



Minnesota Humanities Center Announces \$300,000 in Community Identity & Heritage Emergency Response Grants

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JUNE 30, 2026—ST. PAUL, MN—The Minnesota Humanities Center (MHC) is now accepting applications for Community Identity & Heritage Emergency Response grants.

Community Identity & Heritage Emergency Response grants are used to assist communities responding to major events in Minnesota so as to facilitate the:

- Process of grieving,
- Encourage healing,
- Create memorials, and/or
- Assist in recovery of the community.

MHC has \$300,000 (less allowable administrative fees) to grant in total, and organizations may request any amount of funding up to \$75,000. Community Identity & Heritage Emergency Response applications will be granted on a rolling basis to organizations until October 15, 2026, or until all funds have been expended.

These grants, consistent with Legislative intent, will go to organizations that work to create, celebrate, and teach the art, culture, and heritage of the many diverse cultural groups that make up Minnesota, including but not limited to Indigenous organizations, communities whose culture and heritage have been historically underrepresented, recent immigrant communities, and veterans.

“The humanities provide creative and cathartic outlets to heal and preserve important stories and memories,” said MHC CEO Kevin Lindsey, “we are thankful that Minnesotans prioritized funding the humanities with the Legacy Amendment vote, which allows us to provide grants to communities that are grieving and recovering this year.”

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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