



NEH CHALLENGE GRANTS PROGRAM

- Purpose:* NEH Challenge Grants support the **long-term** strength of humanities institutions and organizations by encouraging fund raising for permanent endowments and appropriate capital improvements.
- Eligibility:* With the exception of elementary and secondary schools, any U.S. nonprofit institution (public agency or private nonprofit organization) working wholly or in part within the humanities is eligible to apply. Typical applicants include colleges and universities, museums, public radio and television stations, research centers, public libraries, historical societies, historic sites, scholarly and cultural organizations, and university presses.
- Awards:* Awards in recent years have averaged between \$375,000 and \$500,000. Applicants may request up to \$1 million. Grantees must raise nonfederal donations of three times the offered NEH funds.
- Impact:* Since the program's inception in 1977, over 1,500 awards totaling over \$486 million in federal dollars have leveraged more than **\$2 billion** in nonfederal contributions to the humanities.
- Competition:* In recent years the number of applications to the program has ranged from 100 to 120 annually, and the number of awards between 20 and 25. Applications are particularly encouraged from HBCUs, Tribal Colleges and Universities, and two-year colleges.
- Budget:* The program's budget is approximately \$8.25 million.
- Deadline:** **Challenge Grant Special Initiative for Two-Year Colleges, Wednesday, February 20, 2013**
- Deadline:** **Regular Challenge Grants, Wednesday, May 1, 2013**
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