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**MINNESOTA HUMANITIES CENTER
REPORT TO THE MN STATE LEGISLATURE
JULY 1, 2015- JUNE 30, 2016**

REPORTING PER 138.911 MINNESOTA HUMANITIES CENTER.

Subdivision 1. **Establishment.**

The Minnesota Humanities Center, a nonprofit organization, is established to advance the study of the humanities and enhance the work of schools, colleges, and cultural organizations throughout the state.

Subd. 2. **Reports.**

The Minnesota Humanities Center shall report to the legislature by September 1 of each year on the use of state funds appropriated to the commission. The report shall include an itemized account of the programs and projects supported and the source of money for each. The report shall show actual expenditures for the fiscal year ending the preceding June 30 and proposed expenditures for the fiscal year beginning the preceding July 1.

Subd. 3. **Humanities center.**

(a) The Minnesota Humanities Center may establish a humanities center to ensure balance in public education and in the cultural life of the state, and to improve humanities education through the establishment of two institutes: the Minnesota Institute for Lifelong Learning and the Minnesota Institute for the Advancement of Teaching.

(b) The humanities center may transport people and resources to small towns, rural communities, and urban settings to provide grants, technical assistance, and high-quality educational and cultural programs to schools and community organizations throughout Minnesota.

(c) The Minnesota Institute for the Advancement of Teaching may conduct seminars and other activities for the recognition of the teaching profession and the advancement of teaching in Minnesota.

**NARRATIVE PROGRAM REPORT
JULY 1, 2015- JUNE 30, 2016**

During the last year, the Minnesota Humanities Center programs served more than 11,000 people. With support from the State of Minnesota, the Humanities Center builds a thoughtful, literate, and engaged society by working in partnership with schools, colleges, cultural organizations, and state agencies. These partnerships help increase the academic engagement of all students and engage the broader community in activities and dialogue that strengthen knowledge and understanding while deepening cultural connections.

Minnesota Statute 138.911 charges the Minnesota Humanities Center with providing leadership, programs, and resources that advance the study of the humanities in schools, colleges, and cultural organizations throughout the state.

Service Statistics

Minnesota Education Strategy. In the last twelve months the Humanities Center served more than 1,200 Minnesota educators, including:

- Thirty-nine educators completed a week long cohort-based institute experience that deepened relationships, amplified skills and techniques to use in their daily practice, and builds a state network of support among educators.
- More than 600 educators expanded their understanding of the world around them at humanities-based events such as the “Increase Engagement Through Absent Narratives” workshop and the “Bdote Field Trip.”
- Over 655 educators were introduced to the Absent Narratives Resource Collection – an online searchable database of over 900 ready-to-use videos, teacher guides, and readings that help educators increase classroom engagement – through presentations and conference workshops.
- 94% of participants report they received tools and strategies that they are ready to implement; 83% of participants report they are implementing what they’ve learned during one or more offerings.

Veterans’ Voices. In the last twelve months, the Humanities Center drew on the power of the humanities to call attention to the stories and contributions of Veterans:

- The fourth cohort of twenty-five Veterans who have gone above and beyond to make exceptional, positive contributions that improve the lives of Minnesotans across the state were honored at the *2015 Veterans’ Voices Award Ceremony* held on September 11, 2015. The 2015 awardees now make up a network of 100 former awardees throughout the state.
- More than 400 Minnesotans attended six public events, including plays, a dance performance, and facilitated conversations, that amplified, honored, and recognized the stories and contributions of Minnesotan Veterans in their own voices.

Traveling Exhibits. In the last twelve months, the Humanities Center partnered with 37 schools, colleges, and non-profits in communities across the state to support two traveling exhibits:

- Over 8,400 Minnesotans learned how Dakota and Ojibwe treaties with the U.S. government affected the lands and lifeways of the Indigenous peoples of the place now called Minnesota and why these binding agreements between nations still matter today through two concurrent tours of *Why Treaties Matter: Self-Government in the Dakota and Ojibwe Nations*.
- In June of 2016, the first Water/Ways exhibit host site was launched, in Spicer, MN. More than 230 people visited in June alone. The Water/Ways exhibit will tour six communities in greater Minnesota through April 2017.

Grants. In the last twelve months, the Humanities Center administered grant funds totaling \$1,901,480 to eighteen organizations throughout Minnesota including four children’s museums, the Minnesota State Council on Disability, two city and county parks and recreation departments, three civics education organizations, and several cultural organizations.

The Minnesota Humanities Event Center: In the last twelve months, the Humanities Center hosted 356 meetings and events in its meeting and event spaces, serving over 8,500 people associated with community organizations from around the state.

**Minnesota Humanities Center – General Operating
Appropriation from State of Minnesota
For period July 1, 2015 thru June 30, 2016**

**MHC's fiscal year is
Nov 1-Oct 31, so
budget is preliminary
based on actual
budget for July-Oct
and estimates for
Nov 2016 - June 2017.**

	State FY16	State FY17		Total For Biennium Expenses for Funding Period	Budget estimates for first year of funding only
	FY16 Actual	FY17 Budgeted			
<u>Revenue</u>					
-					
Grant Income State	700,000.00	-	-	700,000.00	
			-		
<u>Expenses</u>					
Salaries	191,651.82	215,987.10	-	407,638.92	211,161.00
Payroll Related Taxes Federal	12,405.22	16,523.01		28,928.23	16,154.00
Mn Unemployment Taxes	20,770.00		-	20,770.00	
401K Benefits Employee	11,398.30	12,000.00		23,398.30	16,893.00
Employee Benefits Insurance	30,387.02	32,000.00		62,387.02	31,674.00
Employee Relations	23.40	500.00		523.40	2,062.00
HR Administration Fees	2,034.54	2,200.00	-	4,234.54	
Other Re grants			-		
Contract Services Designer			-		
Contract Services Program	500.00	500.00		1,000.00	
Contract Service Technology	31,364.70	32,000.00		63,364.70	23,199.00
Technology Consultants	175.00	1,500.00		1,675.00	3,100.00
Contract Services Other	1,000.00	1,500.00	-	2,500.00	1,440.00
Staff Development			-	-	
Insurance Building			-		
Commercial Insurance			-		
Equipment Repairs	310.00	500.00		810.00	

**GAAP requires
booking the full
appropriation upon
award in FY16.**

*State records will show
only the \$350,000
available each year*

Maintenance- IT Equipment and Software	514.40	500.00		1,014.40	
Building Repair Maint				-	
Minor Furniture & Equipment	432.49	500.00		932.49	
Investment in Fixed Assets	3,772.95	4,000.00	-	7,772.95	
Payment in Lieu of RE Taxes			-		225.00
Allocation of Mort Prin Pymt to Expense	5,950.88	-	-	5,950.88	
Utilities Garbage	62.40	75.00	-	137.40	
Audit Fees	4,350.00	4,250.00		8,600.00	4,000.00
Accounting and Tax Preparation Fees	2,936.60	3,000.00		5,936.60	2,000.00
Legal Fees			-	-	
Subscriptions	288.56	300.00		588.56	
Dues and Membership	3,290.00	3,300.00	-	6,590.00	796.00
Postage and Delivery	337.58	400.00	-	737.58	
Printing	1,407.25	1,500.00	-	2,907.25	5,730.00
Office Supplies	6,591.09	4,500.00		11,091.09	3,102.00
Building Supplies	25.70	50.00		75.70	500.00
Resource Books,Media,Wkshop supplies			-	-	
Telephone and Internet	796.59	850.00		1,646.59	
Conference Calls/GO-to mtg			-	-	
Staff Travel	581.48	750.00		1,331.48	2,440.00
Consultants Per Diems (1099 reportable)				-	3,536.00
Meals and Entertainment	195.50	250.00	-	445.50	
Marketing			-	-	2,245.00
Bank Fees				-	4,359.00
Interest Expense	56.38		-	56.38	232.00
Internal Use of Conference Center	15,715.15	10,564.89	-	26,280.04	13,234.00
Offsite Rental	450.00		-	450.00	
Recognition Activities				-	
Miscellaneous	225.00	-		225.00	1,918.00
		-	-		
TOTAL EXPENSES	350,000.00	350,000.00	-	700,000.00	350,000.00