



## IMPACT BY THE NUMBERS FOR NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

Grants to Northern Mariana Islands Organizations and Individuals from Fiscal Year 2019 through 2023 – \$2,956,537

Total Number of Awards – 7

### Award Highlights:

- 500 Sails' received funding to restore canoe culture in the daily life in the Mariana Islands. This will improve health outcomes, quality of life, and strengthening Indigenous cultural identity. Through programs that teach participants how to build and sail traditional Chamorro and Carolinian canoes, they aim to revive and support the practice of canoe culture in the Northern Mariana Islands.

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

### Recent Northern Mariana Islands Humanities Highlights:

- The Northern Marianas Humanities Council held the 6th Marianas History Conference from September 1-3, 2023. With its central theme, "Healing the Wounds of History," the conference has emerged as a platform for fostering constructive dialogue and academic understanding promoting a sense of shared identity and purpose among the people of the Marianas.
- The My Marianas Experience, a self-guided Humanities Exhibit is a collection of works that span literature, history, and photographs from the archives that community members can engage with. This carefully selected assortment provides a comprehensive overview of the cultural depth and intellectual pursuits that contribute to the Marianas. Visitors have the opportunity to engage with historical artifacts, literary masterpieces, artistic expressions, and philosophical reflections that shape the identity of the islands.

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