



## IMPACT BY THE NUMBERS FOR KANSAS

Grants to Kansas Organizations and Individuals for Fiscal Year 2019 through 2023 – \$ 9,174,838

Total Number of Awards – 40

### Award Highlights:

- A grant from NEH was given to Dr. Jessica Marie Falcone, so she could work on the book *Temple of Great Happiness: a Soto Zen Community in Hawai'i*, specifically chapter five. This book project will examine the religious and social life of Zen Buddhism in modern-day Hawaii by concentrating on the changing cultural practices of Daifukuji Soto Mission, a 100-year-old Soto-Shu Zen congregation in Kona that is becoming more and more diverse in its membership, which includes both heritage and non-heritage practitioners.

NEH also provides annual funding to the [Kansas Humanities Council](#), the designated humanities council in the state, to support a wide array of public programming.

### Recent Kansas Humanities Highlights:

- Humanities Kansas developed free resources on American democracy for use by museums, libraries, and others. [21<sup>st</sup> Century Civics](#) was a statewide initiative anchored by the Smithsonian exhibition [Voices and Votes: Democracy in America](#) that explores the history of American democracy. The exhibition spent six weeks each at the Boot Hill Museum in Dodge City, Nicodemus Historical Society Museum and National Park Visitors Center, Winfield Public Library, Mid-America All-Indian Museum in Wichita, Old Depot Museum in Ottawa, and the Republic County Historical Museum in Belleville. So far, more than 5,500 in person visitors have been recorded. Each location also [created a local exhibit](#) and these local stories explored Kansas stories including Native American voting rights, early African American politicians, frontier politics, and more.

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