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## **Federal Cuts Put Humanities at Risk in Kansas** **National Endowment for the Humanities Funding Cuts Impact State**

TOPEKA – The future of Humanities Kansas (HK) is at risk due to DOGE recommendation for cuts to the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH). The cuts will force HK to significantly scale back or cut grants, programs, and operations.

Since 1972, NEH has supported HK's history presentations, book discussions, community oral history projects, Smithsonian traveling exhibitions, veterans initiatives and other one-of-a-kind grassroots projects. These resources are free for Kansas museums, libraries, senior centers, and other community cultural organizations and free for Kansans to attend. HK's programming takes place in Kansas communities of all sizes, with 62 percent happening in communities of 20,000 or less.

HK is the only statewide provider of humanities resources in Kansas. In 2024, HK partnered with 251 organizations to present 488 humanities events in 126 communities. More than 607,000 Kansans – or 1 in 5 Kansans – engaged with thoughtful and important programming exploring Kansas stories.

"Kansans love history, literature, culture – the humanities," shared Julie Mulvihill, executive director of Humanities Kansas. "And what I think they love most is the opportunity to make connections between people and places across generations. Humanities Kansas, with funding from NEH, teams up with local museums and libraries, historians, and artists to bring these stories to life. A great state, like a great nation, invests in the stories of its history and people. It's really that simple. We should be doing more of this work, not less. Democracy depends on it."

HK remains open and continues to offer limited resources, but future funding is at risk. More information and funding updates are available at [humanitieskansas.org](http://humanitieskansas.org).

### **About Humanities Kansas**

Humanities Kansas is an independent nonprofit leading a movement of ideas. Since 1972, HK's programming, grants, and partnerships have documented and shared stories to spark conversations and invite new insights. Together with statewide partners and supporters, HK draws on diverse histories, literatures, and cultures to strengthen Kansas communities, our nation's democracy, and connections among Kansans.

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