

THE NEH PRESERVES CULTURAL HERITAGE



The National Endowment for the Humanities preserves and protects the United States's cultural heritage through grants to organizations in every state. It supports preservation on a small and large scale, recognizing that our cultural heritage is made up of grand narratives and great figures as well as everyday people around the country.

NEH INVESTMENT ENSURES THAT KEY ELEMENTS OF OUR NATIONAL HERITAGE REMAIN INTACT AND ACCESSIBLE.

From the collected letters of George Washington and Ernest Hemingway, to the papers of John and Abigail Adams and their family, NEH grants make the papers of prominent Americans available to the American public, either for free online or through affordable print editions.

The *National Digital Newspaper Program* is a massive undertaking to digitize historical newspapers from around the country. To date, the NEH has supported the digitization of more than 11 million pages of newspapers published between 1690 and 1963—making these resources accessible to scholars, students, and anyone interested in researching local history or genealogy.

NEH INVESTMENTS HELP PRESERVE RURAL AND LOCAL CULTURAL HERITAGE.

NEH grants ensure that regional and local organizations can preserve their collections for the long term. For instance, two NEH grants helped the Laura Ingalls Memorial Society in De Smet, South Dakota purchase storage materials and hire a conservation consultant, ensuring that their collections are well cared for and can be displayed.

In the wake of natural disasters, NEH emergency funding has helped arts and cultural institutions save their collections, ensuring that local cultural heritage is preserved and tourism economies remain robust. In the wake of Hurricanes Irma, Harvey, and Maria in 2017, the NEH committed nearly \$2 million to local organizations.

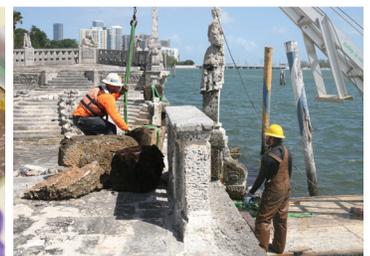
THE NEH SUPPORTS TRAINING IN PRESERVATION AND CONSERVATION.

By funding rigorous graduate programs, the NEH ensures that our cultural heritage remains in well-trained hands for generations. Graduates of these programs have been vital to the continued preservation of virtually all of our national treasures, including the Constitution, the Declaration of Independence, and the Star-Spangled Banner.

In Pablo, Montana, Salish Kootenai College's undergraduate program in Tribal Historic Preservation, developed with NEH funding, trains undergraduates in tribal laws and federal policies, as well as in anthropology and archaeology. Graduates of the program work in preservation offices and museums as well as for private firms.

NEH FUNDING PRESERVES NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE.

Through a partnership with the National Science Foundation, the NEH supports the documentation and preservation of endangered indigenous languages throughout the United States. These projects produce both a body of knowledge useful for scholars and language-acquisition materials that can be used in local schools and communities.



“Every resource that is saved and preserved is one more thing we can add to our cultural heritage.”

— Aaron Brien, Instructor, Salish Kootenai College