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**Minnesota Humanities Center
Awards \$300,000 in Legacy Grants**

March 25, 2024—ST. PAUL, MN— The Minnesota Humanities Center (MHC) announces seven Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment awards totaling \$300,000 to organizations across Minnesota to support civics education. The following organizations were selected to receive an award:

- Move For America (\$95,000)
- MN Legislative Society (\$20,000)
- Youthprise (\$75,000)
- Young Men’s Christian Association of the North (\$40,000)
- ASAL Charities (\$18,000)
- Legal Rights Center, Inc. (\$18,000)
- 100 Rural Women (\$17,500)

The Minnesota Legislature appropriated \$300,000 (to MHC) from the Legacy Fund to administer grants through a competitive application process for Civics. These grants, consistent with legislative intent, will support civics education for youth on law, democracy, government, and debate or civics education programming.

MHC received 31 total applications totaling \$1,778,099.72 in requests for proposed projects. The average grant request is \$127,007. The amount of funding requested by Civics applicants is nearly six times the amount of funding available.

“MHC is proud to support these organizations that are making a significant impact for Minnesota’s youth with engaging civics programs. The interest and demand for educational programming in law, democracy, and government, is clear.” stated MHC’s CEO, Kevin Lindsey.

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About the Minnesota Humanities Center (MHC)

MHC, an affiliate to the National Endowment for the Humanities, was founded as an independent non-profit organization in 1971. MHC strengthens our society by promoting the humanities and increasing shared understanding of our collective pasts. MHC creates a wide variety of humanities programming in collaboration with individuals, creators, scholars, and organizations to build a more curious, inclusive, and connected society. MHC has a long history as a grantmaking organization and operates a full-service event center in a historic building in St. Paul. More information is available at mnhum.org.

About Clean Water Land and Legacy Amendment

The Minnesota Legislature passed the Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment (Legacy Amendment) in 2008 to ensure clean water, preserve opportunities for Minnesotans to enjoy nature, parks, and trails, and to appreciate arts and culture that exists within the State. The

Legacy Amendment increases the state sales tax by three-eighths of one percent to create the Legacy Fund – 19.75% of the Legacy Fund is dedicated to the arts and cultural heritage fund.



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