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Michigan Humanities grants over \$660,000 of CARES Act funding to 116 cultural and community nonprofits

LANSING, MI—Michigan Humanities is pleased to announce \$661,085 in emergency CARES Act funding to 116 Michigan cultural and community organizations impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Michigan Humanities Organizations Pandemic Emergency Grants (MI H.O.P.E.) of up to \$10,000 provided general operating support, with an emphasis on maintaining personnel, in 53 counties across Michigan.

“We strive to be a pillar of support for organizations around the state to be able to do their humanities work,” said Shelly Hendrick Kasprzycki, president and CEO of Michigan Humanities. “We’re proud of how efficiently we were able to disburse the CARES Act funding across the state and how broadly we were able to grant these emergency dollars to so many of the cultural and humanities organizations of Michigan.”

Through funding provided by the National Endowment for the Humanities through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, MI H.O.P.E. Grants were available to museums, libraries, archives, historic sites, and other humanities-focused nonprofits in Michigan and could be used for eligible general operating support expenses impacted by the pandemic, including salaries and fringe benefits, rent and mortgage payments, and utilities.

“Small historical societies play an important role in protecting and preserving the historical record and interpreting the past to the public. Many of these societies, like ours, are tiny, underfunded, and understaffed,” said Cindy Willson, membership director and grant coordinator at Millington-Arbela Historical Society. “Some will not survive this pandemic, losing precious local artifacts and local culture. However, with the funds provided by the H.O.P.E. grant, we will

be able to keep the doors open, paying basic core operating expenses like water, electricity, heat and building insurance.”

A total of 306 applications were received, with a total of \$2.5 million in requests. The full list of grant recipients by county can be found below. Applications were open April and May, and reviewed on a weekly basis to ensure grantees received funding within two weeks of application. All payments have been disbursed.

Michigan Humanities works to inspire communities to come together in creative and freely expressed ways to deepen our understanding of ourselves and others, and for all people of Michigan to experience and understand the importance of humanities. For more information on available grants and programs, visit michiganhumanities.org.

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About the Michigan Humanities

As one of 56 state (and territories) humanities councils in the country, Michigan Humanities was founded in 1974 as a result of federal legislation. Funded in part by the National Endowment for the Humanities, Michigan Humanities also actively seeks grants, sponsorships and individual donations to further support cultural programming for Michigan communities.

Mission

To inspire us to come together in creative and freely expressed ways to deepen our understanding of ourselves and enrich our communities.

Vision

For all people of Michigan to experience and understand the importance of humanities to enrich lives.

Values

- Inclusion, Diversity, and Equity
- Discovery and Understanding
- Authentic Conversation
- Respectful Collaboration
- Meaningful Experiences

Pillars

- Build awareness and excitement for humanities in everyday life.

- Achieve best practices and sustainability for all humanities programs and services in Michigan.

For more information on future programs, upcoming grant opportunities or how you can support these efforts, please visit www.michiganhumanities.org or call (517) 372-7770.

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MI HOPE Grant Recipients by County:

Alcona

Alcona County Library \$5,000.00

Curtis Township Library \$7,500.00

Allegan

Holland Historical Trust \$5,000.00

Saugatuck- Douglas History Center \$5,000.00

Alpena

Besser Museum for Northeast Michigan \$5,000.00

Friends of Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary \$7,500.00

Antrim

Bellaire Public Library \$5,000.00

Barry

Midwest Miniatures Museum \$5,000.00

Benzie

Benzonia Public Library \$7,500.00

Elizabeth Lane Oliver Center for the Arts \$5,000.00

Berrien

Eau Claire District Library \$5,000.00

Heritage Museum and Cultural Center \$7,500.00

Maud Preston Palenske Library \$5,000.00

Berrien County Historical Association \$5,000.00

Long Haul Productions \$7,500.00

Berrien Springs Community Library \$5,000.00

Branch

Branch County Historical Society \$1,385.00

Calhoun

Kingman Museum Inc \$5,000.00

Cass

Dowagiac Area History Museum \$10,000.00

Underground Railroad Society of Cass County \$10,000.00

Marcellus Township Wood Memorial Library \$7,500.00

Charlevoix

Beaver Island Historical Society \$10,000.00

Raven Hill Discovery Center \$7,500.00

Chippewa

Great Lakes Shipwreck Historical Society \$5,000.00

Clare

Surrey Township Public Library \$5,000.00

Dickinson

Dickinson County Library \$5,000.00

Emmet

Alanson Area Public Library \$5,000.00

Crooked Tree Arts Council \$5,000.00

Little Traverse History Museum \$5,890.00

Mackinaw Area Public Library \$5,000.00

Northland Library Cooperative \$5,000.00

Genesee

Youth Arts: Unlocked \$7,500.00

Gogebic

Bessemer Public Library \$7,500.00

Ironwood Carnegie Library \$5,100.00

Grand Traverse

City Opera House Heritage Association \$7,500.00

Great Lakes Children's Museum \$2,500.00

Northwestern Michigan College \$5,000.00

Hillsdale

Camden Township Library \$2,745.00

Hillsdale Community Library \$5,000.00

Houghton

Quincy Mine Hoist Association \$5,000.00

Real People Media \$6,835.00

Huron

Harbor Beach Area District Library \$5,000.00

Ingham

East Lansing Public Library \$5,000.00

Nokomis Cultural Heritage Center \$5,225.00

Ionia

Lake Odessa Community Library \$7,500.00

Jackson

Ella Sharp Museum \$5,000.00

Grass Lake Area Historical Connections \$5,000.00

Kalamazoo

Speak It Forward Inc. \$5,000.00

Vicksburg Historical Society \$695.00

Kalkaska

Title Track \$2,500.00

Kent

Cedar Springs Public Library \$7,500.00

Ebony Road Players \$5,000.00

Lowell Area Historical Museum \$5,000.00

The Diatribe \$10,000.00

Grand Rapids African American Museum and Archives \$10,000.00

Grandville Avenue Arts & Humanities \$7,880.00

Leelanau

Leelanau Historical Society \$5,000.00

Grand Traverse Lighthouse Museum \$5,000.00

Lenawee

Clinton Township Public Library \$5,000.00

Tecumseh Area Historical Society, Inc. \$2,000.00

The William G. Thompson House Museum \$5,700.00

Stair District Library \$5,000.00

Luce

Tahquamenon Area Library \$5,000.00

Mackinac

Mackinac Island Public Library \$7,500.00

Michilimackinac Historical Society \$10,000.00

Museum of Ojibwa Culture \$10,000.00

Macomb

Macomb County Historical Society & Crocker House Museum \$7,500.00

Marquette

Cedar Tree Institute \$5,000.00

Marquette Regional History Center \$6,000.00

Negaunee Public Library \$7,400.00

Mason

Mason County Historical Society Research Library \$7,500.00

Sable Points Lighthouse Keeper Association \$7,500.00

Mecosta

Artworks: Big Rapids Area Arts and Humanities \$7,500.00

Morton Township Library \$6,300.00

Midland

Coleman Area Library \$7,500.00

Missaukee

Missaukee District Library \$7,000.00

Montcalm

Richland Township Library \$5,000.00

White Pine Library \$5,000.00

Muskegon

Muskegon Museum of Art Foundation \$5,000.00

USS Silversides Submarine Museum \$5,000.00

Newaygo

Newaygo County Museum and Heritage Center \$6,685.00

White Cloud Community Library \$5,000.00

Oakland

Affirmations LGBTQ Community Center \$2,500.00

Chaldean Cultural Center \$5,000.00

Milford Historical Society \$7,500.00

Oakland County Pioneer and Historical Society \$10,000.00

PuppetART \$5,000.00

Troy Historical Society \$5,000.00

Huron Valley Council for the Arts \$7,500.00

Oceana

Pentwater Township Library \$4,300.00

Ontonagon

Carp Lake Township Library \$6,000.00

Presque Isle

Presque Isle District Library \$2,500.00

Roscommon

Houghton Lake Public Library \$5,000.00

Saginaw

Friends of Theodore Roethke Foundation \$5,000.00

Japanese Cultural Center Tea House & Garden of Saginaw \$5,000.00

Saginaw Art Museum dba Temple Arts \$2,500.00

White Pine Library Cooperative \$5,000.00

Merrill District Library \$5,000.00

Sanilac

Sanilac County Historical Society \$7,500.00

Tuscola

Bullard Sanford Memorial Library \$2,500.00

Millington-Arbela Historical Society \$2,025.00

Van Buren

Paw Paw District Library \$4,000.00

South Haven Scott Club \$1,400.00

Van Buren District Library \$5,000.00

Washtenaw

Argus Museum/Washtenaw County Historical Society \$2,500.00

Wild Swan Theater \$5,000.00

Wayne

Dearborn Historical Museum \$6,600.00

Garden City Public Library \$5,000.00

A Host of People \$5,000.00

ACCESS (parent to the Arab American National Museum) \$5,000.00

Detroit Experience Factory \$7,500.00

Detroit Public Theatre \$5,000.00

Friends of Historical Hamtramck \$7,420.00

Plowshares Theatre Company \$10,000.00

Yankee Air Force/ Yankee Air Museum \$5,000.00

Wexford

Mid-Michigan Library League \$5,000.00