

May 2022 Veteran's Creative Writing Workshop in St. Louis

THIS POEM

*This is a spirit poem
Beating my breast like a drum
Hot like juju
A sweatin/soulin poem
Dragging swansongs and silence like night
Dragging rusted chains w/no grace
Pulling the weepin and waitin
Thru the middle passage
A sweatin/soulin poem
With screaming in the eye...
This is a today poem/a callin poem
To break the yoke of lies
And be blessed
A woman calling poem to walk in grace
Thru her storm, suck up the light drink Fresh water take her place in the sun
And be healed
A man calling poem to rise up make his bed Gather his loins/his courage/
His babies/his women
And be healed...
A children calling poem to gather the power of the sun
To break the yoke of lies
And be blessed*



Guest at the 2022 Keynote Speaker in St. Louis



Filming of "Won't You Feed My Neighbor?" at Green Acres Urban Farm & Research Project in Kansas City

2022 ANNUAL REPORT

For a more thoughtful, informed, and civil society.



A letter from our **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Dear Friends,

Missouri Humanities has always been about bringing people together to explore what connects us and enriches our lives. Our work opens minds to a deeper understanding around preserving past events, guiding us through the present, and empowering us to create the future we envision. 2022 was an exceptional year for our team. Our staff and Board of Directors united around a shared vision to offer innovative programming, efficiently operate, expand connections, and promote the state's numerous and various cultural heritage opportunities and venues.

It was a year for expanding strategic partnerships. In addition to hosting our first book festival, we proudly increased our investment in local communities through grantmaking. We significantly grew the Missouri Humanities membership program and drastically expanded rural outreach through the Missouri Speakers Bureau.

We look forward to partnering with you to build on our success by strengthening communities and enriching lives as we explore the truth about the human experience. Together we will help every Missourian be entuned with the soul of our state. On behalf of the Missouri Humanities Board of Directors and staff, we thank you for your support and offer this report.

**Sincerely,
Ashley Beard-Fosnow**

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Fiscal Year 2022

INCOME

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| NEH Multi Year | \$998,050* |
| Missouri Cultural Trust Spending Authority | \$1,537,450 |
| Contributions | \$67,854 |
| Other | \$7,588 |

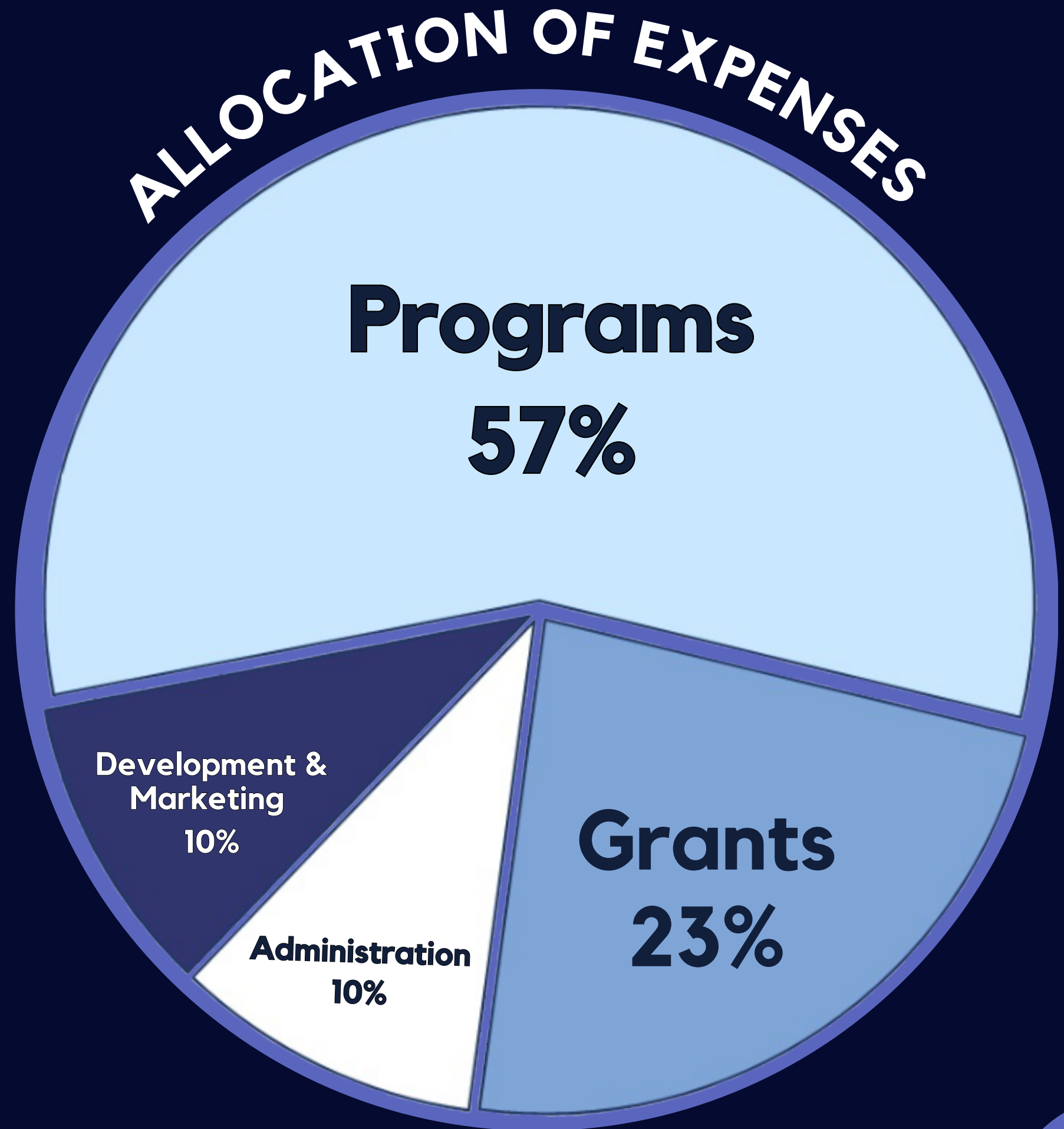
EXPENSES

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| MH Programs | \$947,922 |
| Grants | \$389,207 |
| Administrative | \$167,367 |
| Development and Marketing | \$163,168 |

TOTAL EXPENSES \$1,667,664

ENDING NET ASSETS \$2,931,381

* Multi-year grant which carries forward through 2024.



**WE PROVIDED 208
PUBLIC PROGRAMS AND
OPPORTUNITIES IN 2022
IN OVER 70 COUNTIES.**

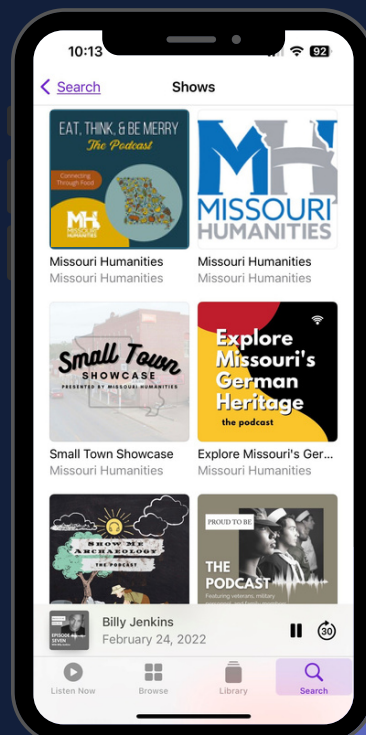


**ENGAGING OVER
153,867 MISSOURIANS.**

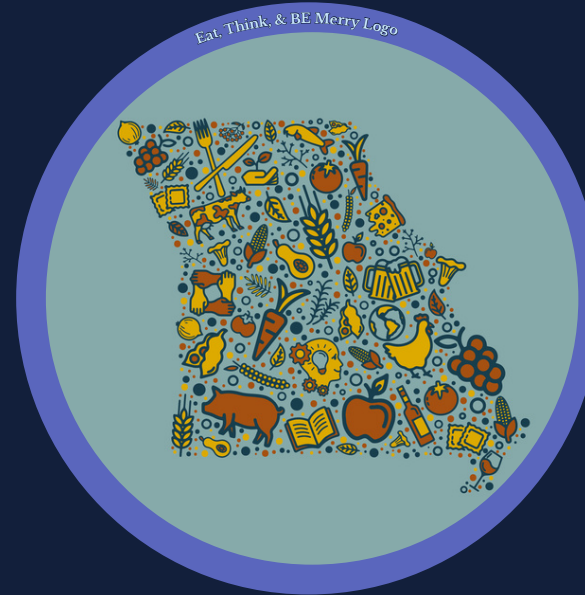
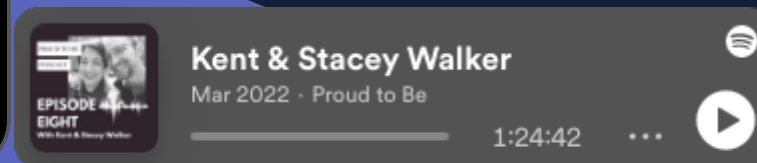
OUR MISSION

Connecting Missourians to the people, places, and ideas that shape our society.

WE LAUNCHED THREE NEW PODCAST SERIES AND MORE THAN 18 HOURS OF AUDIO CONTENT IN 2022.



Scan here to find our podcasts on Spotify, Apple Podcasts, Sticher, or wherever you get your podcasts.



"Eat, THINK, & Be Merry" Signature Series

In FY22, we gathered Missourians "around the table" for digital, in-person, and virtual public programs to explore food's role in shaping our society—how it connects us, our pasts and identities, our Midwest roots, and the world around us. Over 2,000 individuals joined us for 16 unique programs, including foraging hikes, a scholarly symposium, expert panels, cooking demonstrations, and more. Together, we examined Missouri's foodways and culinary traditions to celebrate the breadth and depth of Missouri's cultural heritage, natural environment, history, and the relationship between food and the human experience.

Education

Our Education programs provide opportunities for Missourians to connect to the humanities through traveling exhibits, events, and lectures. This includes our Environmental Humanities programming and our Missouri Speakers' Bureau. A total of 64 Speakers' Bureau programs were hosted at local educational and cultural organizations across Missouri, reaching a total audience of over 3,500 Missourians in FY22.

Literacy

Our Literature programs commemorate and promote appreciation for Missouri's rich literary heritage. We have partnered with the Library of Congress and local literary-related organizations to bring an annual statewide book festival and regional and local educational programs highlighting Missouri authors and literary heritage to the state. In FY22, we co-hosted the inaugural Missouri Book Festival in Washington, MO and represented Missouri literature at the 22nd annual Library of Congress National Book Festival in Washington, D.C.

Heritage

Our Heritage programs promote Missouri's rich cultural heritage and historical significance. We offered 36 unique programs, digitally and in-person, including scholar panels, cultural heritage workshops, podcast series, and a video series — reaching over 13,000 Missourians. Our programs focused on preserving Native American, German, Civil War, and rural cultural heritage.



Veterans

In FY22, MH presented 2 Veterans Writing programs, published Volume 10 of *Proud to Be: Writings by American Warriors*, and continued to release new episodes of the *Proud to Be* podcast. We also hosted the virtual event, "A Conversation with Dorinda Makanaonalani Nicholson, 'The Pearl Harbor Child.'" We reached 396 veterans, civilians, and military family members.



MOmentum Gala

The 2022 Annual MOmentum Gala featured author and Soul Food Scholar Adrian Miller. Mr. Miller and the gala guests explored the history and impact of soul food and barbecue, spotlighting the lives of the many Black men and women who played vital roles in the evolution of American Cuisine and the American story—the night also featured a reading by poet Jason Vasser-Elong and a custom tasting menu by James Beard Award Semi-Finalist Chef Ben Welch. The night was a great success, hosting a record number of guests to celebrate African American foodways and the humanities in Missouri.



OVER 26,000
INDIVIDUALS VIEWED
OUR VIDEO SERIES AND
DIGITAL CONTENT IN
2022.



Scan the QR Code or search
Missouri Humanities on
Youtube to find our "Small
Town Showcase" series or our
short film, "Won't You Feed
My Neighbor?"



OUR VISION

For a more thoughtful, informed, and civil society.



Film still for Marble Hill's Small Town Showcase Video



Reenactors at 'The Green Table' event in September 2022



Staff at the 'Foraging' Friends Membership Social: 'Drinking Ozark History' event at Bulfinch Restaurant



Filming for Mountain Grove's Small Town Showcase Video



Staff member Marlyn Webster-Brown being honored at the McQuinn Cafe



Guests at the Annual Women's Gala in St. Louis



Film still for Marble Hill's Small Town Showcase Video

“ —
"The film and panel discussion made growing food feel more accessible and made me more confident that I have talents (such as advocacy, letter writing, etc.) that can support efforts towards food security."
— ”
- Testimonial from "Won't You Feed My Neighbor" Virtual Screening and Panel Discussion.

“ —
"This event made me feel our stories and histories are valuable in the development of the area. The people gathered and shared memories that gave appreciation and insight to pass on to future generations."
— ”
- Testimonial from the "Capturing our Living Past" Cultural Heritage Workshop in St. Louis.

WE AWARDED \$360,523 IN MINI & MAJOR GRANTS STATEWIDE, SUPPORTING 74 MISSOURI ORGANIZATIONS. THESE PROJECTS FUNDED BY OUR AWARDS REACHED APPROXIMATELY 24,176 INDIVIDUALS IN FY22.

17th Annual Ancestors Gourde Dance and Pow Wow | The Red Star Intertribal Gourd Dance Society | *Cass County, MO*

2022-2023 Whitaker Jazz Speaks Performance Series | Jazz St. Louis | *St. Louis, MO*

39th Annual Churchill Conference | America's National Churchill Museum | *Fulton, MO*

Action: A New Play About Percy Green | The Action Art Collaborative | *St. Louis, MO*

An Evening with Nick Cave | Westminster College | *Fulton, MO*

ArtOberfest | Rockurst University | *Kansas City, MO*

Back to School with Books | A Red Circle | *St. Louis, MO*

Black History Summer Academy | Drury University | *Springfield, MO*

Blind Boone Ragtime Concerts and Symposium | John William Boone Heritage Foundation | *Columbia, MO*

Books in Bloom | City of Charleston | *Charleston, MO*

Celebrating Chillicothe's Slice History | *Chillicothe, MO*

Celebrating Diverse Cultures | Mattie Rhodes Center | *Kansas City, MO*

City of Hermann Caboose Museum Conductor Statue | City of Hermann | **Hermann, MO**

Civics for Service Leadership and Initiative of the Educated Citizen Project | The Educated Citizen Project | *Springfield, MO*

Community Accelerator | Lincoln University | *Jefferson City, MO*

Courage Earned Us Freedom, Confidence, the Future | Great Rivers Greenway | *St. Louis, MO*

Der Besen, das Brot, der Zucker, das Salz | Marais des Cygnes Society | *Butler, MO*

Drag Queen Story Time and Weekly Words | The Arts Asylum | *Kansas City, MO*

Equitable Access to the Humanities in KC | Turn the Page KC | *Kansas City, MO*

Faulker and Jesmyn Ward Conference | Southeast Missouri State University | *Cape Girardeau, MO*

Fifteenth Annual Best Practices in History Education Conference | Missouri Council for History Education | *St. Louis, MO*

Youth Diplomats Institute | Global Ties KC | *Kansas City, MO*

Hermann History Project | City of Hermann, MO | *Hermann, MO*

Historic Buildings in Downtown Webb City Trolley Tour Booklet | Webb City Historical Society | *Webb City, MO*

Historic Missouri | University of Central Missouri | *Warrensburg, MO*

History Alive! | Nodaway County Historical Society Museum | *Nodaway, MO*

Improving Digital Humanities | Lindenwood University | *St. Charles, MO*

International Education Month 2022 | Missouri State University | *Springfield, MO*

Interviews With Heroes | Veterans Museum of St. Charles | *St. Charles, MO*

M. Charles Rhinehart Exhibit | Kellerman Foundation for Historic Preservation | *Cape Girardeau, MO*

Magician in Residence | The Kaleidoscope Discovery Center | *Rolla, MO*

Maya: The Exhibition | Union Station Kansas City | *Kansas City, MO*

Missouri Conference on History | Missouri Conference on History | *Columbia, MO*

Quilt Trail | Missouri Hwy 36 Heritage Alliance | *Buchanan, MO*

Missouri's Premier Revitalization Conference | Missouri Main Street Connection | *Branson, MO*

More Than Just Music | National Blues Museum | *St. Louis, MO*

National History Day in Missouri | The State Historical Society | *Columbia, MO*

Neosho Historic Mural Audio Guide | Neosho Arts Council | *Neosho, MO*

Old Mines 300th Anniversary Picture Book | Old Mines Area Historical Society | *Potosi, MO*

Pages of History | Forest Grove Cemetery Project | *Blue Springs, MO*

Picturing Springfield: Discovering Springfield Neighborhoods | Drury University | *Springfield, MO*

Pioneer Kids Day Camp | Cass County Missouri Historical Society | *Harrisonville, MO*

Poems of Childhood Exhibit | The Field House Museum | *St. Louis, MO*

Printing of Special Edition Magazine | Adair County Historical Society | *Kirkville, MO*

Pruitt's Possum Town: A Visual Crossroads of Culture and History Illuminating Past, Present, & Future | Curators of the University of Missouri Columbia | *Columbia, MO*

Promotional and Educational Opportunity in Support of Ulysses S. Grant | City of Pacific | *Pacific, MO*

Reading Missouri Women's History in the Prison Classroom | Washington University in St. Louis | *St. Louis, MO*

Readings and Conversations with Prize-Winning Writers at the Missouri Review | Curators of the University of Missouri Columbia | *Columbia, MO*

Reconstruction and Industrialization Exhibit Installation | Webster Groves Historical Society | *St. Louis, MO*

Regarding (RE:) Art and Humanities Lecture Series | Contemporary Art Museum St. Louis | *St. Louis, MO*

Revitalizing the Hall of Fame Through New Exhibits | Missouri Sports Hall of Fame | *Springfield, MO*

Route 66: The Untold Story of Women on the Mother Road Screening and Panel Discussion | Missouri Route 66 Association | *Springfield, MO*

Save our History | Bollinger County | *Bollinger, MO*

Saxon Lutheran Memorial Fall Festival | Saxon Lutheran Memorial, Inc. | *Frohna, MO*

Sharing the Whole Story: Teaching the Black American Experience | US Central and Southern Province | *St. Louis, MO*

Spotlight On...Festival of New Works | Prism Theater Company | *St. Louis, MO*

Teaching Teachers for National History Day | Missouri Council for Social Studies | *St. Louis, MO*

The 54th Children's Literature Festival | University of Central Missouri | *Warrensburg, MO*

The Best of Presser Summer Camp | Presser Hall Restoration Society | *Mexico, MO*

The Hodimont Tracks: An Oral History Project | St. Louis Association of Community Organization | *St. Louis, MO*

The Nisei Project | Park University | *Kansas City, MO*

The RIPPLE Interpretive Exhibit and Community Conversations | Kansas City Repertory Theater | *Kansas City, MO*

The Rose Tatto Public Education Project | Tennessee Williams Festival | *St. Louis, MO*

The Why of MY City | Saint Louis Story Stitchers Artists | *St. Louis, MO*

The Wonders of Washington County MO | Washington County Commission | *Washington, MO*

Tomahawk Trail Augmented Reality Experience | Greater St. Louis Area Council Boy Scouts | *St. Louis, MO*

Trail of Tears Geo-Referenced, Interactive, Multilayered, Online Map of the Northern Route in Missouri | Trail of Tears Association, Missouri | *Cape Girardeau, MO*

Veterans Honor Garden Time Capsule Project | Houn' Dawg Alumni & Outreach Center | *Aurora, MO*

Vidwest Digital Storytelling Workshop | Vidwest | *Columbia, MO*

Virtual Tour of the Phelps County Museum | Phelps County Historical Society | *Rolla, MO*

Website Refresh and Design-Bringing the Museum to the Public | Missouri Sports Hall of Fame | *Springfield, MO*

West Plains Senior Center Oral History Magazine | Senior Age Area Agency on Aging | *Springfield, MO*

WE AWARDED OVER \$878,000 TO 29 MISSOURI CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS PROVIDING HUMANITIES PROGRAMMING IN 2022 THROUGH THE *SUSTAINING THE HUMANITIES THROUGH THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN* (#SHARP) ALLOCATED BY THE NEH.

These grant awards served to help Missouri's cultural organizations recover from the economic impact of the pandemic, retain and rehire workers, and reopen sites, facilities, and programs. These programs reached over 49,639 participants statewide.

**Adair County Historical Society |
Kirkville, MO**

Audrain County Historical Society |
Mexico, MO

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Commission | Warrenton, MO

**Cape Girardeau County
Historical Society | Jackson, MO**

Cass County Historical Society,
Inc. | Harrisonville, MO

Franklin County Historical
Society | Union, MO

**Friends of Historic
Booneville | Booneville, MO**

Friends of Missouri Governor's
Mansion | Jefferson City, MO

Friends of the Missouri State
Archives | Jefferson City, MO

**Historical Society of Maries
County | Vienna, MO**

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Joseph, MO

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Learning Center | Ste. Genevieve,
MO**

St. Joseph Museums, Inc. | St.
Joseph, MO

The James Foundation -
Meramec Spring Park | St. James,
MO

The Curators of the University of
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**The State Historical Society of
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