

MINNESOTA HUMANITIES CENTER



SENATE ENVIRONMENT,
CLIMATE AND LEGACY COMMITTEE

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Kevin Lindsey, CEO



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ABOUT MHC

FOUNDED IN 1971

MHC was created when the National Endowment for the Humanities began funding state-based humanities programs



MISSION

MHC connects our past, present, and future by bringing people together to increase understanding and spark change

VISION

A just society that is curious, connected, and compassionate

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EVENT CENTER

A PLACE TO CONNECT

- Full-service meeting & retreat center
- Centrally located in a historic building in St. Paul
- 10,000 people at more than 300 events annually
- Clients include nonprofit organizations, foundations, state agencies, colleges, universities, & other educational institutions



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RECOGNITION & AWARDS

50 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE



RECENT HIGHLIGHTS

Minnesota Lawyer Diversity & Inclusion Award

- “Our Duluth Lynchings: Racial Violence in America & the Road to Justice & Reconciliation,” program in partnership with the Collaborative Legal Community Coalition (CLCC)

Friends of Social Studies Award

- “Friends of Social Studies” by the MN Council for the Social Studies (MCSS) contributions to professional development for K-12 social studies teachers in MN

Helen & Martin Schwartz Prize

- Outstanding public programming for “How Can We Breathe”
 - community-centered, first responders to the crisis of racism
 - brave spaces for vital conversations about America’s original sin

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2021-23 LEGACY FUNDING

MHC PROGRAMS & PURPOSE

\$ 1,250,000/year

LEGISLATELY MANDATED GRANT MAKING

Children's Museums

\$ 925,000/year

Civic Programs

\$ 100,000/year

Cultural Heritage

\$ 2,500,000/year



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LEGACY PROGRAMS & PURPOSE

EDUCATION

Life-Long learning

CIVIC RENEWAL

Connecting us with common purpose

IMMERSIVE

Building across cultures

STATEWIDE

Creating deep impact



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EDUCATION

LIFE-LONG LEARNING



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CIVIC RENEWAL

CONNECTING US WITH COMMON PURPOSE



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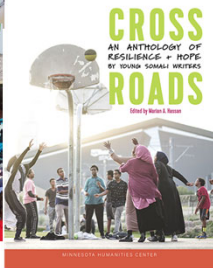
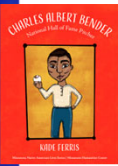
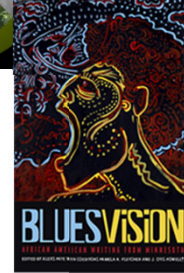
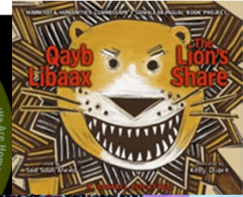


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IMMERSIVE

BUILDING ACROSS CULTURES

American Indian Youth Literature Award
Middle Grade Honor
 "Peggy Flanagan: Ogimaa Kwo, Lieutenant Governor"
 By Jessica Engelking (White Earth Band of Ojibwe)
 Illustrated by Tashia Hart (Red Lake Anishinaabe)
 Published by Minnesota Humanities Center

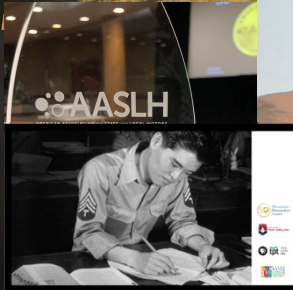


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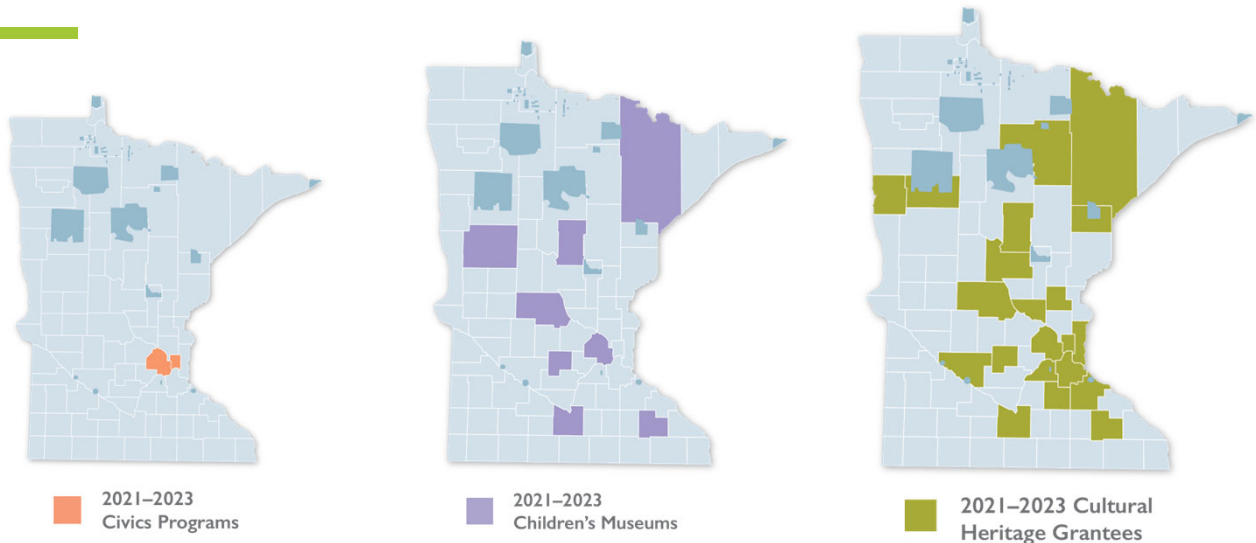
CREATING DEEP IMPACT



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2021-23 LEGISLATIVELY NAMED GRANTEES



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2021-23 CULTURAL HERITAGE GRANTS

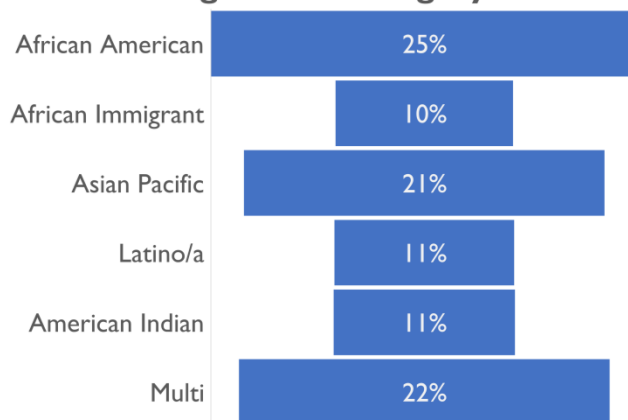
Awarded

- \$4,750,000
- 107 Awardees

Requested

- \$7,193,422
- 216 applicants

Percentage of Total Awards by Legislative Category



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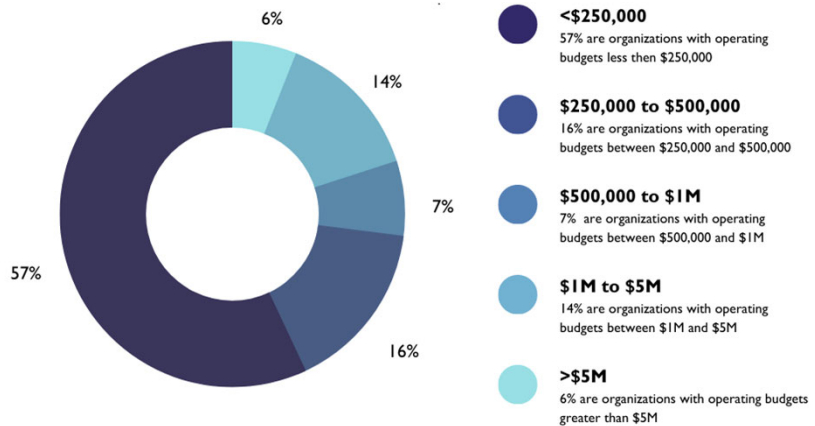
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2021-23 CULTURAL HERITAGE GRANT PROGRAM

AWARDEES – Individuals & Organizations

- Individuals & organizations of various identities, sizes, & capacities
- Awards to individuals doubled in year two totaling 1/3 of all awards for the biennium

Awardee's Annual Operating Budgets



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TESTIMONIALS

“ MHC is one of few local grantmakers to fund cultural work led by BIPOC organizations. MHC supports important initiatives around storytelling, art-making, and community-building overlooked and undervalued by many traditional grantmakers. Even more importantly, MHC’s grantmaking process is accessible and responsive, with their staff answering questions, reviewing applications, and providing feedback as requested. Their reporting requirements are not overburdensome but encourage grantees to share accomplishments and highlights. ”

- 2021-23 Cultural Heritage Awardee



“ ...thank you for really walking the talk on making grant applications as smooth & inclusive as possible! ”

- 2021-23 Cultural Heritage Awardee



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THANK YOU

