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OFFICE OF CHALLENGE GRANTS •

By assisting institutions in securing humanities resources and programs for the long term, the NEH Challenge Grants program encourages long-range planning and nonfederal contributions. With an initial challenge grant, institutions are expected to raise \$3 for each federal dollar offered; the ratio becomes four to one for any subsequent awards. Awards are made to nonprofit organizations doing work in the humanities, including academic institutions, museums and historical organizations, libraries, scholarly associations, and state humanities councils. In 2004, grants totaling \$12,484,920 stimulated nonfederal donations of nearly \$46 million.

While challenge grants can be used in a variety of ways, the most common is the creation or augmentation of endowment funds. For example, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in Cambridge, Massachusetts, received \$600,000 in 2004 to

endow programs of visiting scholars, lectures, conferences, and special projects in the humanities that will play a significant role in American intellectual scholarship and culture. The Philadelphia Museum of Art used the renovation of a nearby building as an opportunity to develop new interpretive plans for its collections. To enrich the humanities content of the reinstalled holdings and related programming, the museum received this year \$708,150 of its \$800,000 challenge grant to endow the position of senior curator of education and the humanities programming that person oversees.



Acoma pots from Arizona State Museum's collections have new climate-controlled storage and a conservation lab.

PHOTO: JANNELLE WEAKLY, ARIZONA STATE MUSEUM
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Direct expenditures are also allowed and may include acquisitions, technological enhancement, construction, renovation, and fund-raising costs. In 2004, the Virginia Historical Society in Richmond, Virginia, received a \$500,000 challenge grant, matching with \$2 million in nonfederal contributions, for construction of a wing that will house the new Reynolds Center for Virginia Business History. The wing will hold an exhibition gallery, auditorium, offices, and storage space for a rapidly growing collection. The center, opening in 2006, will serve as a model for interpreting business

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history in a way that allows a broad view of the effects of business on society. Also in 2004, the Arizona State Museum, located on the University of Arizona campus in Tucson, received a \$200,000 installment of its \$700,000 challenge grant to create a climate-controlled storage vault and an upgraded conservation lab. This will allow preservation of the museum's Southwest Indian pottery collection—the largest and most comprehensive of its kind in the world—and make it more available for research, exhibitions, and programs.

Technology plays an increasingly active role in humanities programming and in scholarly and public access to collections. As the oldest genealogical organization in the United States, the New England Historic Genealogical Society in Boston advances humanities scholarship by collecting, preserving, and interpreting genealogical data with emphasis on families and communities connected to New England. The society's \$400,000 challenge grant is endowing the technological infrastructure for its Web site, which will serve as an electronic portal into the manuscript collection and research library.

In its two-year Special Initiative for Local History, the Challenge Grants program encouraged smaller institutions to create endowments. Applicants included small history museums, county historical societies, specialized ethnic museums and cultural centers, public libraries with local history archives, historic sites vital to the history of a locality, and colleges and universities with programs in local culture. For example, the Cooleemee Historical Association, in the former cotton mill town of Cooleemee, North Carolina, has built a solid base of scholarship for future humanities programs. In 2004 the association received \$42,630 of its \$100,000 challenge grant to endow humanities programming. With NEH support, the center will be able to expand its program staff and institute several initiatives, including the creation of a Family Life Museum in a mill house and the development of a Textile Heritage Electronic Museum that will provide Internet access to its collections.

Through the NEH Challenge Grants program, humanities organizations—large and small—are creating permanent resources for the future. Through support for endowment, capital improvements, and technological infrastructure, challenge grant awards strengthen institutions that are vital to the health of the humanities throughout the nation.

STEPHEN ROSS
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Grants secure long-term funding for humanities programming and resources through building endowments at institutions.

Academy of Natural Sciences

Philadelphia, PA Lorena A. Boylan

\$234,983* Endowment for the academy fellow, a key humanities position in the Academy's library, and for humanities programming.

Albany Institute of History and Art

Albany, NY Christine M. Miles

\$216,175* Endowment for the position of chief curator, humanities programs, and environmental control costs.

American Academy of Arts and Sciences

Cambridge, MA Leslie C. Berlowitz

\$600,000* Endowment for a program of visiting scholars in the humanities and for lectures, conferences, and special projects; and renovation of office facilities for visiting scholars.

American Library Association

Chicago, IL Deborah Robertson

\$69,330* Endowment for humanities scholars to provide ongoing training and consultation for libraries' programming staff.

Arizona State Museum

Tucson, AZ Hartman H. Lomawaima

\$200,000* Renovation to create a climate-controlled storage vault for the museum's Southwest Indian pottery collection, an upgraded conservation lab, and an endowment for humanities programs.

Chicago Humanities Festival

Chicago, IL Eileen R. Mackevich

\$400,000* Endowment for humanities programming and educational initiatives.

Children's Museum of Southeastern Connecticut

Niantic, CT Tony Mollica

\$33,150* Construction of humanities space in the museum's new building and endowment to support humanities programs at the new location.

Chrysler Museum of Art

Norfolk, VA William J. Hennessey

\$500,000* Endowment for the position of museum conservator and conservation programs for the public; renovation of conservation facilities.

Conservation Center for Art and Historic Artifacts

Philadelphia, PA Ingrid E. Bogel

\$117,100* Endowment for the preservation of humanities collections.

Forest History Society

Durham, NC Steven Anderson

\$68,000* Endowment for an archivist/librarian position, visiting scholar's program, a distinguished lectureship series, and seed money for publication subvention in forest and environmental history.

Georgia Historical Society

Savannah, GA W. Todd Groce

\$750,000 Endowment for a technical services librarian, humanities programming, and operating expenses.

Hebrew Union College, Cincinnati

Cincinnati, OH Gary P. Zola

\$300,000* Construction of a new education building housing an electronic learning center for the American Jewish Archives and an endowment for an educator's salary, exhibits, and educational programs.

Hiram College

Hiram, OH Carol C. Donley

\$150,000* Bridging funds and an endowment for a Center for Literature, Medicine, and the Health Professions.

History of Science Society

Gainesville, FL Robert J. Malone

\$50,000* Endowment for a half-time bibliographer of the society's annual monograph and cumulative database, the Isis Current Bibliography.

Idaho Humanities Council

Boise, ID Richard K. Ardinger

\$71,809* Endowment for annual summer institutes for schoolteachers in the humanities, and related educational programming and staffing.

Kansas City Public Library

Kansas City, MO Roger Pearson

\$200,000* Endowment for the Special Collections Department and construction of space and purchase of furnishings, fixtures, and equipment for the Special Collections and humanities programming areas within the new Central Library.

Lehigh County Historical Society

Allentown, PA John J. Zolomij

\$100,000* Endowment for the society's library and public archive, purchase of new collection storage equipment, and construction of archival/collection storage for a new facility.

*Federal Matching Funds

Lower East Side Tenement Museum

New York, NY Ruth J. Abram

\$200,000* Endowment for humanities programming, the museum's Web site, outside scholars, a collections management program, and the American Immigration Heritage Center.

Loyola University, New Orleans

New Orleans, LA David C. Estes

\$2,523* Endowment for a faculty director, archivist, biennial symposium, exhibitions, online journal, and acquisitions for the Center for the Study of Catholics in the South.

Marshall University

Huntington, WV
Edwina Dawn Pendarvis

\$10,810* Endowment for Marshall University's Center for the Study of Ethnicity and Gender in Appalachia to create a distinguished chair for a senior-level scholar, research opportunities for newer scholars, and dissemination of Appalachian scholarship to K-12 humanities teachers.

Massachusetts Historical Society

Boston, MA Brenda M. Lawson

\$400,000* Endowment for a preservation librarian, contract preservation services, and conservation supplies.

Mattress Factory

Pittsburgh, PA Michael Olijnyk

\$200,000* Endowment for the position of education director, humanities consultants, and humanities material on the museum's Web site.

Mississippi Department of Archives and History

Jackson, MS Mary Alice White

\$200,000 Endowment for educational programming and a Welty scholar at the Eudora Welty House in Jackson, Mississippi.

Museo de las Americas

Denver, CO Olga Garcia

\$200,000* Construction to integrate an adjoining building with the museum's existing facility, and purchase of equipment, furniture, and computers.

Museum of Fine Arts, Boston

Boston, MA Susan Longhenry

\$220,000* An endowment and bridge funds for the positions of a manager of museum learning technology and a museum learning evaluator, and for the purchase and maintenance of equipment.

Nantucket Atheneum

Nantucket, MA W. Curtis Livingston

\$250,000* Endowment for a humanities program manager, humanities programming, visiting scholars, and humanities acquisitions.

National Council on Public History

Indianapolis, IN David G. Vanderstel

\$20,000* Endowment for humanities programs and improved services to the public history community.

New England Historic Genealogical Society

Boston, MA Michael J. Leclerc

\$400,000* Endowment for a Web site that will serve as an electronic portal into the society's manuscript collections and research library.

Newport Historical Society

Newport, RI Ruth S. Taylor

\$225,000* Endowment for humanities staff positions—director of education, curator of historic sites, and library director—and for humanities programming.

North Haven Historical Society

North Haven, ME Helen M. Popp

\$20,000* Construction for a new facility to house and make accessible archival collections and library holdings, and to provide space for humanities programs.

Northeast Historic Film

Blue Hill Falls, ME David S. Weiss

\$125,000* Construction of a new conservation center for the secure storage of film and videotape collections; endowment for humanities programming.

Northwest Museum of Arts & Culture Foundation

Spokane, WA Bruce B. Eldredge

\$500,000* Endowment for the positions of director of exhibits and programs and director of the U.S. Bank Center for Plateau Cultural Studies, as well as for a humanities advisory council.

Ohio State University, Main Campus

Columbus, OH Diane W. Birckbichler

\$11,652* Space reconfiguration and endowment for fellows, research associates, and a K-12 workshop in a world media and culture center.

Pennsylvania State University, Main Campus

University Park, PA Laura L. Knoppers

\$150,000* Endowment to fund initiatives of the Institute for the Arts and Humanities, including interdisciplinary groups, lectures, an annual symposium, and outreach programming.

Philadelphia Museum of Art

Philadelphia, PA Danielle Rice

\$708,150* Endowment for the position of senior curator of education and for humanities programming.

* Federal Matching Funds

Redwood Library and Athenaeum

Newport, RI Cheryl V. Helms

\$30,000** Emergency ceiling replacement for Redwood Library and Athenaeum's Historic 1875 delivery room.

Richmond Public Library

Richmond, VA Robert D. Rieffel

\$100,000* Renovation of the main library building, acquisitions to strengthen the library's humanities holdings, and endowment for future acquisitions.

Shenandoah Shakespeare

Staunton, VA Ralph Cohen

\$300,000* Construction costs of the Shakespearean replica Blackfriars Playhouse, bridge funds, and an endowment for education staff.

St. John's University, Collegeville

Collegeville, MN Theresa M. Vann

\$150,000* Endowment for a curator's salary, acquisitions and collections development, and research activities in the Malta Study Center of the Hill Monastic Library.

SUNY Research Foundation, College at Oneonta

Oneonta, NY Gretchen S. Sorin

\$150,000* Endowment for fellowships for students in the Cooperstown graduate program in history museum studies and for an annual lecture and summer research internships.

Thomas Jefferson Memorial Foundation, Inc.

Charlottesville, VA Fraser D. Neiman

\$175,000* Endowment for staff, education, public outreach, and technology for a web-accessible resource for the study of early American slavery in the Chesapeake region.

University of California, Berkeley

Berkeley, CA Thomas C. Leonard

\$750,000* Enhancement of storage facilities and climate controls for the Bancroft Collection of Western Americana and other special collections in the Bancroft Library.

University of California, Santa Barbara

Santa Barbara, CA Wade Clark Roof

\$367,727* Endowment for community programming, a visiting professorship, and graduate fellowships in a university-based center for the study of religion and public life.

University of New Mexico

Albuquerque, NM Louise Lamphere

\$64,969* Renovation, Web site development, and endowment for staff, fellowships, and public programming in the Alfonso Ortiz Center for Intercultural Studies.

University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

Chapel Hill, NC Richard J. A. Talbert

\$46,670* Endowment for staff positions and other operational costs at the Ancient World Mapping Center.

University of Tennessee, Knoxville

Knoxville, TN Michael Kulikowski

\$118,100* Endowment for staff salaries, academic fellowships, and programming in a center for medieval and Renaissance studies.

University of Texas, Austin

Austin, TX James N. Loehlin

\$75,000* Endowment for the residency costs associated with the Winedale Shakespeare-in-performance program at the University of Texas.

University of Washington

Seattle, WA Robin K. Wright

\$300,000 Endowment for faculty and visiting researchers in the humanities at the Bill Holm Center for Northwest Coast Art, part of the Burke Museum.

University of Wisconsin Extension

Madison, WI James Steinbach

\$196,829* Equipment acquisition and endowment for the Wisconsin Collection, a collaboration between Wisconsin Public Television and the State Historical Society of Wisconsin.

Virginia Historical Society

Richmond, VA Charles F. Bryan

\$500,000* Construction of a wing that will house the new Reynolds Center for Virginia Business History, an exhibition gallery, auditorium, offices, and storage space.

Wadsworth Atheneum

Hartford, CT Nicholas Ruocco

\$335,000* Endowment for the position of director of education to oversee the museum's programs.

West Chester University

West Chester, PA Michael Peich

\$150,000* Endowment for staff salaries and programming in the university's Poetry Center.

* Federal Matching Funds

** Emergency Chairman's Grant

SPECIAL INITIATIVES •

Ahtna Heritage Foundation

Glennallen, AK Dorothy Shinn

\$5,000* Endowment for part-time humanities staff, including tradition-bearers and humanities scholars, and for humanities educational programming.

Butler County Historical Society

Hamilton, OH Stephen F. Schnabl

\$55,000* Endowment for a part-time position of director of exhibits and programs.

City Lore: NY Center for Urban Folk Culture

New York, NY Marci Reaven

\$100,000* Endowment for a new Study Center in Folklife and Local History to serve scholars, educators, publishers, media producers, and the general public.

Cooleemee Historical Association

Cooleemee, NC Lynn W. Rumley

\$42,630* Endowment for humanities programming in local history.

Copiah-Lincoln Community College

Natchez, MS Carolyn Vance Smith

\$46,240* Endowment to provide partial support for the educational director of the Natchez Literary and Cinema Celebration.

Delhi Historical Society

Cincinnati, OH Sue Ann Painter

\$25,000* Endowment for additional staff for humanities programs in local history.

Fort Apache Heritage Foundation, Inc.

Fort Apache, AZ Karl Alfred Hoerig

\$25,070* Endowment for oral history research, presentations by White Mountain Apache elders and cultural experts, and creation of exhibits relating to tribal and regional history.

Friends of Arrow Rock, Inc.

Arrow Rock, MO Kathy Borgman

\$29,000* Endowment for expansion of humanities programming in local history through self-guided tours, outdoor interpretive signage, and symposia.

Greenbelt Museum

College Park, MD Katie Scott-Childress

\$41,030* Endowment for the position of education coordinator.

Hanover Tavern Foundation

Hanover, VA Joseph D. Kyle

\$17,020* Endowment for an education coordinator and humanities programs at the History Discovery Center.

Historic Northampton

Northampton, MA Kerry W. Buckley

\$31,800* Endowment for the position of education coordinator.

Jefferson County Historical Society, Inc.

Brookville, PA Carole A. Briggs

\$50,000* Endowment for humanities consultants for exhibits and programming.

Legacy Museum of African American History

Lynchburg, VA Carolyn W. Bell

\$23,345* Endowment for a part-time professional curator for the museum's collections and programs in local history.

McLean County Historical Society

Bloomington, IL Greg Koos

\$100,000* Endowment for guest curators and support for research, publications, and lectures.

New Hampshire Farm Museum, Inc.

Milton, NH Victor A. Becker

\$8,123* Endowment to fund partial salary for the position of director of educational programming in local history.

Oberlin Heritage Center

Oberlin, OH Patricia Murphy

\$30,666* Endowment to provide partial support for the position of museum education coordinator and for a local history symposium to be held every two years.

Pejepscot Historical Society

Brunswick, ME Julia R. Cooke Hofer

\$41,030* Endowment for a humanities staff position in educational programming in local history.

Scurry County Museum

Snyder, TX Charlene Akers

\$29,673* Endowment for humanities scholars to consult in local history and for partial support for the museum's humanities staff positions.

Shady Side Rural Heritage Society

Shady Side, MD Janet Harris Surrent

\$48,395* Endowment for a professional curator to research local history, develop humanities programs, and maintain collections for the society's Captain Salem Avery House Museum.

* Federal Matching Funds