



**Minnesota Humanities Center Awards
\$472,500 in Legacy Grants for Ethnic Media Organizations**

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May 7, 2026—ST. PAUL, MN— The Minnesota Humanities Center (MHC) announces 7 Clean Water, Land, and Legacy Amendment awards totaling \$472,500 to support Ethnic Media organizations across Minnesota. The following organizations were selected to receive an award:

1. Hmong Broadcasting Company LLC - \$68,000
2. Native Roots Radio w/FS Native American Community Development Institute - \$68,200
3. Oromia II - \$69,300
4. Oromia Media Network - \$60,000
5. Santamaria Broadcasting, LLC - \$68,000
6. Somali TV of MN - \$74,000
7. Xidig TV LLC - \$64,980

For the first time, the Minnesota Legislature appropriated \$500,000, less administrative fees to MHC, to support ethnic media organizations throughout Minnesota to create video content in a language other than English.

MHC received 68 total applications and \$3,988,567 in requests for proposed projects. Forty-one percent of applicants were outside of the 7-county metro area, with an average grant request of \$58,655.40.

“This past year was an important point in time not only for Minnesota but for the entire country,” stated MHC’s CEO Kevin Lindsey. “The funding provided by the Legislature was incredibly timely and will ensure that several communities throughout Minnesota will be able to share their understanding with future generations of what occurred during this unique moment in time.”

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 & 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 fund four distinct funds to achieve the goals of the Legacy Amendment. – 19.75% of the funding raised under the Legacy Amendment is dedicated to the Legacy arts and cultural heritage fund.



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