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## Ohio Humanities Announces \$124,000 in Grant Awards to Organizations Across the State

Ohio Humanities, the state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities, recently awarded more than \$124,000 in *Major Grants* of up to \$20,000 to nine nonprofit organizations across the state.

Each project will challenge participants' perspectives on current issues. They include the development of a museum exhibit and documentary film of a community's struggle to integrate an elementary school; the arming public school teachers; and, the development of an exhibition honoring Ohio's first responders.

During this grant cycle, Ohio Humanities trustees awarded the following *Major Grants*:

***The Lincoln School Project | Award: \$21,500***

A grant in support of a museum exhibit and 10-minute film documentary telling the stories of five African American women who fought to integrate Lincoln Elementary School in the shadow of the 1954 Supreme Court ruling on *Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka, Kansas*. | **The Highland County Historical Society, Highland County**

***Growing Right: Ohio's Ecological Food and Farm Movement, 1970s-Present | Award: \$20,000***

A grant in support of a multimedia exhibition highlighting the interconnectedness of food, health and the environment; and, raise awareness of Ohio's organic food movement and ecological farming methods. | **The Ohio Ecological Food & Farm Association, Franklin County**

***E. Lucy Braun: Pioneer Botanist and Ecologist | Award \$20,000***

The grant will support the production of a film documentary about E. Lucy Braun (1889-1971). A lifelong resident of Cincinnati, Braun was a mid-20<sup>th</sup>-century pioneer in the field of plant ecology. The documentary will raise awareness of her work and countless botanical guides that are still in use today. | **The Voyage Media Group Inc., Hamilton County**

***Multilayered Digital Map and Learning Resources | Award: \$15,000***

The grant will enable the exploration of a 19<sup>th</sup>-century farm's natural ecosystem, related commerce and sustainability of the agricultural practices from the past 200 years. | **Miami University, Butler County**

***Good Guy with a Gun: The Arming of Teachers in America* | Award: \$15,000**

A grant in support of a film documentary exploring Ohioan's attitudes *for* and *against* the movement to arm public school educators. | **The ThinkTV Network, Montgomery County**

***America's First Responders: An Ohio Exhibit* | Award: \$15,000**

The grant will support an exhibit complementing a recently installed sculpture crafted from the ruins of the World Trade Center. The grant will also support production of a brief video illustrating the risks first responders face in the line of duty. **The Toledo Memorial Park and Mausoleum, Lucas County**

***2017 Cleveland Humanities Festival: Immigration* | Award: \$10,000**

In supporting a collaboration of several institutions in presenting programs on immigration, exile, deportation, migration, and demographic shifts — past and present. | **Case Western Reserve University, Baker Nord Center for the Humanities, Cuyahoga County**

***2017 Jewish Book Festival* | Award: \$8,000**

The grant will enable festival organizers to add three author-scholar presentations. | **Mandel Jewish Community Center of Cleveland, Cuyahoga County**

Major grants are awarded twice each year to nonprofit organizations to support educational humanities programming. The upcoming deadline to submit a Major Grant proposal is Dec. 12, 2016, for projects beginning after May, 1, 2017.

Additional grant guidelines and applications are available on the Ohio Humanities website, [www.OhioHumanities/Grants](http://www.OhioHumanities/Grants).

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