Sharing stories. Sparking conversations. Inspiring ideas.





Inspiring Impact

There's The Black American Tree Project—a collaborative, participatory, and immersive reconciliation performance and experience that explores slavery's effects on housing, the medical-industrial complex, prison system, education, and entertainment.

There's Belt Magazine, which shares deep and rich insights on life in the Midwest and whose Indigenous Rust Belt series has explored everything from Native American street food to why Indigenous place names matter.

And there's the Ukrainian Museum-Archives, whose work to preserve and share Ukrainian culture and the immigrant experience has provided incredible context and meaning through a tragic and challenging time.

These are just a few of the places and projects I've been introduced to during my first months leading Ohio Humanities. And with each additional leader, writer, and curator I meet, my passion for this work grows.

For 50 years, Ohio Humanities has supported storytellers statewide, from museums to journalists to documentary filmmakers. It's a legacy I am honored and excited to carry into the future, alongside a dynamite board and a talented team.

This organization has long proven its value. So when COVID hit, Ohio Humanities was entrusted by state and federal lawmakers to distribute additional dollars statewide to aide humanities organizations in continuing their work through an unprecedented time. Thanks to that financial support and partners like you, we awarded our most funds ever—over \$2.4M. That's five times more than we typically give in a year. This funding helped non-profits maintain staffing and make important investments in technology and programming.



Because of that—because of you—hundreds of people are doing thoughtful and critical work to uplift stories, voices, and humanity in general.

Meanwhile, Ohio Humanities has been working to refine our own story. Here are three strategic highlights:

We've simplified our mission statement: Ohio Humanities shares stories to spark conversations and inspire ideas. And we crafted a new tagline—which is on this cover to reflect that mission.

2 We are leaning into our rich history of documentary filmmaking with partnerships we are excited to announce later this year.

3 We are actively engaging younger audiences to excite the next generation about power of the humanities.

Your support is doing important work statewide, from elevating Black voices to helping erect a women's suffrage monument at the Ohio Statehouse. This report provides a snapshot of the impressive impact achieved in 2021. Thank you for helping us make it possible.

Rebecca Brown Asmo

Executive Director, Ohio Humanities







DRGANIZATIONS UPPORTED

54 554 COUNTIES FUNDED

2021 Grants Awarded

This year, Ohio Humanities awarded over \$2.4M in grant dollars—the highest amount in the organization's history. Here's who won funding through Ohio CARES Grants, SHARP Grants, and Project Grants.

PROJECT GRANTS

ORGANIZATION	LOCATION	FUNDING
Kent State University Museum For "TEXTURES: the history and art of Black hair" exhibition and	Kent Digital Green Book	\$20,000
Mandel Jewish Community Center For Cleveland Jewish Book Festival	Beachwood	\$20,000
Ohioana Library Association For 2021 Ohioana Book Festival	Columbus	\$20,000
Springfield Museum of Art For BLACK LIFE as subject MATTER II	Springfield	\$20,000
Starfire Council of Greater Cincinnati For The Black American Tree Project	Cincinnati	\$20,000
ThinkTV Network For documentary "Let Ohio Women Vote"	Dayton	\$20,000
Toledo Opera Association For opera "A Black Man in Blue" exploring race and policing in To	Toledo ledo	\$20,000
Voyageur Media Group For documentary "Wildlife Photographer: The Life of Karl Maslows	Cincinnati ski"	\$20,000
Cleveland Restoration Society For In Their Footsteps: Cleveland's African American Civil Rights T	Cleveland rail	\$19,844
Denison University For mini-documentaries "10,000 Acres"	Granville	\$19,410
Marietta College History, Political Science, & Religion Department For week-long K-12 teacher workshop on Ohio and the Northwest	Marietta Territory	\$15,000
Scioto Literary For documentary "Peerless City" about the city of Portsmouth, O	Columbus hio	\$15,000



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te University Fine Arts Center Galleries Visible Man: Art and Black Male Subjectivity"	Bowling Green	\$7,500
spired Learning Speaker Series	Cleveland	\$7,500
nal Peace Museum a self-guided peace and civil rights trail in the Day	Dayton /ton area	\$7,500
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r iet Beecher Stowe House two new exhibits and improvement of one existing	Cincinnati exhibit	\$7,500
our celebrating local Jewish history	Cincinnati	\$7,500
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itial Library & Museum QR codes so visitors could better engage with con	Canton tent	\$7,500
sity Goldberg Center ent workshop on racism for grades 7-12 social stu	Columbus Idies teachers	\$7,500
ter Conservation District D interpretive location signs throughout a 60-acre	Somerset nature preserve	\$7,500
ndation for The Humanities of Curiosities at Mac-A-Cheek	West Liberty	\$7,400
ng Institute for Teaching of The Humanities anities in the Park	Athlens	\$7,382



TEXTURES: The History and Art of Black Hair

From its historical importance to its cultural significance, Black hair tells a powerful story. This exhibition at Kent State University, funded in part by Ohio Humanities, tells this story with artwork, historical objects, and a Digital Green Book, including interviews with Ohio barbers, hairdressers, and salon owners.

PROJECT GRANTS (continued)

ORGANIZATION	LOCATION	FUNDING
Preble County Historical Society For digitizing the historical society's archival collection	Eaton	\$7,000
Black Studies & Library Association For digitizing art and artifacts	Findlay	\$6,920
Green Lawn Cemetery Association For Facing History and Ourselves: The Rural Cemetery Movement	Columbus in Green Lawn	\$6,910
Dawes Arboretum For Ohio Artist Sala Bosworth exhibit	Newark	\$6,000
Shaker Historical Society and Museum For Shaker Historical Society oral history program	Shaker Heights	\$5,654
Ashland Main Street For In Times of War, a five-day performance event	Ashland	\$5,000
Buckeye Authors Book Fair Committee For Ohio Book Talks, a series of author-led book discussions	Wooster	\$3,350
E VAC Project For virtual video programs	Perrysburg	\$2,550
Arts Alive Clark State Performing Arts Center For Rethinking Jamestown, part of the Arts Alive initiative	Springfield	\$2,000
Bowling Green State University Political Science Department For documentary "Trailblazing Women in Ohio Politics"	Bowling Green	\$2,000
Cleveland Cultural Gardens Federation For planning for an self-guided audio tour app	Cleveland	\$2,000
Conneaut Arts Center For research about a potential self-guided tour on Finnish immigr	Conneaut rants	\$2,000
L orain Historical Society For LHS annual meeting speaker	Lorain	\$2,000
Meigs County Pioneer & Historical Society For signage on property	Pomeroy	\$2,000
Dhio Local History Alliance For 2021 annual meeting	Columbus	\$2,000
Dhio Museums Association	Columbus	\$2,000

ORGANIZATION	LOCATION	FUNDING
Southern Ohio Folklife For recruiting and assembling a planning committee for sharing history and folklife of Latina/o/x communities in Southern Ohio	Friendship	\$2,000
Toledo Opera Association For "A Black Man in Blue" opera conversations and reflections	Toledo	\$2,000
Toledo Public Works (Glacity Theatre Collective) For documentary/narrative film "Sons of Toledo"	Toledo	\$2,000
Zanesville-Muskingum County Convention & Visitors Center For John and Annie Glenn Centennial Heritage Trail	Zanesville	\$2,000
Southeast Ohio History Center For digital storytelling planning with Invisible Ground podcast	Athens	\$1,964
Noble County Historical Society For community event on Village of Caldwell Historic District	Caldwell	\$1,920
Peninsula Foundation For engaging diverse audiences in Civil War lescture series	Peninsula	\$1,500
Green Lawn Abbey Preservation Association For an educational program about the Great Flood of 1913 and t	Columbus the city's recovery	\$1,000



OHIO CARES GRANTS

ORGANIZATION	LOCATION	FUNDING
COSI	Columbus	\$120,000
Armstrong Air & Space Museum	Wapakoneta	\$43,000
Central Ohio YMCA	Columbus	\$43,000
Children's Museum of Cleveland	Cleveland	\$43,000
Harmony Project Productions	Columbus	\$43,000
Intermuseum Conservation Association	Cleveland	\$43,000
National Aviation Hall of Fame	Dayton	\$43,000
Ohio Alliance of YMCAs Foundation	Columbus	\$43,000
Ohio Glass Museum	Lancaster	\$43,000
Rainey Institute	Cleveland	\$43,000
Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Center	Fremont	\$43,000
Shaker Historical Society and Museum	Shaker Heights	\$43,000
The Clark County Historical Society	Springfield	\$43,000
The Mercantile Library	Cincinnati	\$43,000
Wexner Center Foundation	Columbus	\$43,000
American Sign Museum	Cincinnati	\$25,000
Dairy Barn Cultural Arts Center	Athens	\$25,000
Dover Historical Society/Reeves Museum	Dover	\$25,000
Massillon Museum	Massillon	\$25,000
National Cambridge Collectors	Cambridge	\$25,000
Sylvania Historical Village	Sylvania	\$21,000
Champaign Aviation Museum	Urbana	\$20,000
Children's Historical Publishing	Dayton	\$19,000
Stark County Historical Society	Canton	\$19,000
Museum of Ceramics	East Liverpool	\$17,400
Akron Children's Museum	Akron	\$12,000
Invest in Neighborhoods	Cincinnati	\$10,000
Ohio Museums Association	Columbus	\$10,000

Jewish Cincinnati Walking Tour

To celebrate Jewish Cincinnati's Bicentennial, and with funding from Ohio Humanities, the group launched an app-based, multi-sensory walking tour with dynamic digital and audio content. It utilizes augmented reality, photography, and recorded oral histories to build personal connections to historic Jewish people and places across the city.

SHARP GRANTS

ORGANIZATION	LOCATION	FUNDING
Adena Mansion and Gardens Society	Chillicothe	\$16,000
Akron Art Museum	Akron	\$16,000
Allen County Historical Society	Lima	\$16,000
Chagrin Documentary Film Festival	Chagrin Falls	\$16,000
Cincinnati Art Museum	Cincinnati	\$16,000
Cleveland Restoration Society	Cleveland	\$16,000
Darke County Historical Society Garst Museum	Greenville	\$16,000
Decorative Arts Center of Ohio	Lancaster	\$16,000
Delhi Historical Society	Cincinnati	\$16,000
Fort Meigs Association	Perrysburg	\$16,000
Friends of the Harriet Beecher Stowe House	Cincinnati	\$16,000
Hartman Rock Garden	Springfield	\$16,000
Highland County Historical Society Highland House Hillsboro	Hillsboro	\$16,000
John P Parker Historical Society	Ripley	\$16,000
Lorain County Historical Society	Elyria	\$16,000
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Marion County Historical Society	Marion	\$16,000
Ohio Hill Country Heritage Area	Shawnee	\$16,000
Ohioana Library Association	Columbus	\$16,000
Over-the-Rhine Museum	Cincinnati	\$16,000
Overfield Tavern and Museum	Troy	\$16,000
Preble County Historical Society	Eaton	\$16,000
Southeast Ohio History Center	Athens	\$16,000
Spring Hill Historic Home	Massillon	\$16,000
Springfield Museum of Art	Springfield	\$16,000
Summit County Historical Society	Akron	\$16,000
Thurber House	Columbus	\$16,000
Toledo Opera Association	Toledo	\$16,000
Trumbull County Historical Society	Warren	\$16,000
Westcott House Foundation	Springfield	\$16,000

SHARP GRANTS (continued)

ORGANIZATION	LOCATION	FUNDING
Wood County Historical Center and Museum	Bowling Green	\$16,000
Zoar Community Association	Zoar	\$16,000
International Women's Air & Space Museum	Cleveland	\$15,928
Midstory	Toledo	\$15,908
Mac-A-Cheek Foundation for The Humanities	West Liberty	\$15,875
National Afro American Museum and Cultural Center	Wilberforce	\$15,750
Columbus Metropolitan Library Main Branch	Columbus	\$15,278
Belt Media Collaborative	Cleveland	\$14,400
The Unionville Tavern Preservation Society	Madison	\$13,859
Auglaize County Historical Society	Wapakoneta	\$13,588
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Cleo Redd Fisher Museum	Loudonville	\$13,137
Dayton Society of Natural History	Dayton	\$12,241
Greene County Historical Society	Xenia	\$12,209
Hubbard House Underground Railroad Museum	Ashtabula	\$10,760
Center for Arts-Inspired Learning	Cleveland	\$10,000
Cincinnati Museum Center	Cincinnati	\$10,000
Cleveland Grays Archive & Armory	Cleveland	\$10,000

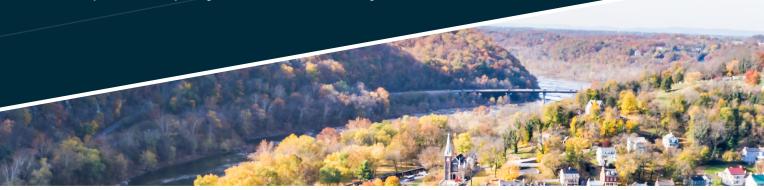
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516,000	Delaware County Historical Society	Delaware	\$10,000
516,000	EYEJ: Empowering Youth Exploring Justice	Cleveland	\$10,000
515,928	Hardin County Historical Museums	Kenton	\$10,000
15,908	Johnny Appleseed Foundation	Urbana	\$10,000
15,875	Literary Cleveland	Cleveland	\$10,000
15,750	Marion Voices Folklife + Oral History	Caledonia	\$10,000
15,278	Maroon Arts Group	Columbus	\$10,000
14,400	Miami University	Oxford	\$10,000
13,859	Nuestra Gente Community Projects	Toledo	\$10,000
13,588	Ripley Heritage	Ripley	\$10,000
	Scioto Literary	Columbus	\$10,000
13,137	Southern Ohio Museum Corporation	Portsmouth	\$10,000
12,241	The Association of African American Cultural Gardens	Cleveland	\$10,000
12,209	Ukrainian Museum Archives	Cleveland	\$10,000
10,760	Woman's Club of Dayton Foundation	Dayton	\$10,000
10,000	YWCA Mahoning Valley	Youngstown	\$10,000
10,000	Oberlin Heritage Center	Oberlin	\$9,994
10,000	Franklin Area Historical Society	Franklin	\$9,714

Blue

The Toledo Opera Association, with funding from Ohio Humanities, produced Blue-an opera that tells the story of a Black family as it reckons with the impact of police violence in their lives. The opera was awarded the prize for best new opera by the Music Critics Association of North America.

A Vibrant Appalachia

Ohio Humanities proudly supported humanities work throughout Ohio's Appalachian communities this year, where funds were in high demand and other sources were much less common than in larger cities. It funded myriad projects, from a walkable outdoor exhibit in an Athens park on the important role the humanities have played in the region's history to LatinX storytelling in Southern Ohio Folklife magazine.



ORGANIZATION	LOCATION	FUNDING	ORGANIZATION	LOCATION	FUNDING
Lit Youngstown	Youngstown	\$9,240	Gahanna Historical Society	Columbus	\$4,825
Dennison Railroad Depot Museum	Dennison	\$8,000	Black Studies & Library Association	Findlay	\$4,000
Noble County Historical Society	Caldwell	\$8,000	Four Corners Historical Cooperative	Grelton	\$4,000
Urban Appalachian Community Coalition	Cincinnati	\$8,000	Libbey House Foundation	Toledo	\$4,000
Robbins Hunter Museum Restoration and			Malinta Community Historical Society	Malinta	\$4,000
Preservation Corporation	Granville	\$7,500	Multicultural Genealogical Center of Southern Ohio	Chesterhill	\$4,000
North Baltimore Area Historical Society	North Baltimore	\$6,750	Pike Heritage Foundation	Waverly	\$4,000
Peninsula Foundation	Peninsula	\$6,347	Ottawa County Historical Society	Port Clinton	\$3,940
Historical Society of Mount Pleasant	Martins Ferry	\$5,573	Bradford Ohio Railroad Museum	Bradford	\$3,528
Gammon House, Inc.	Springfield	\$5,000	Ashtabula County Historical Society	Jefferson	\$2,500
New Works Writer Series	Toledo	\$5,000	Chatham Historical Society	Litchfield	\$2,000
Interfaith Association of Central Ohio	Columbus	\$4,992	Alliance Historical Society	Alliance	\$1,615
Power of the Pen	North Canton	\$4,950	Vinton County Historical and Genealogical Society	Hamden	\$1,452



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