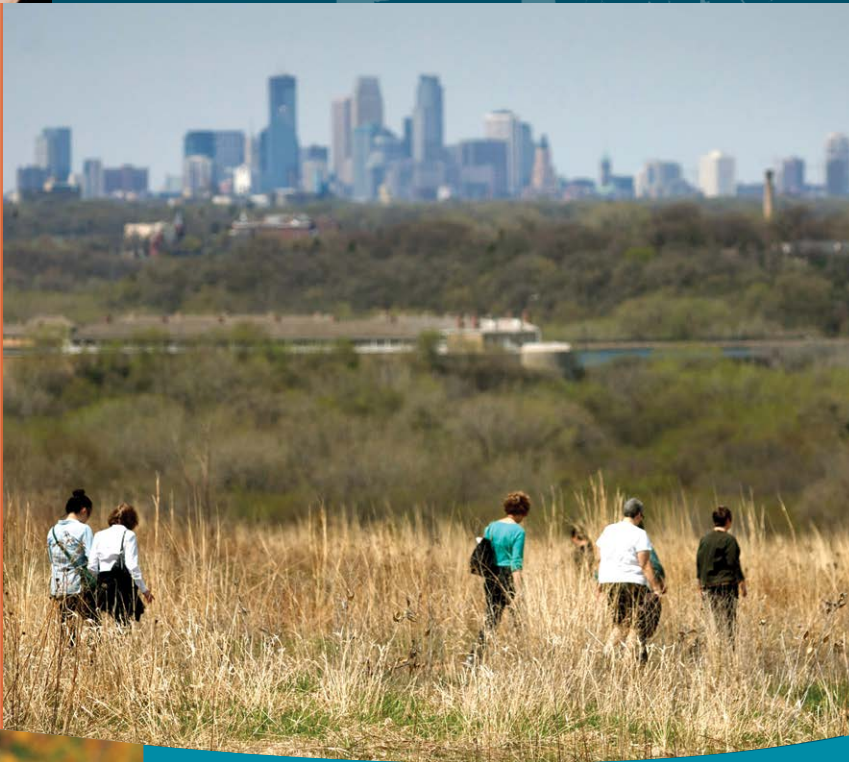




**Water/Ways**, a national exhibit of the Smithsonian, traveled through Spicer, St. Peter, Red Wing, Sandstone, Lanesboro, and Detroit Lakes, exploring the meaning of water.

**We Are Water** formed as a state partnership exhibit. It features local stories reflecting on the meaning and experience of water in Minnesota, and space for visitors to add their own stories.

**Bdote Field Trips** educated 185 participants about the importance of place, led by Dakota community members through sites like Pilot Knob, Wakan Tipi, and Mounds Park.



**Echoes of War** trained Veterans who then conducted public discussions around war, memory, and how we memorialize war.

**Veterans' Voices Storytelling Project** invited 10 Veterans to shape their life experiences into well-crafted stories, guided by instructors of The Moth Community Program. These stories were then shared at public events.



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## 2016 Annual Report





# Impact

Our impact in Veteran, water-conscious, and educator communities spreads as a watershed across the state.

13,392

participants in our programs, events, and exhibits.

3,706

participants in Why Treaties Matter.

4,650+

online resource pages accessed.

9,000+

guests served in our Event Center.

1,122

resources distributed statewide.

2,071

participants in K-12 Education events.

1,028

participants in Veterans' Voices events.

4,530

participants in Water events and exhibits.

# Programs

Using philosophy, literature, music, history, and language, the Humanities Center focuses on what unites us *not* divides us.



**K-12 Education** influenced 58 school districts in 2016 and hosted our Educator Institute, gathering teachers from across Minnesota for a week of intense professional development. Opportunities like the Institute, recurring workshops, webinars, and meetings focus on building stronger student-educator-community relations, leading to increased engagement and achievement.



**Veterans' Voices** connects military Veterans with the civilian community, amplifying Veteran narratives through the humanities. Our **Storytelling Project** and **Echoes of War** discussion series opened dialogues on how war is remembered, and our 2016 Veterans' Voices Award honored 25 outstanding Veterans.



**We Are Water** tells our state's water story by focusing on individual relationships and responsibilities to water. This exhibit toured greater Minnesota alongside the Smithsonian's national water exhibit, **Water/Ways**.



**Why Treaties Matter** examines the legacy of treaties between Native nations and the US government. This award-winning exhibit continues to tour and is permanently displayed at the State Capitol.



**Somali Bilingual Project** celebrated a rousing revival event, featuring Somali folk characters, stories from Somali American youth, and readings from our bilingual book series.

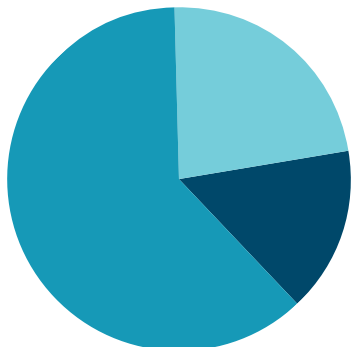


**Event Center** hosted 338 events, from meetings and workshops to parties, weddings, and overnight retreats. Our Center is a unique, historic space for Minnesotans to gather and connect.

# Numbers

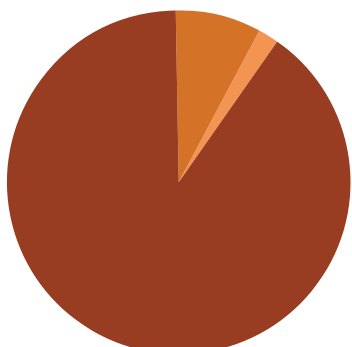
Financials reflect our 2016 fiscal year:  
November 1, 2015 – October 31, 2016

## Support & Revenue



■ Contributions: 15.3%  
■ Government Grants: 61.7%  
■ Earned & Other Revenue: 23%

## Expenses



■ Program Services: 90%  
■ MGMT & General: 8.3%  
■ Fundraising: 1.7%

## Support & Revenue

Contributions	\$241,358
Government Grants	\$973,315
Earned & Other Revenue	\$362,472
<b>Total Support &amp; Revenue</b>	<b>\$1,577,145</b>

## Expenses

Program Services	\$6,528,231
Management & General	\$600,490
Fundraising	\$124,550
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$7,253,271</b>

## Net Operations Loss

**\$(5,676,126)\***

\* The Net Operating Loss is offset by a release of restricted funds received in the prior year.