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**MINNESOTA HUMANITIES CENTER
REPORT TO THE MN STATE LEGISLATURE
JULY 1, 2020- JUNE 30, 2021**

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, 2020- JUNE 30, 2021**

The Minnesota Humanities Center connects our past, present, and future by bringing people together to increase understanding and spark change. Consistent with Minnesota Statute 138.911, we partner with schools, state agencies, cultural and community organizations to advance the study of the humanities in education and the broader society, cultural awareness and knowledge, and greater understanding between people in Minnesota. In the last twelve months, MHC has reached more than 9,200 participants in person and virtually through traveling exhibits, educator professional development, public programs, and grantee-supported activities.

Please Note: The data below is for July 2020-June 2021, which includes interruptions and closures due to COVID-19. From March-July 2020, under the guidance of Governor Walz, MHC fully closed its Event Center. The Event Center re-opened with partial capacity from April 2020-March 2021, and only fully opened in May of 2021. MHC has also adapted its programmatic events and activities to virtual experiences starting in April 2020.

Minnesota Educator Professional Development, Resource Creation, and Community Events:

In the last twelve months, MHC has been working with educators (K-12 and college faculty), the general public and humanities professionals on the following humanities offerings:

Educator Professional Development: MHC's humanities-based Education Strategy builds partnerships with schools and districts across the state to provide rigorous professional development opportunities for educators that further the schools' and districts' priorities. Through immersion-based learning, our

online resource collection, and in-person workshops, educators in Minnesota are building their networks, and increasing student engagement in the classroom. More than 1,900 educators participated in 45 offerings including: Increase Engagement Through Absent Narratives and Story Circle workshops, From Mountains to Lakes: Hmong Educational Forum, Teaching Bdote workshops, and Realizing Wakanda: Educating and Nurturing the Brilliance of our Black Scholars.

Resource Creation: Community-led, co-created culturally-specific resources include an award-winning series of prominent American Indian biographies for young readers, the Minnesota Native American Lives Series. This series shares the stories of three people - Charles Albert Bender, Ella Cara Deloria, and Peggy Flanagan - who shape the place we live in now. The editors, authors, and illustrator of the Minnesota Native American Lives Series are each distinguished Native artists from all over Minnesota.

Community Events: More than 1,700 participants broadened their worldviews through 28 interactive humanities-based experiences including: How Can We Breathe speaker series, True Crime: Why We Are So Obsessed, a Read Brave community discussion in partnership with local artists and author Junauda Petrus, "Learning From Place: Bdote" immersion trip, Understanding Our Duluth Lynchings: Racial Violence in America and the Road to Justice and Reconciliation, and the 2020 Veterans' Voices Award Ceremony. In addition, more than 3,800 participants were reached through MHC's Humanities-To-Go virtual series in partnership with community organizations and individuals.

Traveling Exhibits In the last twelve months MHC facilitated two traveling exhibits.

We Are Water MN Traveling Exhibit: Participants explored their professional and personal connections to lakes, rivers, and water in Minnesota through this touring exhibit comprised of national, state, and local components. 14 statewide communities hosted the exhibit between 2017-2019 and the exhibit is scheduled to reach six more communities in 2020-2021 (Saint Paul, Morris, Mankato, Rochester, Chisom, and Pipestone). Attendance for the We Are Water exhibit in this time period was 1,028.

Why Treaties Matter: This statewide traveling exhibit, in partnership with Minnesota Indian Affairs Council, includes updated content with new multi-lingual exhibit panels. Communities that hosted the exhibit in FY21 include Bagley, Red Wing, Morris, and exhibit attendance for this time period was 559.

Grants: In the last twelve months, MHC awarded \$1,521,889 in state-funded grants during this period and administered legislatively mandated grants to children's museums, civics organizations, and cultural organizations. In addition, MHC awarded \$530,000 in federal COVID-19 relief funds through the National Endowment for the Humanities and the 2020 CARES Act.

The Minnesota Humanities Event Center: In the last twelve months, which included full closures and partial capacity for the Center, MHC hosted 111 meetings and events in its meeting and event spaces, serving over 2,854 people associated with communities and colleges and health care and service organizations from across the state.

	State FY20	State FY21		Total For Biennium Expenses for Funding Period	Budget estimates for second year of funding only
	FY20 Actual	FY21 Actual			
Revenue					
-					
Grant Income State	750,000.00	-	-	750,000.00	
Expenses					
Salaries	214,914.55	267,561.98	-	482,476.53	
Payroll Related Taxes Federal	15,994.24	18,437.95		34,432.19	
Mn Unemployment Taxes	14,969.28	-	-	14,969.28	
401K Benefits Employee	14,684.82	19,147.10		33,831.92	
Employee Benefits Insurance	37,638.14	61,435.93		99,074.07	
Employee Relations				-	
HR Administration Fees			-	-	
Other Re grants			-		
Contract Services Designer			-		
Contract Services Program				-	
Contract Service Technology	38,420.13	8,417.04		46,837.17	
Technology Consultants				-	
Contract Services Other			-	-	
Staff Development	175.00		-	175.00	
Insurance Building				-	
Commercial Insurance				-	
Equipment Copier Lease	701.25			701.25	
Equipment Repairs & Maint	154.00			154.00	
Maintenance- IT Equipment and Software	3,040.01			3,040.01	
Building Repair Maint	1,838.61			1,838.61	
Minor Furniture & Equipment	239.90			239.90	
Investment in Fixed Assets	-		-	-	

**GAAP requires
booking the full
appropriation upon
award in FY20.**

*State records will show only
the \$375,000 available
each year*

Payment in Lieu of RE Taxes			-			
Allocation of Mort Prin Pymt to Expense			-	-		
Utilities	14,385.33		-	14,385.33		
Audit Fees & Tax Prep	3,525.00			3,525.00		
Legal Fees			-	-		
Subscriptions	55.00			55.00		
Dues and Membership	3,249.00		-	3,249.00		
Postage and Delivery			-	-		
Printing			-	-		
Office Supplies	4,336.23			4,336.23		
Building Supplies				-		
Resource Books,Media,Wkshop supplies			-	-		
Telephone and Internet	5,814.15			5,814.15		
Conference Calls/GO-to mtg			-	-		
Staff Travel	204.46			204.46		
Participant Stipends				-		
Meals and Entertainment	56.27		-	56.27		
Promotion/Marketing-Community	179.74		-	179.74		
Bank Fees				-		
Interest Expense			-	-		
Internal Use of Conference Center	153.30		-	153.30		
Offsite Rental			-	-		
Recognition Activities	171.59			171.59		
Miscellaneous	100.00			100.00		
			-	-		
TOTAL EXPENSES	375,000.00	375,000.00	-	750,000.00		-