

# MINNESOTA HUMANITIES CENTER

**Presentation to:**  
**Senate, Environment, Climate, and Legacy Committee**  
**Kevin Lindsey, CEO of Minnesota Humanities Center**  
**Tuesday, March 18, 2025**



# ABOUT MHC

## FOUNDED IN 1971

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

## MISSION

Spark positive change by increasing collective understanding of ourselves, our communities, and our histories, through stories and experiences.



## VISION

A just society that is curious, connected, and compassionate.

# OVERVIEW OF PRESENTATION

To provide Senate Environment, Climate, and Legacy Committee members with an overview of MHC program priorities for Legacy funding for FY2026-27.

# LEGACY APPROPRIATION FUNDING

MHC requests \$2.5 million in FY26 and \$2.5 million in FY27 to expand and grow MHC's Legacy programming statewide – SFI 605/HF980.

Through responsible fiscal management and deep community investment, MHC leverages state and federal funding to amplify our impact and better serve all Minnesotans.



**CONNECTER**  
Strategic Partnerships



**CONVENER**  
Bringing Minnesotans Together



**CATALYST**  
Grant Resource for MN

# INDIGENOUS PROGRAMMING

## Expand Reach Throughout Minnesota



- Dakota Ojibwe Language Symposium
- Native American Live Series
- Why Treaties Matter
- Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community - Hočokata ȩi

# VETERANS PROGRAMMING

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*When introduced to the Vision Trust I sensed that connection immediately. I recollected my military service. I recollected receiving the Veterans' Voices Award, and the values placed upon that recognition by the MHC. I was reminded of the trust that I held growing up within my community, and how vital that was to my development. I was reminded of my present family who sacrificed so much in my absence. But there is still more work to do.*

Dr. David Hamlar – retired Two-Star General, 2016 Veterans' Voices Awardee, and current MHC board member – practices medicine in Mpls.,

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- New “Many Fronts Programming”
- Capitol Mall Learning From Place
- Objects of War: A Storytelling Circle
- The Impact of War, Writing Workshops by Warrior Writers

**Many Fronts: Veterans' and Community Voices Video**



# LIFELONG LEARNING

## A Resource for Minnesota

- Expand School District Partnerships
- Co-create New Culturally Relevant Resources, Curricular Content, & Teaching Materials with Educators
- Expand Learning From Place Experiences
- Increase Teacher & Paraprofessional Professional Development



*"It's been a phenomenal experience, in any way, that challenges our regular way of thinking. I think it draws many of our staff closer together."*

# CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

## Strategic Partnerships

- Third Way Civics
- Create America @250 Programs & Events for the 250th Celebration of America in 2026
- Support New Civics Requirement
- Sketches of Minnesota
- Federal Court – Justice & Democracy Center



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*I've learned to listen, and that listening is often the best way to learn.  
All college should be this way.*

MSU – Mankato Third Way Civics Senior

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# CONVENE AND CONNECTION BRINGING NEW RESOURCES INTO MINNESOTA

- Latino Poetry: Places We Call Home
- Take Me Where There Is Life
- Museum On Main Street
- IN-NA-PO Poetry Retreat



# THANK YOU