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# **CFVI Announces \$200,000 Available in Grants for Humanities**

Funding provided by the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Thursday, September 30, 2021

**U.S.** Virgin Islands, August 18, 2021 — The Community Foundation of the Virgin Islands (CFVI) is offering \$200,000 in humanities grants, with funding provided by the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) as part of the emergency and ongoing funding from the American Rescue Plan (ARP).



To meet this need, the NEH has <u>distributed \$51.6 million in funding to the 56 state</u> and <u>jurisdictional humanities councils and interim partners</u>, the agency's first awards under the ARP Act of 2021. These funds will support humanities organizations, programs, and professionals at the local level, advancing economic recovery within a cultural sector devastated by the COVID-19 pandemic.

CFVI applied for and was awarded NEH funding that the Foundation will subaward to eligible entities throughout the USVI to support humanities programming and activities, with priority going to humanities-focused organizations.

Grants of up to \$20,000 are available to facilitate the recovery of humanities organizations and humanities programming from the COVID-19 pandemic, via humanities programs, projects, and initiatives such as book festivals, literacy campaigns, speaker's bureaus, teacher development, cultural tourism, humanities publications, films, exhibitions, and projects that preserve and provide access to cultural and educational resources in the U.S. Virgin Islands. Applicants must indicate how they have been adversely impacted by the pandemic in their applications, consistent with the purposes of the American Rescue Plan.

Applications must be submitted by September 30, 2021. For more information on grant requirements or to submit an application, visit **cfvi.net**.

Applicants with additional questions are encouraged to contact Beth Nuttall at <a href="mailto:bethn@cfvi.net">bethn@cfvi.net</a>.

The term 'humanities' includes, but is not limited to, the study and interpretation of the following: language, both modern and classical; linguistics; literature; history; jurisprudence; philosophy; archaeology; comparative religion; ethics; the history, criticism and theory of the arts; those aspects of the social sciences which have humanistic content and employ humanistic methods; and the study and application of the humanities to the human environment with particular attention to reflecting our diverse heritage, traditions, and history and to the relevance of the humanities to the current conditions of national life. (Source: NEH.gov)

#### **About the Community Foundation of the Virgin Islands**

Since 1990, CFVI has been a catalyst for positive change in the Territory through initiatives committed to youth, learning, family support and the environment. With a professional staff and a volunteer Board of Directors composed of community leaders, CFVI is a trusted advocate and supporter of programs that ensure opportunity and sustainability for current and future generations. CFVI is a registered non-profit organization entirely supported by individual donors, grants, trusts, corporate donations and estate planning. For more information, visit cfvi.net.

## **About the National Endowment for the Humanities**

Created in 1965 as an independent federal agency, the National Endowment for the Humanities supports research and learning in history, literature, philosophy, and other areas of the humanities by funding selected, peer-reviewed proposals from around the nation. Additional information about the National Endowment for the Humanities and its grant programs is available at: <a href="www.neh.gov">www.neh.gov</a>.

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