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2024: OUR IMPACT

400,000+
people served



\$318,536 awarded through 40 grants, 10 fellowships, and 7 travel assistance grants



100 *History Alive!* performances statewide



400+ McCreight and Little Lecture attendees



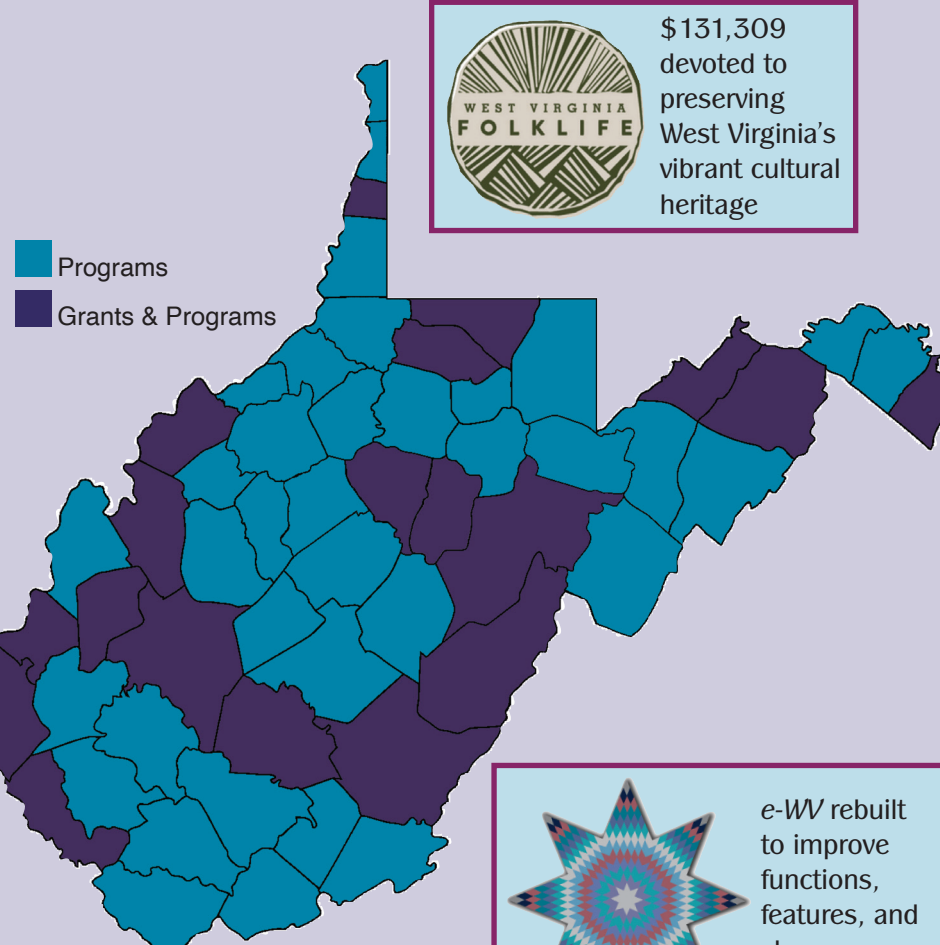
\$81,853 dedicated to expanding and rebuilding e-WV



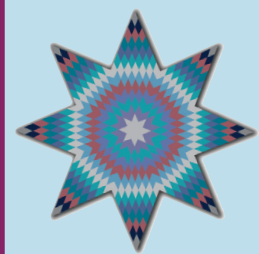
10 Folklife Apprenticeship Pairs selected



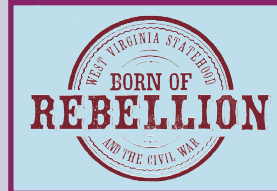
30 new veteran biographies written by 50 high school students through our National Cemeteries Project



\$131,309 devoted to preserving West Virginia's vibrant cultural heritage



e-WV rebuilt to improve functions, features, and classroom use



New exhibit visited 12 venues in 8 counties



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Annual Report

and Donor Honor Roll



Dear Friends:

One year ago, the West Virginia Humanities Council was preparing an ambitious schedule to commemorate our golden anniversary of sustaining,

supporting, and growing West Virginia's cultural ecosystem. Looking back, we're reminded how fortunate we are to have a community of friends, partners, and collaborators who help us fulfill that work.

In 2024, we hosted anniversary celebrations throughout the state, showcasing our West Virginia Folklife Program and welcoming hundreds of grantees, partners, and supporters. Our wildly successful traveling exhibit *Born of Rebellion: West Virginia Statehood and the Civil War* toured a dozen stops in eight counties in towns of every size, hosted by libraries, arts and technical centers, historical societies, the Robert C. Byrd Center for Congressional History in Shepherdstown, and even the West Virginia State Capitol Rotunda for West Virginia's birthday week in June.

Through the National Endowment for the Humanities' *United We Stand: Connecting Through Culture* initiative, our springtime Little Lectures series featured national experts offering perspectives on state, national, and global conflicts. We partnered with the Stubblefield Institute for Civil Political Communication at Shepherd University for public conversations about topics ranging from online hate speech to new developments in West Virginia's economic and cultural climate.

We completed Phase I of our comprehensive improvement to e-WV: *The West Virginia Encyclopedia Online*, making it more user friendly with a special emphasis on the next generation of students. And in October, our annual McCreight Lecture in the Humanities welcomed a packed house to Charleston's oldest existing theater to enjoy a memorable evening of reading and discussion with author Percival Everett.

In a way, it was a year of ordinary pursuits—grants, programs, and public events. But, for our 50th anniversary, we also swung for the fences by upgrading and expanding our beloved legacy programs and were rewarded with a gracious outpouring of support.

We are well set to build on that success in 2025. And we thank you, as always, for your belief in and friendship to our Council's work.

Sincerely,

George "Gib" Brown, Board President

Our work in 2024 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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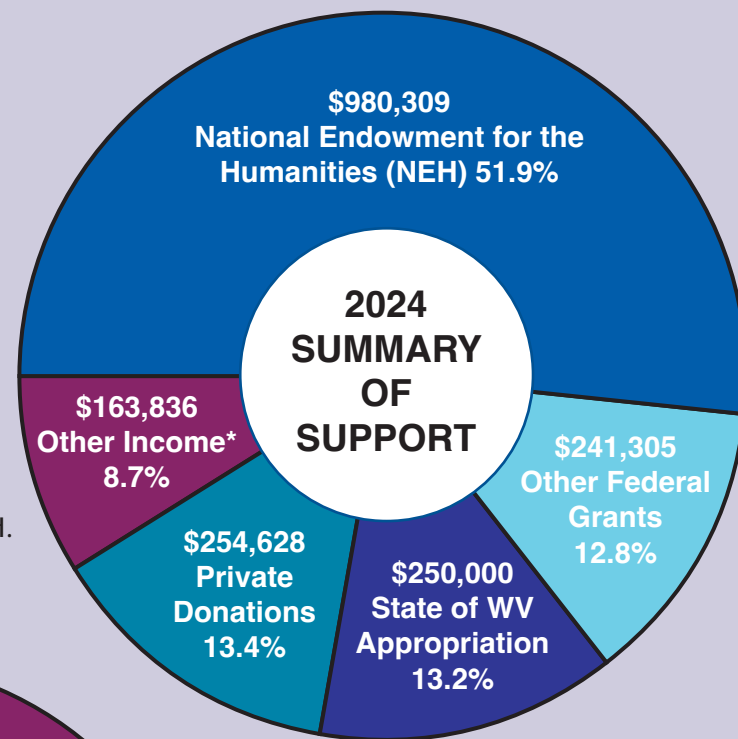


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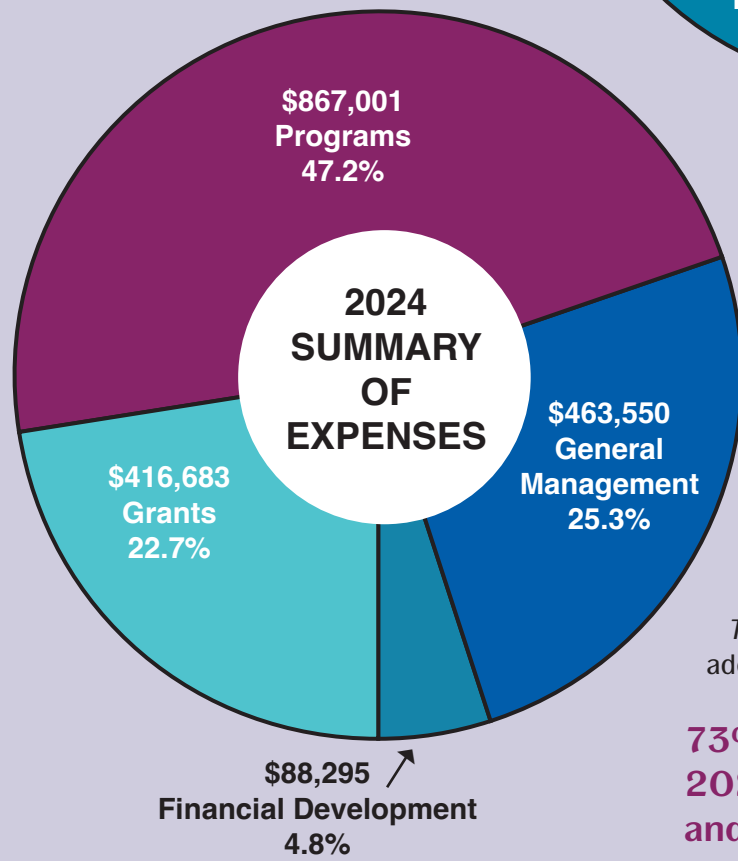
In 2024, the Council received slightly fewer grant requests than in previous years, allowing us to increase support for programming. Our primary revenue source was the National Endowment for the Humanities, followed by private donations, the State of West Virginia, other federal grants, and earned income and investment gains.

Total Support: \$1,890,078
Total Expenses: \$1,835,529
Net Income: \$ 54,549

In our role as the official state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities, in 2024, the Council brought \$980,309 in federal funding to West Virginia. We delivered an additional \$241,305 in funding from federal agencies and departments other than the NEH.



* Other income includes earned income (\$24,260), gain on investments (\$122,535), and revenue from other sources (\$17,041).



Looking ahead to 2025, our Board of Directors has approved a budget of \$1,859,618, of which \$1,354,858 will be dedicated to grants and programs. This includes a fourth year of the West Virginia National Cemeteries Project, an expanded Folklife Apprenticeship Program, and new content for e-WV: *The West Virginia Encyclopedia Online*, in addition to regular programs.

73% of our total spending in 2025 will be devoted to grants and programs

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 2024 ended October 31.

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