HN adapts to meet the moment

Thanks to your support and involvement, Humanities Nebraska rose to the challenges and expanded community engagement efforts throughout this past year, one unlike any other. HN has always been about bringing people together to explore what connects us and makes us human. How do we accomplish that mission in a global pandemic when people can’t physically be together for programs?

As we all realized life would be disrupted for many months to come, HN developed a multi-pronged approach to meet the changing needs of our communities. We quickly adapted to keep people connected to the humanities and to each other virtually. We began offering online programs and resources through “Humanities at Home.” Our staff worked with program partners across Nebraska to determine what programming could be converted to online versus postponed or canceled. For example, some of our Prime Time Family Reading programs moved to Zoom, many of our Speakers Bureau speakers adapted their programs to online formats, and the Governor’s Lecture with Doris Kearns Goodwin moved to a hybrid format with in-person and online audiences.

We are proud of our substantial and successful undertaking to provide pandemic relief grants to local humanities partners across the state who had to close their doors and whose revenue sources had largely evaporated. In partnership with the National Endowment for the Humanities, HN first awarded 79 CARES relief grants totaling more than $440,000 for local partners to continue paying their staff or other bills. By summer it was apparent that the situation was still dire for many cultural organizations. Our partners at the Nebraska Cultural Endowment decided to provide a special distribution of $150,000 to HN (and similarly to Nebraska Arts Council) to continue pandemic relief grantmaking. During this second round, an anonymous foundation generously offered to match the Cultural Endowment funding to HN to help us reach more organizations in need, especially in greater Nebraska. Consequently, HN awarded another 74 grants for $308,000. In total, 153 pandemic relief grants were awarded by HN in 2020 for more than $750,000, an unprecedented effort to support Nebraska’s cultural infrastructure in a time of crisis. This was only possible because of the dedicated efforts of HN staff and our close working relationships with NEH, the Cultural Endowment, and private supporters.

Throughout all of this, we are very grateful that our donors continued to support our humanities work in these uncertain times. Thank you for believing in HN and the value of the humanities in our lives. The spirit of generosity, collaboration, and resilience in Nebraska is truly special, and we are thankful to be a part of that.
2020 Financial Overview

SUMMARY

Total Support: $2,672,231
Total Expenses: $2,339,760
Excess of support and revenue over expenses: $332,471

Audited financial statements from Dana F. Cole and Co. are available for inspection at the HN office and HumanitiesNebraska.org.

*Does not include cost share from grantees and volunteers totaling $1,540,038.

**Other income includes Earned Income ($12,830), Interest Income ($1,005), PPP Loan Forgiveness ($134,900), and Unrealized Gains on Investment ($7,242).
The 2020 challenge

Fiscal Year 2020 began like any other. In January, the first of 21 spring Prime Time series began, as well as Nebraska Warrior Writers. Members of the HN Speakers Bureau were giving presentations across the state, and high school students in 25 different communities were preparing for Capitol Forum on America’s Future Day in March.

After in-person programming came to a temporary halt in March, the HN staff shifted to home offices. They met on Zoom, brimming with ideas for online programs that could keep people connected to the humanities — and each other — online.

“Humanities at Home” was born. While staff collected themed lists of books, movies and online opportunities, several Speakers Bureau members gave Facebook Live versions of their in-person talks. Prime Time team members were forced to end their six-week series early. Staff reallocated hours to create Prime Time First Aid Kits filled with books, toys, activities and a discussion guide for families who did not have an online option.

Capitol Forum Day had to be canceled. Nebraska Warrior Writers continued to meet on Zoom as they perfected their pieces for their first published anthology. “The Fifties in Focus” Nebraska Chautauqua was postponed to August 2021, with a couple of online presentations to tide eager audience members over until then. Meanwhile, HN used inspiration from our sister council in Oregon to launch “Dear Stranger,” an anonymous letter exchange program that paired strangers from different parts of the state.

For the first time in its 25-year history, the annual Governor’s Lecture in the Humanities featuring Doris Kearns Goodwin was held online, with some people attending at the Lied Center and others from home or other remote locations from far away counties. HN was gratified to welcome these new viewers while meeting fund-raising goals for this annual event. In fact, giving remained strong all year long, enabling HN to begin FY2021 with creative, flexible programming.

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In addition to the competitive grants that Humanities Nebraska awards each year, pandemic relief funds were made available to HN from the National Endowment for the Humanities for distribution to cultural institutions throughout the state. A second round of relief grants was made available through the generosity of the Nebraska Cultural Endowment and an anonymous foundation. Organizations receiving grants include:

- African Culture Connection OMAHA
- Albion Area Arts Council
- American Historical Society of Germans from Russia LINCOLN
- Antelope County Historic Society NELIGH
- The Archway KEARNEY
- Asian Community and Cultural Center LINCOLN
- Bemis Center for Contemporary Arts OMAHA
- Bess Streeter Aldrich Foundation ELMWOOD
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- Bluebarn Theatre OMAHA
- Bluebird Cultural Initiative BELLEVUE
- Bright Lights KEARNEY
- Brownville Fine Arts Association
- Brownville Historical Society
- Buffalo Commons Storytelling Festival MCCOOK
- Buffalo County Historical Society KEARNEY
- The City of Lincoln Commission on Human Rights
- Completely KIDS OMAHA
- Crane River Theater Company KEARNEY
- Creighton University, OMAHA
- Custer Co. Historical Society BROKEN BOW
- The Digg Site Productions LLC FREMONT
- Douglas Co. Historical Society OMAHA
- The Durham Museum OMAHA
- El Museo Latino OMAHA
- Elkhorn Valley Historical Society NORFOLK
- Father Flanagan’s Boys’ Home OMAHA
- Film Streams, Inc. OMAHA

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Communities receiving grants in 2020

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Fontenelle Forest BELLEVUE
Fort Atkinson Foundation FORT CALHOUN
Foundation for Lincoln City Libraries FORT ATKINSON
Fremont Area Art Association BELLEVUE
Friends of Lied in Lincoln LINCOLN
Friends of Opera, UNL LINCOLN
Friends of Paplin, Inc. LOUP CITY
Friends of the Homestead BEATRICE
Friends of the International Quilt Study Center and Museum LINCOLN
Friends of the Kenfield Gallery OGALLALA
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Great Plains Black History Museum OMAHA
Great Plains Theatre Commons OMAHA
Great Plains Welsh Heritage Center WYMORE
Hall County Historical Society GRAND ISLAND
Hastings College LINCOLN
Hastings Museum of Natural and Cultural History GRAND ISLAND
Heartland Military Museum LXINGTON
Historical Bryant House TECUMSEH
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History Nebraska LINCOLN
John G. Neihardt Foundation BANKCROFT
Johnson County Historical Society TECUMSEH
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La Casa del Pueblo OMAHA
Legacy of the Plains Museum GERING
Lewis & Clark Visitors Center NEBRASKA CITY
Lincoln Calling LINCOLN
Lincoln Children’s Museum LINCOLN
Lincoln City Libraries LINCOLN
Lincoln County Historical Society NORTH PLATTE
Lincoln Crossroads Festival LINCOLN
Lincoln Orchestra Association MALONE CENTER LINCOLN
Mari Sandoz Heritage Society LINCOLN
Merrick County Historical Museum CENTRAL CITY
Metropolitan Community College OMAHA
Mildred D Brown Memorial Study Center OMAHA
MRB Lewis & Clark Visitors Center NEBRASKA CITY
Multicultural Coalition GRAND ISLAND
Museum of Nebraska Art KEARNEY
Nebraska Firefighters Museum & Education Center/Nebraska Firefighter & EMS Memorial KEARNEY
Nebraska Indian Education Association WALTHER
Nebraska Prairie Museum HOLLIDAYNE
Nebraska Shakespeare Festival OMAHA
Nebraska Wesleyan University LINCOLN
Nebraska Writers Collective OMAHA
NET Foundation for Television LINCOLN
Norfolk Arts Center LINCOLN
North Platte Community Playhouse LINCOLN
Nuckolls County Historical Society SUPERIOR
Omaha Children’s Museum OMAHA
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Speaker Dianne Bystrom was one of many who gave online presentations to statewide viewers.

While a handful of Prime Time Family Reading teams started their six-week sessions before things shut down, by summer, teams had learned to present the program to families via Zoom.

50 Letters were exchanged in the first round of Dear Stranger

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