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IMPACT BY THE NUMBERS FOR AMERICAN SAMOA

NEH provides annual funding to the [Amerika Samoa Humanities Council \(ASHC\)](#), the designated humanities council in the territory, to support a wide array of public programming.

For Fiscal Year 2022, including the *American Rescue Plan*, NEH provided ASHC \$615,043.

Recent ASHC Highlights:

- ASHC supported the “Why It Matters: Civic and Electoral Participation Initiative,” a program that encouraged dialog and public participation to explore topics related to preserving democracy, voting rights and suppression, and ideological polarization. There were seven public forums hosted by ASHC, with the goal of increasing awareness of the voting process and the importance of exercising one’s voice through voting. Participants representing all age groups freely voiced their opinions. The forums were all broadcast on the public television station.
- Using funding to advance NEH’s special initiative *A More Perfect Union*, ASHC put together a series of scholar-led public discussions focusing on the U.S. Constitution, the American Samoa Constitution, and the Deed of Cession, the 1900 treaty that ceded the Samoan island to the United States.

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