

IMPACT BY THE NUMBERS FOR WEST VIRGINIA

Grants to West Virginia Organizations and Individuals in 2022, including from the *American Rescue Plan* – \$ 1,808,442

Number of Grantees – 5

Recent Project Highlight:

 As part of the National Digital Newspaper Program, West Virginia University received a grant to digitize 100,000 pages of important historical and representative newspapers published in the state before 1963. This round of funding will go towards digitizing papers from the heart of the mountainous region of the state, which highlights its timber industry and the boom and bust of lumber towns.

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

Recent West Virginia Humanities Highlights:

- Using funds from NEH's *A More Perfect Union* initiative, the Council awarded grants in support of humanities projects that promote the value of civic engagement or civic education. The goal of these projects should be to emphasize direct individual participation in civic or public life to improve communities or educate audiences on the principles and values of the U.S. government.
- The Council supports the History Alive! program, which features scholars from around West Virginia who portray historical figures at venues including museums, schools, libraries, community centers, fairs, and festivals for audiences of all ages.

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