



Nevada Humanities Announces 2022 Major Project Grant Recipients \$232,484 in Grant Awards Benefit 49 Nevada Organizations

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November 10, 2021—RENO, Nev—Nevada Humanities is pleased to announce that [Nevada Humanities Major Project Grants](#), totaling \$232,484.80, were recently awarded to fund 49 humanities programs across Nevada. These grants are a part of their **Fiscal Year 2022 Nevada Humanities Project Grants to Support Public Humanities Projects**. Annually Nevada Humanities offers grants of up to \$7,500 to nonprofit organizations and government and tribal entities, such as libraries, museums, and schools to fund public and educational programs in the humanities. Major grant applicants requested and were awarded funds in a variety of amounts for projects that will take place across Nevada beginning November 1, 2021, and running through October 31, 2022.

“Our 2022 grant recipients truly reflect Nevada’s diverse communities that will benefit from these exciting and relevant humanities programs, events, and exhibits, especially in this time of great financial need across our state,” said Christina Barr, Executive Director of Nevada Humanities. “Through these grants, humanities programs are meeting real needs across Nevada, helping to preserve our cultural infrastructure, and aiding in the important work of pandemic recovery in our communities.”

Additional grant funding is available as part of the [FY2022 Nevada Humanities Project Grants](#) cycle. Nevada Humanities offers Mini-Grants (up to \$2,000) and Planning Grants (up to \$1,000). These grants are designed to respond to the year-round, immediate programmatic needs of Nevada cultural organizations by funding public humanities projects throughout the year with a flexible application deadline. Nevada Humanities *FY2022 Mini-Grants and Planning Grants Guidelines* and application information may be found at nevadahumanities.org.

2022 Nevada Humanities Major Project Grant Awards

300 Stewart Avenue Corporation dba The Mob Museum – Las Vegas (\$4,500)

Tough Little Town Exhibit Reimagined

Approaching its 10-year anniversary, The Mob Museum will update and reimagine main exhibits that illustrate topics central to its mission, including its *Tough Little Town* display that tells the story of early Las Vegas from pre-1905 through 1939. In reorganizing this space, the Museum will more effectively convey the historical timeline of Las Vegas.

B.E.A.S.H.E.R.O. Foundation – Las Vegas (\$4,500)

SHERO Traveling Exhibit – Human Trafficking Edition

A traveling exhibition will educate Nevada communities on the growing epidemic of sex trafficking in Nevada, as well as raise awareness about how traffickers find, secure, and groom their victims for

exploitation. SHERO will creatively include storytelling, poetry, music, and dramatic interpretations of realistic events to support this educational exhibition.

Boulder City Chautauqua – Boulder City (\$4,500)

2022 Boulder City Chautauqua

The theme of the *2022 Boulder City Chautauqua* is American Entertainers and Newscasters. This annual performing arts event uses entertainment to bring history alive and features history scholars who perform portrayals of famous American entertainers and newscasters.

Cancer Community Clubhouse – Reno (\$4,500)

Stories of Healing through Writing & Mindfulness

This series of workshops delves into experiences with illness and healing through a range of guided journaling, creative nonfiction techniques, and short readings/music from those who have experienced cancer. *Stories of Healing through Writing & Mindfulness* provides a safe space for participants to write and share their stories, turning experiences into sources of strength.

Capital City Arts Initiative – Carson City (\$4,880)

CCAI Online

A signature lecture series, *Nevada Neighbors*, presents online, recorded talks by regional and local scholars, curators, and artists on contemporary visual art practice. Talks will be archived on YouTube and accessible on the Capital City Arts Initiative's website.

Churchill County Museum – Fallon (\$4,266)

Our Community, Our Stories Mural Project

Murals that tell the story of Churchill County's diverse population will be created by the Churchill County Museum, in partnership with the Churchill Community Coalition. This project will also raise awareness of youth mental health issues in the county.

City of Henderson – Henderson (\$2,799)

American Indian Heritage Festival

The American Indian Heritage Festival is a daylong celebration of Native American culture scheduled on November 13, 2021. This educational program features storytelling, musical performances, and American Indian cultural experiences.

DISCOVERY Children's Museum – Las Vegas (\$5,250)

DISCOVERY Cultural Celebration Months

DISCOVERY Children's Museum will host celebrations of cultural and historical months, including Native American Heritage Month, Black History Month, Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, and Hispanic Heritage Month. Educational programming will also be featured.

Friends of Dangberg Home Ranch – Minden (\$5,215)

Chautauqua Studies and Performance at Dangberg Home Ranch

This project uses Chautauqua to share American and world history through a workshop and a series of public performances, featuring both experienced regional Chautauquans and amateur presentations.

Great Basin National Park Foundation – Baker (\$5,250)

Lehman Caves 100th Anniversary - "100 Years in Lehman Caves, Thousands of Stories to Tell"

Many Nevadans have never heard of their own iconic Great Basin National Park, with the darkest skies, oldest trees, tallest peaks, and deepest caves. The 100th anniversary of Lehman Caves becoming a National Monument connects Nevadans to the history, heritage, natural and cultural wonders, and thousands of stories the Lehman Caves has to share.

Henderson Writers Group – Henderson (\$5,250)

Las Vegas Writers Conference

The Henderson Writers Group will support a hybrid version of the *Las Vegas Writers Conference*, which provides diverse activities and a curriculum for writers of all levels, regardless of their publication history. The 2022 conference will offer in-person and live-streamed sessions on Zoom.

Jazz Outreach Initiative – Las Vegas (\$6,000)

Jazz for Young People

Scripted by Wynton Marsalis, *Jazz for Young People* takes students on a journey through the life and history of luminary jazz legends such as Thelonious Monk, Miles Davis, Dave Brubek, and others and how they overcame tremendous challenges to find success. Accompanied by live jazz, performances will be held at select Clark County School District middle and high schools in the 2021-22 school year.

Las Vegas Natural History Museum – Las Vegas (\$5,250)

2021 December to Remember: Exploring Cultural Traditions

This program educates and enhances understanding of how Nevada's diverse communities celebrate winter holidays. A dozen community groups representing different cultures, religions, and ethnicities share their traditions through displays and presentations.

Las Vegas Philharmonic – Las Vegas (\$4,900)

Community Connections Through Music

Las Vegas Philharmonic Artist in Residence Joshua Roman leads *Community Connections Through Music* and teaches children about the interconnectedness of music. Through a series of interactive music enrichment activities, southern Nevada children will discover how sound can influence emotions, how one can express feelings and self through music, and how music is all around us.

Latino Arte and Culture – Reno (\$4,900)

Encounters of Poetry from the Periphery: Chicanx - Hispanic – Latinx

Northern Nevada poets of Hispanic/Latinx descent will be invited to submit poems in Spanish or English as part of a poetry competition and scholarly discussion of their poetry. A book of selected poems will be published as part of this project.

Lost City Museum – Overton (\$4,498)

Native American Dances and Stories in Lost City Museum Exhibits and Programs

Lost City Museum interprets cultural voices through objects that have been left behind. As part of the work of the museum, this project will educate the public through a Native American heritage and dance festival and will fund workshops for Native American consultants to add their beliefs, values, and traditions to permanent exhibit spaces.

Neon Museum – Las Vegas (\$5,250)

Neon Museum Oral History Project

The Neon Museum will continue its effort to record oral histories from notable neon sign professionals and from community members. These oral histories will be used to develop future exhibitions and be included in the Neon Museum's education resources.

Nevada Ballet Theatre – Las Vegas (\$4,500)

Nevada Ballet Theatre's First 50 Years of Arts Performance, Education, Training and Community Engagement

As part of its 50th anniversary year, Nevada Ballet Theatre will compile and produce a historic account of their community engagement, impact, and the growth of ballet in southern Nevada that will be published into a hard copy book.

Nevada Center for Civic Engagement – Sparks (\$4,500)

Project Citizen Professional Development

Educators will receive professional development around *Project Citizen*, a project-based learning model that helps make civics real for students. This project shows teachers that students are capable of conducting research, presenting findings, and implementing new policies to work together for community change.

Nevada Museum of Art – Reno (\$6,000)

Janna Ireland on the Architectural Legacy of Paul R. Williams in Nevada

This exhibition features the contemporary photography of Janna Ireland, who explores the contributions of architect Paul R. Williams (1894-1980) in Nevada. Williams was the first licensed African American architect to work in the western region of the United States, designing buildings in the 1920s through the 1970s. His work in Nevada spans from the 1930s through the 1970s.

Nevada State Museum – Carson City (\$3,300)

Celebrating Nevada's Cultural Diversity

Throughout the year the Nevada State Museum celebrates three different cultures within the Carson City community—Dia de los Muertos, Chinese New Year, and Lei Day. These celebrations honor the cultures of diverse groups living in Nevada and broaden community awareness of these rich traditions.

Nevada Women's Film Collective – Las Vegas (\$4,500)

Nevada Women's Film Festival

The *Nevada Women's Film Festival* raises awareness of women in film, increases cultural opportunities for Nevadans, educates youth, draws visitors to Nevada's economy, and promotes the perception of Nevada as an arts and culture destination. The *Nevada Women's Film Festival* is June 20-26, 2022.

Note-Able Music Therapy Services – Reno (\$3,535)

Storytelling and Songwriting for At-Risk Youth

Clients of Eddy House, who are homeless young adults or at risk of becoming homeless, will work with music therapists, poets, and Reno Phil musicians, to turn their experiences into poems, stories, and songs that they can record or perform. The positive experience of this project will give participants vital skills to help increase their chances of successful and sustainable independence.

Our Story – Reno (\$4,320)

A Closer Look At the African American Experience In Northern Nevada

A series of seminars will address and investigate the experiences of African Americans in northern Nevada, focusing on different points of view and posing nontraditional questions.

Poetry Promise – Las Vegas (\$5,075)

Poetry Promise Provides

Poetry Promise Provides is a community-based support project for writers of all levels. Working poets help students in Clark County find personal creative writing experiences through free, supportive workshops and readings, including Slam. This project brings in key poets from the national scene, so local artists can connect and develop their writing techniques.

Project REAL – Las Vegas (\$5,250)

REAL Humanities Enhancement

REAL Humanities Enhancement will assist with the publication of *History & You* and re-publication of Project REAL's *Play By the Rules* book for classroom and after school programs for students in grades 6 - 8.

Reno Bike Project dba KWNK-LP 97.7FM – Reno (\$5,250)

KWNK 2022 Humanities + Community-Based Programs

A series of humanities and community-based programs that focus on local interviews, storytelling, cultural commentary, historical, and educational shows. These programs are created for and by the people of Reno. Programs will be broadcast on 97.7FM in Reno, available as a podcast, and via mixed/multimedia content.

Reno Little Theater – Reno (\$1,785)

Reno Little Theater Dramaturgy & Engagement

This project will support Reno Little Theater's effort to hire a Resident Dramaturg, who will provide research support, create interactive lobby displays, and host post-show audience talkbacks, as well as a Voice and Dialect Coach, who will coach cast/crew on dialect and accents, for productions in its 87th mainstage season.

Sierra Arts Foundation – Reno (\$4,500)

Older Adults Social Engagement through Arts & Humanities

This is a series of Nevada-inspired, culturally-themed, hands-on activities for older adults residing in assisted living facilities in Washoe County with the assistance of high school student volunteers. The senior community will connect with students while learning about the rich cultures in Nevada.

Sparks Heritage Museum Native American Exhibit Redevelopment – Sparks (\$3,500)

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A current exhibit on display at the Sparks Heritage Museum, which represents the Native people of the area, will be redeveloped. The exhibit will be updated in partnership with the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony who will guide and advise museum staff to represent the Native population more authentically.

St. Mary's Art Center – Virginia City (\$3,000)

Audio Tour and Accessibility Program

This project provides improved accessibility and experiences for visitors touring the art center's property, art, and historical tours. Audio headsets will be available in both English and Spanish and assistance provided to visually impaired visitors. A video tour for the theater will be created to assist visitors with limited mobility.

Sylvia Rivera Center for Social Justice – Reno (\$2,961)

Honoring Intersections: Celebrating LGBTQIA+ Latinx Ancestors & Legacies

This project will consist of multiple cultural events that highlight and center LGBTQIA+ communities of color, focusing on the contributions that queer people of color have made to history.

The Holland Project – Reno (\$6,000)

20-21 Holland Project Curator Series

The *Curator Series* brings together Holland's humanities and visual arts programming to explore contemporary dialogues in art and culture. Emerging creators serve as "resident" curators to conceptualize a six-week project that uses contemporary art as a jumping-off point for bigger conversations about culture.

The Public Education Foundation – Las Vegas (\$4,500)

Artists for Kids

A team of student interns, under the direction of a humanities scholar, will curate two art exhibitions at the Rogers Art Gallery in Las Vegas and connect with local artists in residence for mentorship opportunities. Exhibits will feature art from students in the Clark County School District, serving as a community space to center youth perspectives on emerging concerns for young Nevadans.

The Smith Center for the Performing Arts – Las Vegas (\$4,500)

Commanding Space: Student Matinee and Virtual Performance

Commanding Space: The Rise of Annie Easley and the Centaur Rocket will be presented virtually to students in grades 6-12. This play, created by Syracuse Stage in New York in partnership with The Smith Center for Performing Arts, shares the story of Annie Easley, a Black female computer programmer who worked for NASA from 1955-1989.

Truckee Meadows Parks Foundation – Reno (\$6,000)

The Rosewood Stories Project

This project will host four conversations between humanities scholars about the historic importance of the Rosewood Nature Study Area. This project is part of a multimedia project and a larger research project to install interpretive signage and lead to completing the work of decolonizing the restored municipal wetlands in Reno.

University Nevada Las Vegas, Beverly Rogers, Carol C. Harter Black Mountain Institute – Las Vegas (\$5,250)

Black Mountain Radio

Black Mountain Radio is an artist-driven and community-focused audio project, which is broadcast from Las Vegas and Reno, drawing attention to untold narratives. The program will showcase intimate conversations, original performances, and oral histories from the Mojave Desert in southern Nevada.

University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Department of Art – Las Vegas (\$6,750)

AH'-WAH-NEE

This project supports the production of *AH'-WAH-NEE* (Paiute for 'balance'), a group exhibition, catalogue, and symposium presenting the beauty of Indigeneity through the art of 10 local and regional Native American Women artists. Panel discussions, an artist talk, a performance, and a workshop will be part of the educational symposium.

University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Marjorie Barrick Museum of Art – Las Vegas (\$5,250)

Fall 2021-Fall 2023 Barrick Museum of Art Humanities Programming

A range of scholarly public engagement projects will be funded. A data-driven "Indigenous Perspectives" component will be created as part of research into the local desert environment. "Indigenous Perspectives" will be freely accessible to the public via on-site galleries and online.

University of Nevada, Reno, Department of Gender, Race, & Identity – Reno (\$6,000)

Decolonizing Methodologies in Practice

This event will feature an Indigenous scholar in conversation with Indigenous Peoples for local communities, students, and the public. A talk and two workshops led by Dr. Linda Tuhiwai Smith (née Mead) will demonstrate the University of Nevada, Reno's commitment to serve Indigenous students and the community.

University of Nevada, Reno, Department of History – Reno (\$5,250)

Telling Our Stories: Empowering Indigenous Youth and Communities Through Storytelling

Telling Our Stories provides an opportunity for Indigenous middle and high school students from Nevada to develop (hi)story telling, research, and leadership skills through a week-long, residential workshop. Students and Indigenous undergraduate mentors will learn to serve as community creators of cultural products rooted in the humanities.

University of Nevada, Reno, John and Geraldine Lilley Museum of Art – Reno (\$4,500)

Following the Box

This exhibition incorporates a variety of media, photography, and performance art based on artistic

responses to 1940s photographs of West Bengal, India. The photographs were taken by a US service member during World War II and resurfaced at an estate sale in Chicago decades later. *Following the Box* explores historic imagery and the role of arts in fostering social memory across cultures.

University of Nevada, Reno, Mackay School of Earth Sciences and Engineering, Keck Museum—Reno (\$5,250)

History of Climate Reporting in Nevada Exhibit

This exhibit and lecture series explores the history of climate reporting in Nevada and the intersectionality of art and climate. The public exhibit at the Keck Museum, curated collaboratively with the Nevada State Climate Office and the Lilley Museum, features pictures and historic documents, as well as original art by local artists.

University of Nevada, Reno, Reynolds School of Journalism – Reno (\$5,250)

Battles Beyond the Horizon: A Documentary Film

Since the bow and arrow humans have been distancing themselves from battle. Now with drones and artificial intelligence, attacks are conducted across the world and decisions are increasingly made by AI. *Battles Beyond the Horizon* is a Nevada-based documentary film featuring philosophy and history scholars grappling with what this future means for humans.

University of Nevada, Reno, School of the Arts – Reno (\$5,250)

Sweet Honey in the Rock Residency

Sweet Honey in the Rock, a renowned a cappella ensemble, will participate in a 3-day residency as part of the 61st Performing Arts Series season. Through this residency the community will experience programs related to social justice through music, African American history, contemporary Black American experiences, and American Sign Language.

Virgin Valley Artists Association – Mesquite (\$1,050)

Get Smart With Art – Free Youth Classes

Get Smart With Art offers free youth classes for children ages 8-14. This humanities-based project encourages students to express their thoughts, feelings, and impressions through visual art. Students will discuss their choices made during the creative process, problem solving methods, and why their artwork is meaningful.

Vote Nevada – Mesquite (\$5,250)

Weaving Together Nevada's Communities of Interest

Vote Nevada is empowering communities across Nevada to actively participate in the redistricting process by including stories of grassroots community history into Nevada's historical narrative.

Weaving Together Nevada's Communities of Interest will preserve these historical stories through a Zoom podcast series and archive the recordings for use in future redistricting cycles.

Western Folklife Center – Elko (\$6,750)

"Tales from Cottonwood Ranch" Talk and Discussion

Fourth generation Nevada rancher, Agee Smith, will deliver a talk about his family ranch's evolving approaches and positive experiences in late January 2022. Additional programming planned with local partners.

Writing Downtown – Las Vegas (\$6,000)

Writing Downtown Presents Speaker Series "Arts and Activism" events. *Writing Downtown Presents* hosts a series of five "Arts and Activism" events, featuring notable writers, that will take place at The Writer's Block bookstore in Las Vegas. These events feature presentations and a Q&A session with the audience.

About Nevada Humanities: Nevada Humanities is one of 56 independent, nonprofit state and territorial humanities councils that partner with the National Endowment for the Humanities. With offices in Reno and Las Vegas, Nevada Humanities creates public programs and supports public projects statewide that define the Nevada experience and facilitate the exploration of issues that matter to Nevadans and their communities. For more information about Nevada Humanities visit nevadahumanities.org.

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