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More than \$367,000 in Recovery Funds Awarded to 47 Nonprofits by Wisconsin Humanities

MADISON, WI, December 6, 2021 – Across Wisconsin, 47 nonprofit organizations including libraries, civic and cultural groups, and historical societies, were awarded Wisconsin Humanities Recovery Grants to help the state prevent, prepare for, respond to, and recover from the pandemic. The awards represent the final round of [grants made by Wisconsin Humanities](#) with funds from the National Endowment for the Humanities and the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. More than \$422,000 in Recovery Grant funds were previously awarded to 52 organizations.

“We received 123 applications demonstrating more than \$1.7 million in need,” said Dena Wortzel, Executive Director of Wisconsin Humanities. “We weighed factors including need, location, strength of their public humanities work, the audience served, and how they would address the impacts of the pandemic. For this final recovery grant round, we made special efforts to reach organizations that connect with underserved audiences.”

Funds awarded will help organizations with everything from salary support and utility bills to strategic planning and cultural programming, and improving public access to communities’ history through digitization. “Clearly, a great deal of need remains for these cultural organizations,” says Wortzel. “We know our grants help them maintain their operations and find ways to bring educational and cultural programs back to their communities as we emerge from the pandemic.” None of the ARP funds were used to cover the cost of administering this special grant program.

The following organizations were awarded grants in this final round:

| Organization Name | Organization City | County |
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| Lake Superior Big Top Chautauqua | Washburn | Bayfield |
| Oulu Cultural & Heritage Center | Iron River | Bayfield |
| Mondovi Public Library | Mondovi | Buffalo |
| Burnett County Historical Society | Danbury | Burnett |
| Dane County Historical Society | Madison | Dane |
| Black Earth Public Library | Black Earth | Dane |

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| Dane County Library Service | Madison | Dane |
| UW-Madison - Center for the Humanities | Madison | Dane |
| Egg Harbor Historical Society | Egg Harbor | Door |
| L.E. Phillips Memorial Public Library | Eau Claire | Eau Claire |
| BODWEWADMIMWEN ETHE TEK, INC. | Wabeno | Forest |
| Forest County Historical Genealogical Society | Crandon | Forest |
| UW-Platteville | Platteville | Grant |
| Heritage Military Music Foundation | Watertown | Jefferson |
| Vang Council of La Crosse, Inc. | La Crosse | La Crosse |
| La Crosse Public Library | La Crosse | La Crosse |
| Lafayette County Historical Society | Darlington | Lafayette |
| T.B. Scott Free Library | Merrill | Lincoln |
| Milwaukee Preservation Alliance | Milwaukee | Milwaukee |
| Marquette University | Milwaukee | Milwaukee |
| Milwaukee County Historical Society | Milwaukee | Milwaukee |
| Southside Organizing Committee | Milwaukee | Milwaukee |
| Ex Fabula | Milwaukee | Milwaukee |
| CAPITA Productions, Inc. | Milwaukee | Milwaukee |
| UW-Milwaukee-Electa Quinney Institute for American Indian Education | Milwaukee | Milwaukee |
| Black Arts MKE, Inc. | Milwaukee | Milwaukee |
| Art Start | Milwaukee | Milwaukee |
| Frank Lloyd Wright's Burnham Block, Inc. | Milwaukee | Milwaukee |
| Bembe Drum and Dance | Milwaukee | Milwaukee |
| Oconto County Historical Society, Inc. | Oconto | Oconto |
| The Building for Kids, Inc. | Appleton | Outagamie |
| Oneida Nation | Oneida | Outagamie |
| Muehl Public Library | Seymour | Outagamie |
| African Heritage, Inc | Appleton | Outagamie |
| People of Progression INC | Appleton | Outagamie |
| Osceola Historical Society | Osceola | Polk |
| Philadelphia Community Farm, Inc. | Osceola | Polk |
| Portage County Historical Society | Stevens Point | Portage |
| Racine County Historical Society and Museum, Inc. | Racine | Racine |
| Roy Chapman Andrews Society | Beloit | Rock |
| Aldo Leopold Foundation, Inc. | Baraboo | Sauk |
| New Richmond Preservation Society | New Richmond | St. Croix |
| Western Taylor County Public Library | Gilman | Taylor |
| Rib Lake Public Library | Rib Lake | Taylor |
| Whitehall Public Library | Whitehall | Trempealeau |
| Waupaca Area Public Library | Waupaca | Waupaca |
| Patterson Memorial Library | Wild Rose | Waushara |

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About Wisconsin Humanities

Wisconsin Humanities is a leading statewide cultural organization founded in 1972 as the state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities. Its mandate is to support and create local and statewide public humanities programs of all kinds, and to strengthen the roots of community life through educational and cultural programs that inspire civic participation and individual imagination. WH's regular matching grant program awards close to \$200,000 annually for locally designed humanities projects developed by libraries, museums, and other community institutions for their communities. WH also develops its own programs, such as [Beyond the Headlines](#) and [Immigrant Journeys from South of the Border](#), to address topics of statewide interest. WH also produces [Love Wisconsin](#), the acclaimed digital storytelling platform. For more information about Wisconsin Humanities, visit <http://wisconsinhumanities.org> or connect on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/wihumanities/>.

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