

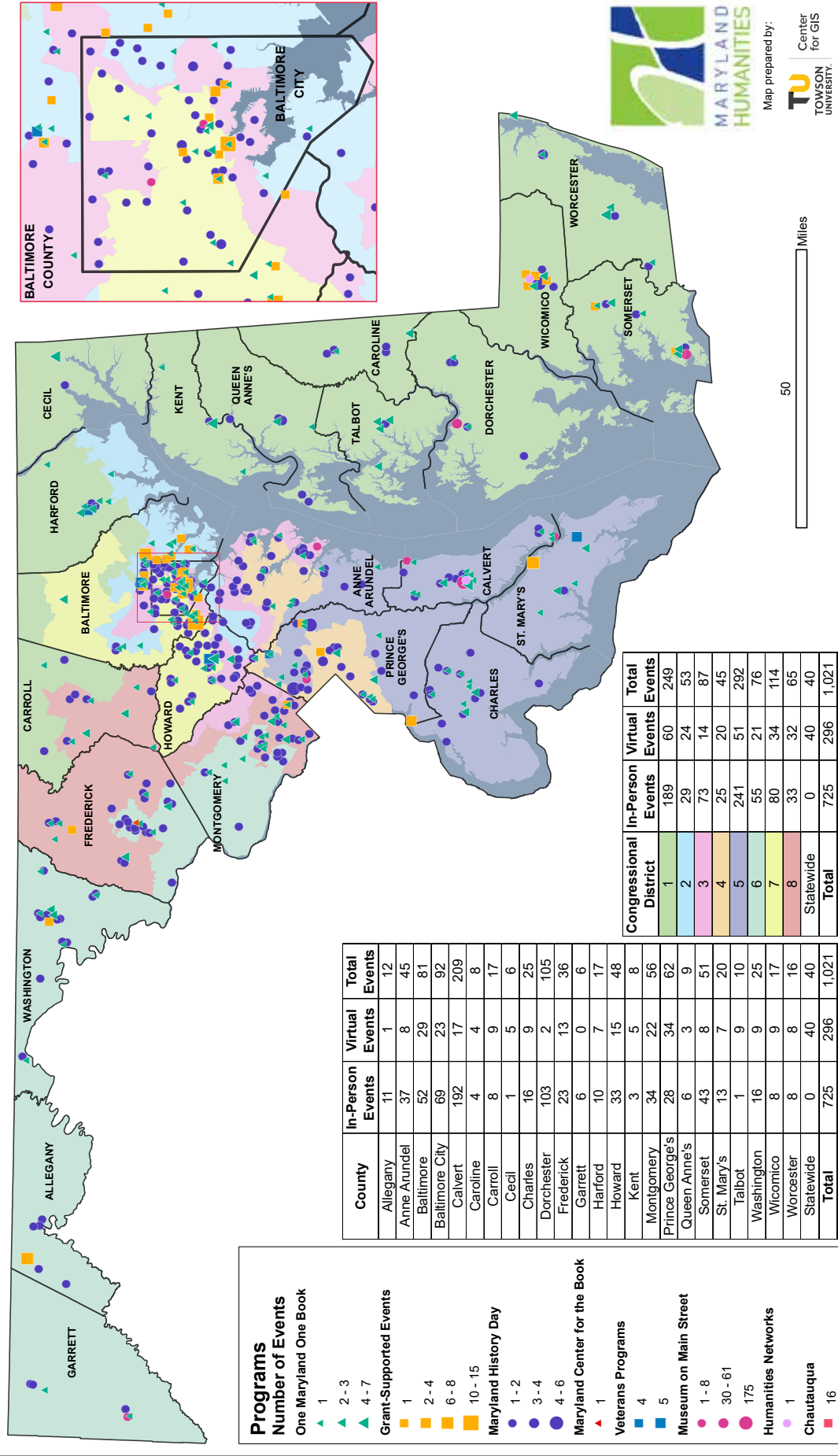


MARYLAND HUMANITIES



ANNUAL REPORT 2020

Maryland Humanities Program Activities | November 2019 — October 2020





MISSION

Maryland Humanities creates and supports educational experiences in the humanities that inspire all Marylanders to embrace lifelong learning, exchange ideas openly, and enrich their communities. Through collaborations with local partners in every county and Baltimore City, we offer the humanities both for their inherent pleasure and for their tremendous power to transform. Thank you for joining us on this journey, and we hope our work brought you great comfort over the past months. We can't do this without you!



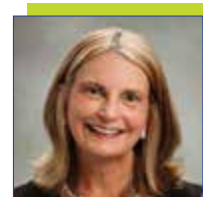
WELCOME

As you revisit 2020 with us, we hope that you are inspired by the events and activities that took place during a very unique year. Our primary goal is to provide critical opportunities throughout the state that ensure awareness of and underline the importance of the humanities. With the onset of the pandemic, Maryland Humanities quickly pivoted to provide online learning opportunities, as well as emergency relief funding to the most vulnerable of our colleague organizations. It was a year in which a worldwide pandemic changed our lives and one that we weathered, like all of you, to the best of our ability.

Thank you for your ongoing support of Maryland Humanities. Our year was made possible through your support and your continued belief that the humanities are what connects us, even during difficult times. You attended our events and programs, you connected through social media, and you supported the critical role of the humanities in our current and future lives. As you look back with us, we hope you discover something new about our programs and find a highlight which brings you a smile. Here's to the humanities, and here's to the people who bring the humanities to life!



Lindsey Baker
Executive Director



Mary Hastler
Chair, Board of Directors

YEAR AT A GLANCE

Thanks to your tremendous generosity—our supporters, partners, and friends—we are able to offer substantive, impactful humanities programs throughout our state and, new last year, beyond Maryland's borders online. Here's a snapshot of our service during our Fiscal Year 2020 (November 2019–October 2020).



81,479
TOTAL PARTICIPANTS



413
DONORS



123
TOWNS



37,952
YOUTH PARTICIPANTS



873
VOLUNTEERS



364
PARTNERS



190,862
AUDIENCE



221
SCHOLARS



725
IN-PERSON EVENTS



6,020
VOLUNTEER HOURS



15,443
SOCIAL MEDIA FOLLOWERS



296
VIRTUAL EVENTS



\$171,811
VALUE OF
VOLUNTEER HOURS



15,142
VIDEO VIEWS

ENRICHING COMMUNITIES

Gathering in-person or virtually with friends, neighbors, coworkers, classmates, or strangers. Spurring conversations across cultural, economic, generational, political, and racial divides. Sharing our stories with one another. Examining history and literature to give context to our current moment. Providing crucial grants for educational and cultural projects or to help keep small organizations afloat during a global pandemic. These are just some of the ways in which Maryland Humanities brings people together to enrich and strengthen our communities.

Chautauqua

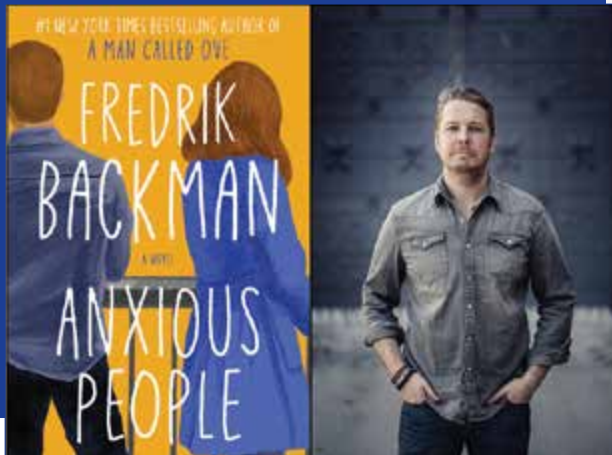


4 Historical Figures

26TH & Final Year

28 Streaming Days

3,969 Viewers / Streams



Veterans Book Groups

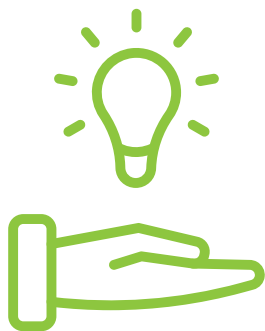


5 Host Partners

24 Discussions

176 Participants

Museum on Main Street



222 Exhibition Days

9 Field Trips

12 Book Clubs

83 Additional Activities

29,685 Participants

1 Exhibition on the Oxford-Bellevue Ferry



Additional Programs



87 Grant-supported events

5 Regional Humanities Networks



5 *Humanities Connection* broadcasts

21,787 *Humanities Connection* streams



1 **Maryland Center for the Book** book launch
(Fredrik Backman's *Anxious People*)

1 **Maryland Center for the Book** book festival
(National Book Festival)

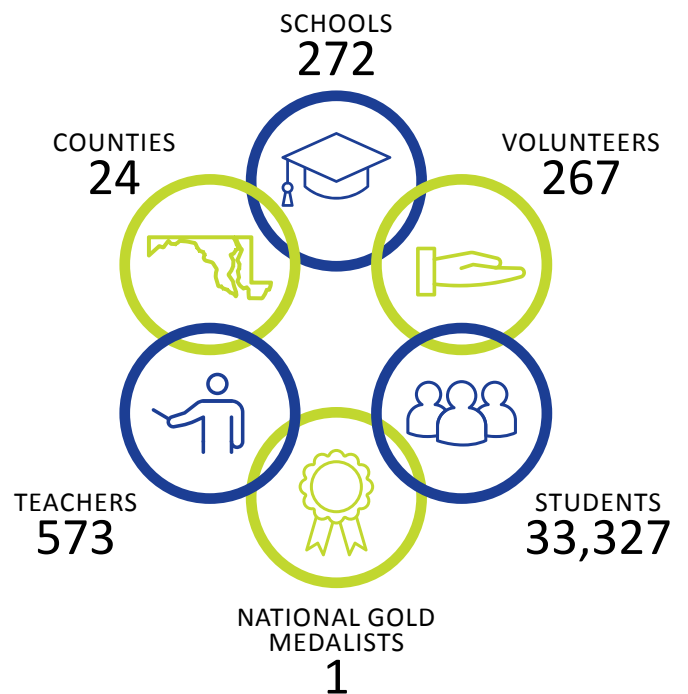
ENGAGING YOUTH

Maryland Humanities is devoted to cultivating curiosity and inspiring lifelong learning. Making sure that youth have ample opportunities to build critical thinking and writing skills is essential to future success in college and the workplace. By partnering to offer young people a solid foundation in the humanities and nurturing the joy and power of discovery, we help prepare them to be civically and culturally engaged adults. That's why some of our most impactful programs serve students and those who teach them in public, private, parochial, and home schools.

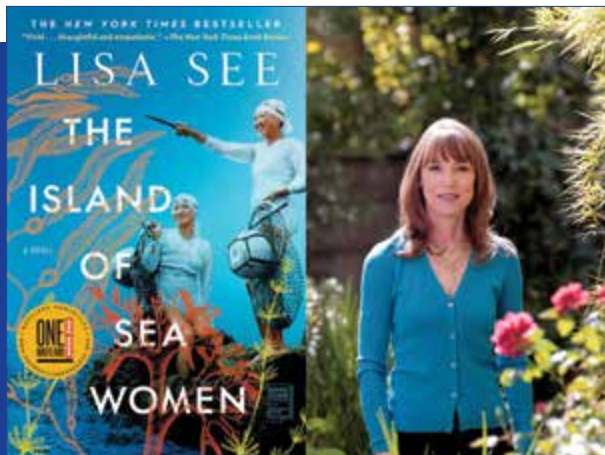
Maryland History Day gives middle and high school students a solid base in critical thinking, research and analysis, writing, and public speaking. Working solo or in small groups, students synthesize their research into original documentaries, exhibits, performances, papers, or websites. Exploring a tremendous breadth of historical topics on an annual theme, these young scholars progress through contests at the school, district, state, and national levels. A national study by Rockman et al found National History Day participants outperform peers on state assessments in social studies, reading, science, and math.



In the 2019–20 school year, the program experienced its highest participation ever, surpassing 33,000 students at the classroom level. Students and teachers benefit from workshops, mentoring, and professional development throughout the school year.

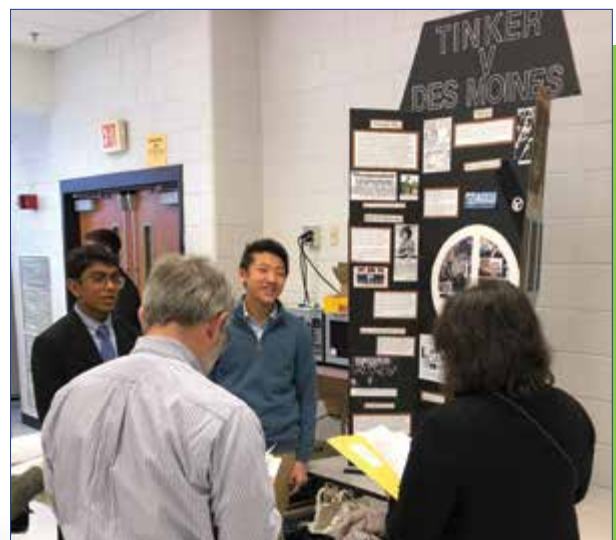


One Maryland One Book is a dynamic reading and discussion program for both youth and adults. With your support, we provide thousands of free copies of the chosen book to schools, libraries, and community partners annually. This includes printed, electronic, audio, and Braille copies. We also provide stipends to support partner-generated local activities and bring the author to Maryland to meet readers from across the state—for the first time virtually in 2020. An estimated 10,200 people participated last year, reading Lisa See’s riveting tale of friendship, *The Island of Sea Women*.



PROMOTING HISTORY AND LITERATURE

While the word humanities may call to mind a myriad academic disciplines, our programs tend to center upon history and literature as the most broad-based access points for greater engagement in them for youth and adults alike. But the humanities aren’t simply subjects of study; they’re grounded in activities we engage in to make sense of our lives and relate to our world. Passing down treasured family traditions, comparing past seasons’ performances by favorite sports teams, and responding to the actions of government officials entrusted to lead us all are all examples of “doing the humanities” in our daily lives.



GRANTS

Maryland Humanities supports innovative humanities projects with grants of up to \$10,000. During Fiscal Year 2020, we awarded 28 grants totaling \$147,921. Recipient organizations were based in 10 Maryland counties and Baltimore City, plus two out-of-state recipients with projects focused on Maryland stories or participants. Every grant was leveraged to secure additional community supporting funds, totaling \$417,851.

Anne Arundel County

Banneker-Douglass Museum Foundation
The Black Vote Mural Project
\$8,000

Forest Woods Media Productions/Bunny and Crocodile Press

The Poet and the Poem: Voices of Maryland Poets
\$1,000

Lost Towns Project

Anne Arundel's African American Heritage through Culinary Traditions
\$10,000

Baltimore City

Baltimore School for the Arts Foundation
Between the Shelves
\$5,150

Coppin State University Development Foundation

A Long Walk for African American Women: 125 Year Journey for Voting Rights (1895 to 2020)
\$1,000

The Peale Center for Baltimore History and Architecture

Universal Design Today
\$9,498

Baltimore County

Deer Creek Chorale

Celebrating the Gunpowder River in Poetry and Song
\$1,195

From the Heart Productions

Open Secrets Documentary
\$9,650

Historic Hampton

Ethnographic Study Lecture Series
\$1,200

Writing Hearts

Life Lessons
\$1,188

Calvert County

Community Mediation Center of Calvert County

Big Conversation on Dismantling Racism & Privilege: Many Wounds to Heal Health Care Inequity
\$1,200

Frederick County

Catoclin Furnace Historical Society

Stories of Slavery, Songs of Freedom: Exploring the Experience of Slavery in Maryland
\$1,200

Howard County

Bloc By Block News: Maryland

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\$10,000

Patapsco Heritage Greenway

Patapsco Days 2020
\$1,200

Montgomery County

Blair Network Communications

SilverLens
\$1,200

Docs in Progress

Silver Spring Screening Room
\$10,000

Historic Takoma

Stories from Takoma Park's African American Community
\$10,000

Imagination Stage

Oyeme Mas Fuerte (Hear Me Louder)
\$8,000

Olney Theatre Center

Perspectives on Home in a Multicultural America
\$8,000

Prince George's County

Accokeek Foundation

Strategic Land and River Conversations: Exploring Race and Culture through Stories from the Earth
\$8,000

Coalition for African Americans in the Performing Arts

Generations: Music and the Black Family Series
\$10,000

Prince George's Community College Foundation

Black Culture Matters Series
\$1,000

Somerset County

United Covenant Union

Crisfield Crab Pickers Oral History Project
\$9,592

Washington County

Urban Rural Action

Deepening Connection and Understanding Across Maryland's Urban/Rural Divide
\$1,000

Wicomico County

Salisbury Middle School

Salisbury Poetry Week
\$999

Wicomico Public Libraries

Jazz and the Civil Rights Movement
\$2,500

Out of State

MedStar Institute for Quality & Safety, Center for Healthcare Narratives

Please See Me: An Online Literary Journal for Healthcare Narratives
\$7,750

University of Nebraska—Lincoln

The Bell Affair: A Documentary Animated Film Reframing American Slavery and Freedom
\$8,399



CARES ACT EMERGENCY RELIEF GRANTS

We were privileged to be entrusted by the US Congress and the National Endowment for the Humanities with awarding more than a half-million dollars in COVID-relief funding to Maryland nonprofit organizations negatively impacted by the effects of the pandemic. We awarded 100 grants of \$5,150 to the following organizations, each with an annual operating budget of \$300,000 or less, reaching 22 counties and Baltimore City.

Allegany County

Allegany Museum
Evergreen Heritage Center Foundation
Frostburg Museum Association

Anne Arundel County

American Institute of Architects,
Chesapeake Bay Chapter
Banneker-Douglass Museum Foundation
Chesapeake Children's Museum
Galesville Community Center
Severn Crossroads Foundation/Baldwin Hall

Baltimore City

Afro Charities
Bach in Baltimore/Bach Concert Series
Baltimore Architecture Foundation
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New Lens
Peale Center for Baltimore History and Architecture
Poe Baltimore
Raymond Banks 'A Way With Words' Foundation
Society for the Preservation of Federal Hill
and Fell's Point
Star-Spangled Banner Flag House Association

Baltimore County

Fire Museum of Maryland
Friends of Jerusalem Mill
Historical Society of Baltimore County
Maryland Lynching Memorial Project
Maryland Women's Heritage Center
Preservation Alliance of Baltimore County
SeaAffinity
Todd's Inheritance Historic Site
Writing Hearts

Calvert County

Bayside History Museum
Calvert County Historical Society
Southern Maryland Community Resources

Caroline County

Caroline County Council of Arts
Federalsburg Historical Society

Carroll County

Union Mills Homestead Foundation

Cecil County

Port Deposit Heritage Corporation

Charles County

Farm Heritage Conservancy
Life Journeys Writers Club
Maryland Veterans Museum at Patriot Park
Neighborhood Creative Arts Center
Society for the Restoration of Port Tobacco

Dorchester County

Cambridge Community Radio
Cambridge Main Street
Richardson Maritime Museum

Frederick County

African-American Resources Cultural
Heritage Society/AARCH
Brunswick Potomac Foundation
Catoclin Furnace Historical Society
Frederick County Landmarks Foundation
Global Z Recording Project

Garrett County

Garrett County Historical Society
Garrett Lakes Arts Festival

Harford County

Friends of the Concord Point Lighthouse
Havre de Grace Maritime Museum
Historical Society of Harford County
Hosanna Community House/
Hosanna School Museum
Steppingstone Museum Association
Susquehanna Museum of Havre de Grace

Howard County

Howard County Historical Society

Kent County

Eastern Shore Heritage
G.A.R. Post #25/Sumner Hall

Montgomery County

Ally Theatre Company
Association of Vietnamese Americans
Docs In Progress
Heritage Tourism Alliance of Montgomery County
Peerless Rockville Historic Preservation Ltd.

Prince George's County

Coalition for African Americans
in the Performing Arts
Educare Resource Center
Global Health and Education Projects
James Agee Film Project



Laurel Historical Society
National Capital Radio and Television Museum
People for Change Coalition
Prince George's African American Museum
and Cultural Center
Sound Theory Urban Development Youth Outreach
The 13th Man

Queen Anne's County

Queen Anne's County Arts Council

Somerset County

Crisfield and Smith Island Cultural Alliance
Crisfield Heritage Foundation

Talbot County

Character Counts Mid Shore
Chesapeake Film Festival
Oxford Community Center
Oxford Museum

Washington County

Doleman Black Heritage Museum
Hagerstown Aviation Museum
Hagerstown Roundhouse Museum
Sharpsburg Historical Society
Washington County Historical Society

Wicomico County

Tri Community Mediation

Worcester County

Delmarva Discovery Center & Museum
Friends of the Julia A. Purnell Museum
Rackliffe House Trust

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FINANCIALS

REVENUES

Total \$2,272,404

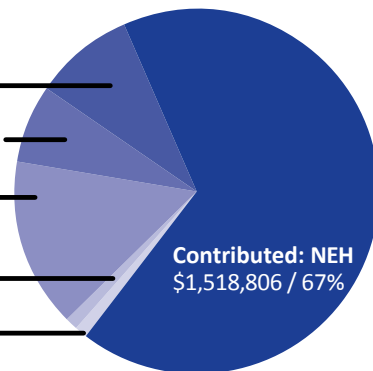
Contributed: Other Federal
\$194,355 / 9%

Contributed: State of Maryland
\$162,716 / 7%

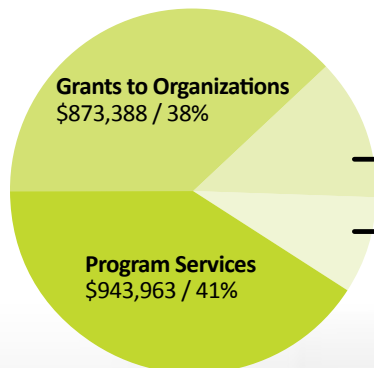
Contributed: Private & Special Events
\$351,930 / 15%

In-Kind Services
\$30,540 / 1%

Other Income & Interest
\$14,057 / 1%



Change in Net Assets (\$22,320)



EXPENSES

Total \$2,294,724

Management
\$284,612 / 12.5%

Fundraising
\$192,761 / 8.5%

STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION: FY20

Assets

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|----------------------|---------------------|
| Cash & Investments | \$ 726,719 |
| Receivables | \$ 633,037 |
| Prepaid Expenses | \$ 18,678 |
| Property & Equipment | \$ 50,853 |
| Total | \$ 1,429,287 |

Liabilities and Fund Balances

Liabilities

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|-------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Accounts Payable & Accrued Expenses | \$ 55,224 |
| Regrants Payable | \$ 999 |
| Capital Lease | \$ 21,195 |
| Loan Payable | \$ 188,871 |
| Subtotal | \$ 266,289 |

Fund Balances

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|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| Net Assets: Unrestricted | \$ 1,128,929 |
| Net Assets: With Restrictions | \$ 34,069 |
| Subtotal | \$ 1,162,998 |

Total \$ 1,429,287

LOOKING AHEAD

Now that you've had a look back at some of the highlights of 2020, please enjoy this overview of some exciting new developments for the next 12 months.

SHARP Grants

Building upon our experience with the CARES Act Emergency Relief Fund, we are honored to distribute \$910,000 through our Sustaining the Humanities through the American Rescue Plan (SHARP) Recovery Grants Fund. Our goal is to sustain Maryland's public humanities infrastructure. The grants ensure that small organizations negatively impacted by COVID-19 can continue to provide opportunities for Maryland's communities to access and engage with public history, cultural heritage, and civic learning during this ongoing crisis. Grants will support general operating expenses. We have purposely focused our efforts on creating the most simple process with the widest reach for organizations around the state.

Grants Program Shifts from Project to General Operating Support

We will soon transition our grant program to awards exclusively for General Operating Support—unrestricted funding that allows a non-profit organization to focus on its mission instead of specific projects. We are following best practices and trends in grantmaking as they evolve. A growing number of funders are listening and trusting that organizations are best positioned to determine their needs to support sustainable programming, and we now join them in doing so. We have heard repeatedly that general operating support allows grantees to concentrate on doing great work, not just creating programming that matches a funder's

criteria. This shift broadens our interest in the health and success of the whole organization and their mission instead of a narrower focus on a one-time program.

Growth of the Regional Humanities Networks

Our Regional Humanities Networks (RHN) are focused on how organizations in different sectors—including but not limited to community organizations, universities, colleges, libraries, museums, and historical societies—can pool their resources in order to assess, enhance, and communicate their public impact in ways that ultimately foster greater regional support for the humanities. The result of these convenings is that local humanities organizations will collaborate, share resources, and demonstrate to local stakeholders and policymakers the value of humanities work in their communities. We look forward to expanding our RHN this year, both in number and in capacity.

Towards a More Perfect Union

With special funding from the National Endowment for the Humanities, we will create opportunities for Marylanders to reflect on our shared history, the way in which our democracy works, and their roles in our great civic experiment. This project will build upon the framework of several of our existing programs to highlight themes of civic engagement, racial equity, citizenry, belonging, and other relevant themes to be identified by our partners. Keep an eye out for our growing statewide digital young voter story collection initiative, opportunities for deeper statewide professional development among nonprofit professionals and educators, and support to schools seeking to build back stronger in 2022 and beyond.

Racial Equity

Building upon the work we have done so far, we will continue identifying, learning, and practicing racial equity, both internally and externally. We will continue examining our organization's practices, policies, and programming, with the intention of coordinating institutional resources to prioritize racial equity for our staff, board, community partners, and the greater Maryland community. This will include both a continuation of our Beyond the Statements speaker series on operationalizing equity principles in humanities organizations and creating new standards of collaboration for internal and external stakeholders.





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