



NATIONAL
ENDOWMENT
FOR THE
HUMANITIES

IMPACT BY THE NUMBERS FOR THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

**Grants to Northern Mariana Islands Organizations and
Individuals in 2022, including from the *American Rescue Plan* –
\$684,499**

Recent Project Highlight:

- NEH awarded a \$50,000 grant to 500 Sails, a nonprofit that is dedicated to preserving Mariana Islands' maritime cultural traditions through community classes in swimming and building and sailing traditional canoes. This *American Rescue Plan* grant was used to re-establish three positions in the organization: project director/canoe builder, master navigator/canoe builder/instructor, and canoe builder/instructor.

NEH also provides annual funding to the [Northern Marianas Humanities Council \(NMHC\)](#) the designated humanities council for the islands, to support a wide array of public programming.

Recent NMHC Highlights:

- NMHC runs an annual awards program, in conjunction with the Office of the Governor, to recognize outstanding individual and organizational contributions in the humanities.
- The council awarded a community grant to for the creation of lesson plans on authentic Northern Mariana Islands music to promote awareness and appreciation for traditional Marianan songs. These lesson plans, which include music samples and are intended for students between kindergarten and 6th grade, were made available through the Marianas, as well as the continental U.S., and around the world.

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