Grant Program

We partner with museums, libraries, educational institutions, and civic organizations to bring people together, start conversations, and promote the meaningful exchange of ideas and perspectives. Our grants support diverse cultural and educational programs and resources, such as walking tours, exhibitions, lectures, civic conversations, film festivals, and book talks. Over the last 5 years, we have given more than $400,000 to organizations that leverage matching funds to extend the reach of programming in their local communities.

FOR EVERY $1 WE SPEND
$4 IS INVESTED LOCALLY

CARES Act Grants | $644,200 awarded to Georgia organizations

We awarded $644,200 to humanities organizations in every congressional district in our state. CARES grants allowed organizations to keep staff employed; to protect facilities and collections; to pivot to virtual and digital programming; and to prepare facilities for safely reopening.

ARP Grants | $1.03+ million awarded to Georgia organizations

We awarded more than $1.03 million in Sustaining the Humanities through the American Rescue Plan grants. Funds supported 78 museums, libraries, historical societies, higher education institutions, and other cultural organizations in every congressional district of the state, allowing recipients to offer programs, sustain operations, and build capacity to recover from the effects of the pandemic.
New Georgia Encyclopedia

The New Georgia Encyclopedia is a digital resource of original content, fact-checked and authoritative, on our state’s history and culture. It’s an essential resource for educators, journalists, tourists, and other curious people. Sustained in partnership with UGA Press, University System of Georgia/GALILEO, and UGA Libraries. Reaches more than 1.5 million users each year in all 159 Georgia counties as well as beyond the state and nation.

National History Day Georgia

Students in grades 6-12 immerse themselves in a topic through in-depth research and showcase their findings with documentaries, websites, exhibits, performances, or papers. About 11,000 Georgia students participate each year. Teacher workshops and institutes are offered in summer. “Research Roundup” events allow students access to collections at libraries, archives, and museums for conducting primary source research.

Democracy & the Informed Citizen

An initiative that explores the essential roles of the humanities and journalism in fostering an informed citizenry and, in turn, a healthy democracy. Its primary goal is to increase media and news literacy and to encourage civic engagement. Includes public programs, How Journalists and the Public Shape Our Democracy guidebook, and KnowYourNews.org. Another aim is to expand support for local journalism and community stories.
Founded in 1971, Georgia Humanities is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and an affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities. We are the only organization in Georgia providing statewide support for the humanities. In this role, we share and support programming that engages all ages and backgrounds to explore what shapes us as individuals and binds us together as Georgians.

What We Do:

- **Invest in Local Communities:** Georgia Humanities invests in and supports our state’s cultural infrastructure through grants to museums, libraries, historical societies, and other cultural organizations.

- **Support K12 Education:** Georgia Humanities provides resources for thousands of students and teachers each year through National History Day Georgia, an inquiry- and project-based curriculum that teaches research, analysis, and communication skills.

- **Preserve and Share Our State’s Rich History:** The New Georgia Encyclopedia — the nation’s first born-digital encyclopedia — is a free, accessible, and authoritative resource on Georgia’s history and culture that reaches more than 1.5 million users each year in all 159 Georgia counties.

- **Promote Literacy and Lifelong Learning:** Georgia Humanities partners with public libraries for PRIME TIME Family Reading Time, a community literacy program. We also work with the UGA Press and Mercer University Press to produce new books about our state.

- **Celebrate the Lasting Impact of the Humanities:** Georgia Humanities, in partnership with the Office of the Governor, and Georgia Council for the Arts, recognizes individuals and organizations that have made outstanding contributions to the civic or cultural vitality of the state through the Governor’s Awards for the Arts & Humanities.

Check out our 2021-2022 Annual Report!