

NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES

IMPACT BY THE NUMBERS FOR VERMONT

Grants to Vermont Organizations and Individuals in 2022, including from the *American Rescue Plan* – \$2,467,242

Number of Grantees -13

Recent Project Highlights:

- The Bennington Museum received a grant to create and install new energy-saving windows for its building, a former Catholic church built in 1855. The new windows are custom made to meet historical preservation standards and significantly reduce the building's heat lost and annual energy costs.
- Because of aging HVAC systems, the Shelburne Museum has had difficulty maintaining the temperature and humidity conditions necessary to keep its collections safe. A \$48,634 grant from NEH will allow the museum to create a new plan to improve its infrastructure to prevent its collections from fluctuating temperatures due to climate change.

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

Recent Vermont Humanities Highlights:

- Over 200 communities across Vermont have participated in the council's awardwinning Vermont Reads program, which invites students, adults, and seniors across the state to read the same book and participate in community activities.
- On the first Wednesday of the month from October through May, Vermont Humanities hosts free talks at public libraries statewide on topics ranging from climate change to Sherlock Homes.

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