local Foods (Wayne County), “Reconnecting Appalachia: Traditional Folkways, Foodways, Crafts and Practices,” presentations and workshops

West Virginia Alliance for STEM and the Arts Inc. (Cabell County), “Stories with STEAM: The Appalachian Circuit Featuring Small Town Universe,” movie screenings and discussions

West Virginia International Film Festival (Kanawha County), *SAGE*, documentary

West Virginia Mine Wars Museum (Mingo County), “Mining Memories: The West Virginia Mine Wars Museum’s Ten-Year Exploration of Appalachian Struggle and Identity,” documentary, journal, and digital timeline

West Virginia Music Hall of Fame (Kanawha County), “West Virginia Music Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony 2025 Film Vignettes”

West Virginia Wesleyan College (Upshur County), “Wesleyan Under Water: Remembering the Flood of 1985,” oral history project and online exhibit

World Stewardship Institute DBA Christians for the Mountains (Pocahontas County), “Mining the History of Larry Gibson and the West Virginia Movement to Stop Mountaintop Removal,” presentation, discussion, and workshop

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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