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\$3.1 Million in Grants Awarded to California Organizations for COVID-19 Relief & Recovery

(Oakland, CA) — California Humanities is pleased to announce that over \$3.1 million in Relief and Recovery grants are awarded to humanities-focused organizations facing challenges due to COVID-19. The California Humanities Relief and Recovery Grants provides vital funds to assist the public humanities sector across California during the relief and recovery stages of the pandemic. Funding for these grants is provided by the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) as part of the American Rescue Plan (ARP) and the NEH Sustaining the Humanities through the American Rescue Plan (SHARP) initiative.

California Humanities received 600 applications for these grants, requesting over \$8 million in funding. Two hundred and six nonprofit organizations across California received awards ranging from \$2,200 to \$22,500. The Relief grants awarded provide humanities and cultural organizations with general operating support for urgent organizational and program needs resulting from COVID-19. The Recovery grants provide capacity-building project support to strengthen the short- and long-term capacity of humanities-focused organizations as they plan and deliver rich humanities-based learning experiences for the people of California.

“We are proud to assist so many organizations of all sizes across the state who are experiencing the effects of the pandemic on their programs and operations,” shares Julie Fry, President & CEO of California Humanities. “We hope that these funds will help organizations rebuild and strengthen their ability to continue to provide much-needed public humanities programming.”

The delivery of these grant awards aligns with California Humanities’ mission to connect Californians to ideas and one another in order to understand our shared heritage and diverse cultures, inspire civic participation, and shape our future. A complete list of funded organizations is available [here](#).

About California Humanities:

California Humanities, a nonprofit partner of the National Endowment for the Humanities, promotes the humanities—focused on ideas, conversation, and learning—as relevant, meaningful ways to understand the human condition and connect people to each other in order to help strengthen California. California Humanities has provided grants and programs across the state since 1975. To learn more, visit calhum.org, or like and follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#).

About National Endowment for the Humanities:

Created in 1965 as an independent federal agency, the National Endowment for the Humanities supports research and learning in history, literature, philosophy, and other areas of the humanities by funding selected, peer-reviewed proposals from around the nation. Additional information about the National Endowment for the Humanities and its grant programs is available at neh.gov.