In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Michigan Humanities provided emergency CARES Act funding to museums, libraries, archives, historic sites, and other humanities-focused nonprofits impacted by the pandemic throughout Michigan. Michigan H.O.P.E. Grants of up to $10,000 were available to provide general operating support with an emphasis on maintaining personnel.

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