

NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES

IMPACT BY THE NUMBERS FOR KENTUCKY

Grants to Kentucky Organizations and Individuals in 2022, including from the *American Rescue Plan* – \$3,483,569

Number of Grantees – 20

Recent Project Highlights:

- The Kentucky Museum at Western Kentucky University used NEH funds to protect its collection by stabilizing the temperature and humidity levels in its exhibition spaces, quilt storage, and fine arts storage.
- Thomas Jennings, assistant professor and Director of the Center of Archaeology and Cultural Heritage at the University of Louisville, received an NEH grant to conduct archaeological and ethnographic research at Louisville's Eastern Cemetery. His project is generating new methodological and humanistic knowledge that will contribute not only to future research and preservation at Eastern Cemetery but to other neglected historical cemeteries across the country.

NEH also provides annual funding to <u>Kentucky Humanities</u>, the designated humanities council in the state, to support a wide array of public programming.

Recent Kentucky Humanities Highlights:

- Kentucky Humanities hosted a conversation at Northern Kentucky University between U.S. Poet Laureate Joy Harjo and Kentucky Poet Laureate Crystal Wilkinson as part of the Council's 50th anniversary celebration.
- The 41st annual Kentucky Book Festival occurred in 2022. Members of the public were able to hear from 150 different authors from Kentucky and across the country. Festival events connected booklovers and authors, sparked engaging conversations, and empowered readers by providing access to new books as well as opportunities to learn more about writing.

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