

**Kansas Humanities Council
FY13 Budget Request**

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Who We Are

The Kansas Humanities Council is a 501c3 nonprofit organization that provides access to funding and resources for the state's non-profit cultural community. KHC's essential functions fall into two categories:

- To provide humanities grant opportunities for in-state non-profit organizations
- To provide humanities resources for use by in-state non-profit organizations

Mission and Vision

The Kansas Humanities Council promotes an understanding of the history, traditions, and ideas that shape our lives and strengthen our communities. Through grant projects and program resources, Kansans can better understand who we are, where we've been, and what we've valued over time and across generations.

KHC Impact

In calendar year 2011, KHC supported 618 events, including museum exhibitions, special statehood speakers, book discussions, short film discussions, and the *Sunflower Journeys* television series, in 125 communities reaching an estimated 270,000 Kansans.

A combination of three funding sources – federal, state, and private - enables KHC to have this level of outreach in Kansas.

- State and private funds are used to leverage federal dollars.
- For every dollar KHC invests through grants and resources locally to a cultural organization, the average local match is nearly twice the amount. This is a return on investment, on average, of 2:1.

How FY13 State Funds will be Used

- 100% of the \$60,886 supports direct humanities program services to Kansans.
- 0% supports KHC staff salaries, rent, health insurance, publications, fundraising or other non-direct program services.

Specifically, the \$60,866 will support:

1. **Heritage Grants** that provide support projects that assist communities with the preservation of local history, including collecting oral histories, conducting research, creating interpretive signage, training for staff and volunteers, and caring for artifacts, maps, photographs, and other similar items.

2. **Outreach Support** that provide funding for local cultural organizations to engage their citizens in the humanities through special speakers in history, book discussions, film discussions, national traveling museum exhibitions, television and radio documentary projects, or reader's theater events.

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History of State Funding

- KHC received its first state appropriation in 1989 for \$50,000.
- KHC has not received enhancement funds since FY08.
- KHC receives State funding through a line item in the Kansas Historical Society budget.

Summary of KHC

- KHC was formed in 1972 as a nonprofit organization.
- KHC remains an independent 501c3 nonprofit.
- KHC is governed by a 22-member volunteer Board of Directors.

Impact of An Additional Cuts of 5% (or \$3,044 for an amount of \$57,842)

A 5 % cut to the FY13 recommendation is approximately 10 fewer outreach programs to cultural, non-profit organizations in communities in Kansas.

Thank You

On behalf of the Kansas Humanities Council, thank you.

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**Kansas Humanities Council
House Education Budget Committee**

Monday, February 13, 2012
3:30 PM

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FY13 Request: \$60,886

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TESTIMONY

Chair, Committee members, on behalf of the Kansas Humanities Council, thank you for this opportunity to speak with you today. I would also like to thank Jennie Chinn and her staff at the Kansas Historical Society for their help in the budget process. My testimony today will follow the Budget Request provided for you, in an abbreviated way, as the cover sheet.

The Kansas Humanities Council supports the Governor's recommendation of \$60,886 for FY13. This figure reflects a 5% reduction from FY12 and a 23% reduction since FY09.

The Kansas Humanities Council (KHC) is a 501c3 nonprofit organization that provides support – financial and otherwise – for cultural programs that promote the understanding of the history, traditions, and ideas that strengthen our communities and nation. KHC is the only organization in Kansas solely dedicated to promoting the humanities as a public resource. We believe that humanities programs help clarify the connection between history, literature, ethics, and culture and the daily decisions that Kansans make on the job, at home, and in our civic life.

In calendar year 2011, KHC supported 618 humanities events and projects in 125 Kansas communities. These include such things as museum exhibitions, oral history projects, special statehood speakers, book discussions, film discussions, locally-produced short film premieres, and the *Sunflower Journeys* television program. *Please see the list on page 4 of organizations that depend on KHC, plus the map showing program distribution across the state.*

KHC is able to accomplish this level of outreach because of three funding sources. Primary support for the Kansas Humanities Council comes from the National Endowment for the Humanities. State funds and those raised privately are used to leverage these federal dollars.

In addition, for every dollar KHC invests through grants and resources locally to a cultural organization, the average local match is nearly twice the amount. This is a return on investment, on average, of 2:1.

All state funds (100%) received by KHC are used to support direct humanities program services to Kansas. Zero dollars are spent on KHC staff salaries, office rent, utilities, fundraising, publications, or other non-direct public outreach. Specifically, state funds support two categories:

1. Heritage Grants support projects that save and interpret local community history. Typical heritage grant projects include oral history projects, research, educational and outreach activities,

interpretation, and training for local staff and volunteers in caring for artifacts, documents, photographs, and other related activities.

2. Outreach Support provides funding for local cultural organizations to engage citizens through things like special humanities lectures, book discussions, film discussions, national traveling museum exhibitions, locally-produced short film premieres and discussions.

2011 HIGHLIGHT

Last year, KHC focused on the 150th anniversary of Kansas Statehood. Our goal was to provide resources for organizations to use to plan and host sesquicentennial activities in their own hometowns. Using a combination of federal, state, and private funding, KHC supported:

- 306 lectures, book discussions, and film events attended by 13,385 people. Popular topics included the KS Cattle Towns, President Eisenhower, Railroads in KS, KS in the Civil War, KS Folklore, KS History through Architecture.
- 7 stops for the *Kansans Tell Their Stories* traveling exhibit viewed by 21,607 people.
- 23 special "Kansas 150" grants (average award \$5,470)
- 65 grant-related events attended by 13,355 people.
- Total Attendance: ~48,347
- Communities Served: 106

IN 2012

In addition to celebrating our 40th anniversary in 2012, KHC is also kicking-off an initiative exploring the theme of Work and Working in Kansas.

In September, the Smithsonian Institution's traveling exhibition, "The Way We Worked," will begin a 9-month tour of Kansas sponsored by KHC. Using the resources of the National Archives, the exhibit explores the *remarkable stories and images of the American worker from the past 150 years*. In response, KHC is creating opportunities and events statewide that will help tell the story of "the way we work" in Kansas. Last summer, 36 community organizations applied to KHC to host the exhibit. Six were selected. KHC is now working with the 6 hosts to provide support – financial and otherwise – for the creation of local exhibitions and public programs that tell the history of work and working in their own community to supplement the national exhibition. The hosts are:

<i>Baldwin City</i> , Lumberyard Art Center	<i>Goodland</i> , High Plains Museum
<i>Concordia</i> , National Orphan Train Complex	<i>Hugoton</i> , Stevens County Library
<i>Franklin</i> , Miners Hall Museum	<i>Lyons</i> , Coronado-Quivira Museum

KHC is also working with an additional 15 partner sites, providing each with a small grant to use to research, document, and discuss the theme of work, workers, and working in their communities.

These sites are:

Blue Rapids Historical Society & Museum; Burlingame Historical Preservation Society; Thomas County Historical Society in *Colby*; Morton County Historical Society in *Elkhart*; *Eudora* Area Historical Society; Greenwood Preservation Society in *Eureka*; Gordon Parks Museum/Center for Culture & Diversity in *Ft. Scott*; *Glasco* Community Foundation; *Independence* Historical Museum & Art Center; Seward County Community College in *Liberal*; Harvey County Historical Museum & Archives in *Newton*; Franklin County Historical Society in *Ottawa*; Miami County Historical Museum in *Paola*; Mary Cotton Public Library in *Sabetha*; and the Trego County Historical Museum in *WaKeeney*.

In addition, KHC is creating a special Speakers Bureau that will include topics that explore the stories of work and how these stories help define us: our way-of-life, our sense of who we are, and the values we hold important. How has this changed over time and across generations? These will be

available for use by museums, public libraries, senior centers, and others. We are also working towards expanding our grants opportunities to encourage more organizations to consider using history, literature, oral histories, photo documentation, research, and other methods, to share the working stories of Kansans.

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In 1938, Kansas poet Langston Hughes wrote a poem called "Let America be America Again." In it, he asks: "Who Made America/ Whose sweat and blood, whose faith and pain/Whose hand at the foundry, whose plow in the rain/Must bring back our mighty dream again." In other words, work is central to the way we identify ourselves. It assumes that what we do reveals something about who we are -- as individuals, as Kansans, as Americans. We're excited to explore this topic with Kansans. It's relevant, it's timely, and most of all, it's important.

As you can see, we do a lot for Kansas but we're also responding to the realities of the recession and cuts at both the state and federal levels.

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In March 2011, KHC's Board of Directors identified specific ways to adjust to the ~\$120,000 loss in federal and state dollars since 2010. Although private fundraising remains steady, we have yet to be successful in making substantial gains in this area. Therefore, here's what we're in the process of doing: reducing office space; reducing full-time staff by .5; developing an online grants application process to support Heritage, Outreach, and Humanities grants to help minimize expenses. We're still making sure that humanities resources - like grants, lectures, museum exhibitions, public forums, book and film discussions - are still available statewide. However, like a lot of other organizations, we're now at the point that the what's left is a reduction in services. A 5 % cut to the FY13 recommendation is approximately 10 fewer outreach programs.

Thank you for your time today. I am happy to answer your questions.

ATTACHMENT

Organizations that Depend on the Kansas Humanities Council Calendar Year 2011

This is a list of organizations that used KHC's speakers, book discussions, film discussions, hosted special projects, held KHC grant events, or were awarded KHC grants. Some used KHC resources multiple times throughout calendar year 2011.

Abilene	Dickinson County Historical Society
Admire	Admire Community PRIDE
Andover	Butler Community College, Nixon Library Lone Chimney Films
Anthony	Anthony Public Library Harper County Preservation and Tourism Alliance
Arkansas City	Arkansas City Public Library Arkansas City Rotary Club
Ashland	Clark County Conservation District
Atchison	Atchison County Historical Society Atchison Public Library
Attica	Attica Public Library
Augusta	Augusta Public Library
Baldwin City	Friends of Baldwin City Library
Basehor	Basehor Community Library Basehor Historical Museum Society
Baxter Springs	Baxter Springs Historical Society
Belle Plaine	Bartlett Arboretum
Beloit	Mitchell County Historical Society
Benton	Prairie Rose Western Days
Bird City	Bird City Kansas Day Committee
Blue Mound	Linn County Library District 3
Blue Rapids	Blue Rapids Historical Society
Bonner Springs	Wyandotte County Historical Museum
Burlingame	Allen Community College Burlingame Historical Preservation Society
Caldwell	Caldwell Chamber of Commerce
Chanute	Friends of Chanute Public Library
Clay Center	Clay Center Carnegie Library Clay County Conservation District
Colby	Prairie Museum of Art and History
Concordia	Cloud County Historical Society Museum Frank Carlson Library Talk of the Month
Cottonwood Falls	Chase County Historical Society
Council Grove	Friends of Council Grove Public Library
Damar	Solomon Valley-Highway 24- Heritage Alliance / Damar Junior High School
Dodge City	Boot Hill Museum Dodge City Convention & Visitors Bureau Dodge City Public Library Kansas Genealogical Society

Downs	Downs Arts Center / Solomon Valley-Highway 24-Heritage Alliance
El Dorado	Butler Community College, Life Enrichment
Elkhart	Knights of Columbus
	Morton County Historical Museum
	Morton County Library
Ellinwood	Ellinwood Community Historical Society
Ellsworth	Ellsworth County Historical Society
Emporia	AAUW Emporia
	Center for Great Plains Studies
	Emporia Celebrates the Flint Hills
	Flint Hills Genealogical Society
	Junto Study Club
Eureka	Friends of Eureka Public Library
	Greenwood County Historical Society
Florence	Florence Historical Society
Fort Scott	Historic Preservation Assn of Bourbon County
Fredonia	Wilson County Historical Society
Garden City	Finney County Public Library
Garnett	Anderson County Historical Society
	Garnett Public Library
Glasco	Glasco Community Foundation
	Solomon Valley-Hwy 24-Heritage Alliance
Goodland	Goodland Public Library
Great Bend	Barton County Historical Society
	Santa Fe Trail Association, Quivira Chapter
Gridley	Gridley Branch of Coffey County Library
Halstead	Halstead Public Library
Harper	Harper County Genealogical Society
	Harper Public Library
Hays	Hays Public Library
Haysville	Haysville Community Library
Hiawatha	Brown County Historical Society
	Morrill Public Library
	Northeast Kansas Field Day
Highland	Doniphan County Library District 1
Hill City	Graham County Public Library
Hillsboro	Hillsboro Senior Center
	Tabor College, Learning in Retirement
Holton	Jackson County Historical Society
Hoxie	Friends of Sheridan County Public Library
Hutchinson	Emancipation Day Celebration Committee
	Hutchinson Public Library
	Hutchinson/Reno Arts & Humanities Council
	Prairie Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
	Reno County Genealogical Society
Independence	Independence Public Library
Iola	Allen Community College
	Bowlus Fine Arts Center
	Friends of Iola Public Library
Jetmore	Hodgeman County FCE Council
	Jetmore Public Library

Junction City	Dorothy Bramlage Public Library Geary County EEU Council
Kansas City	Kansas Corral of the Westerners Kansas City Kansas Public Library Shepherd's Center of Kansas City U. S. Environmental Protection Agency West Wyandotte Library
Kingman	Kingman Area Chamber of Commerce Talk of the Month
Kinsley	Edwards County Historical Society Kinsley Library
La Cygne	Friends of Linn County Library District 2
Lakin	Kearny County Library
Lansing	Lansing Historical Museum Leavenworth County Conservation District
Larned	Fort Larned Historical Society
Lawrence	DAR Betty Washington Chapter Four Winds Native Center Lawrence Public Library New Generation Society of Lawrence Spencer Museum of Art University Women's Club Watkins Community Museum of History
Leavenworth	Leavenworth County Historical Society Leavenworth Public Library
Lenexa	Lakeview Village Retirement Community Monticello Community Historical Society
Liberal	City of Liberal Seward County Community College
Lincoln	Lincoln County Historical Society
Lindsborg	Lindsborg Community Library McPherson County Old Mill Museum
Logan	Dane G. Hansen Memorial Museum
Lucas	Lucas Area Chamber of Commerce
Lyons	Rice County Historical Society
Madison	Madison Concert & Lecture Series
Manhattan	Beach Museum of Art Flint Hills Discovery Center Kansas Business & Professional Women Kansas Library Assn, College & University Section Manhattan Library Association Phi Theta Kappa, Kansas Region Riley County Genealogical Society Riley County Historical Society & Museum Riley County Livestock Association Riley County Seniors' Service Center
Mankato	Jewell County Historical Society
Marysville	Marysville Public Library
McPherson	McPherson Convention & Visitors Bureau McPherson County Historical Society
Meade	Meade Public Library

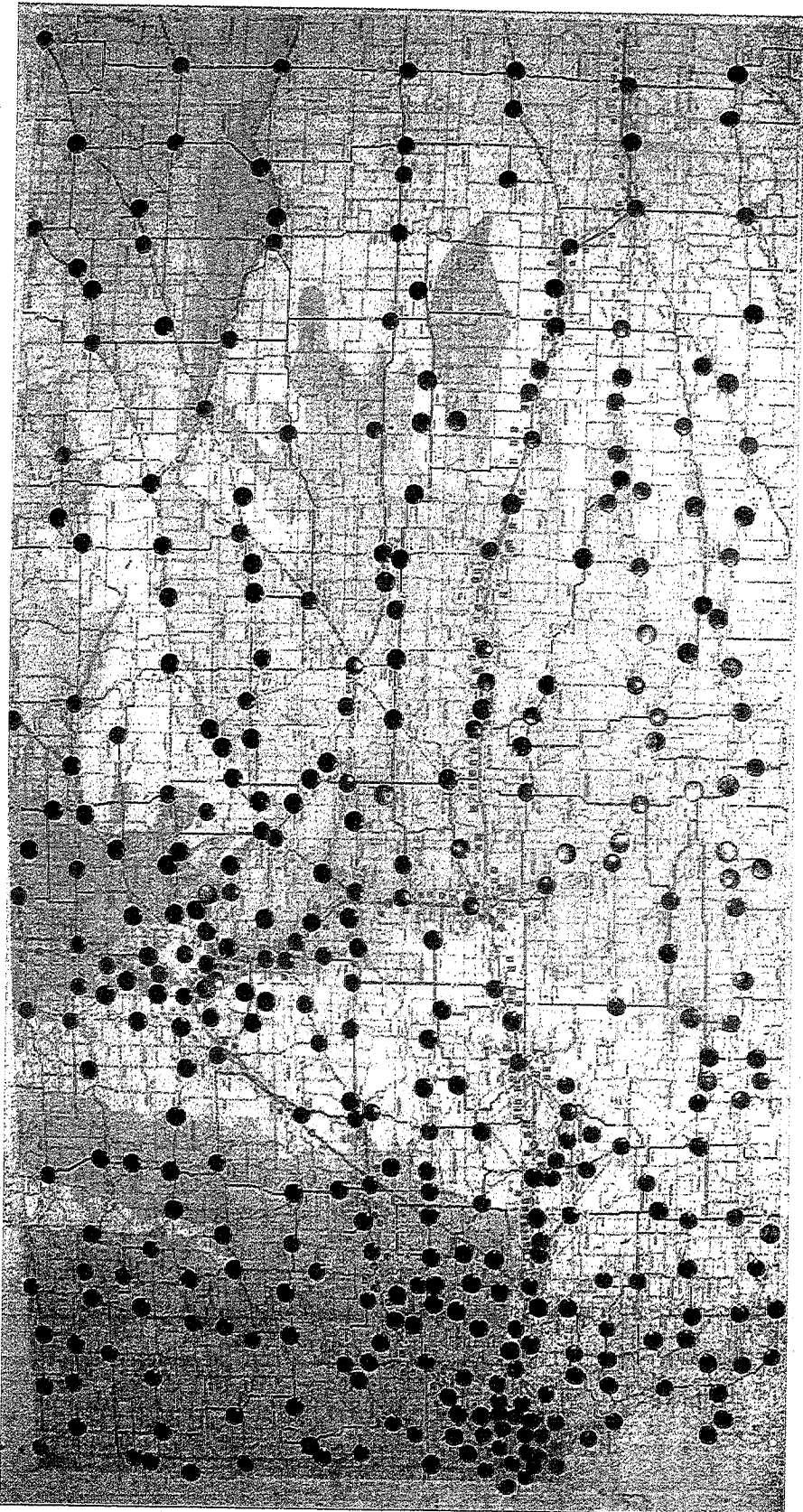
Medicine Lodge	Medicine Lodge Chamber of Commerce
Melvern	Melvern United Methodist Women
Moundridge	Moundridge Chamber of Commerce
Mount Hope	Mount Hope Public Library
Newton	Newton Public Library
North Newton	Bethel College, Life Enrichment
	Kauffman Museum
	Kidron Bethel Village
Olathe	Friends of Olathe Public Library
	Indian Creek Branch Library
	Mahaffie Stagecoach Stop and Farm
Osage City	Friends of Osage City Public Library
Osborne	Solomon Valley-Hwy 24-Heritage Alliance
Ottawa	Franklin County Historical Society
	Ottawa Library
Overbrook	Overbrook PRIDE
Overland Park	Arts in Prison
	JCCC Brown & Gold Club
	Johnson County Library
	Overland Park Historical Society
	Silvercrest at Deer Creek Retirement Community
Park City	American Historical Society of Germans from Russia Chisholm Trail Seniors
	Friends of Park City Public Library
	Park City PRIDE
Parsons	Parsons Public Library
Partridge	Partridge Community Association
Peabody	Peabody Historical Society
Phillipsburg	Phillips County Historical Society
Plains	Meade County Historical Society
Plainville	Plainville Memorial Library
Pratt	Pratt County Historical Society
Quinter	Friends of Jay Johnson Public Library
Roeland Park	Johnson County Library
Rossville	Rossville Community Library
Russell	Russell Public Library
St. Francis	St. Francis Public Library
St. George	Young at Heart, Pottawatomie County
St. John	Ida Long Goodman Memorial Library
Salina	Salina Downtown Inc.
	Smoky Hill Museum
Seneca	Nemaha County FCE
Shawnee	Shawnee Presbyterian Church
	Shawnee Town Museum
	Sociedad Hidalgo, Inc.
Stafford	Stafford County Historical & Genealogical Society
Stockton	Stockton Public Library
Tonganoxie	Tonganoxie Community Historical Society
Topeka	Aldersgate Village
	Brewster Place Retirement Community
	International Assn of Business Communicators
	Kansas Association of Counties

	Kansas Dept. of Agriculture, Water Resources Division
	Kansas Emergency Management Association
	Topeka & Shawnee County Public Library
	University United Methodist Church UMW
	Washburn University
Troy	Doniphan County Conservation District
Ulysses	Friends of Grant County Library
Valley Falls	Valley Falls Historical Society
Wabaunsee Townsite	Wabaunsee County Economic Development
Waterville	Waterville Shakespeare Club
Wellington	Wellington Area Chamber of Commerce
Whitewater	Friends of Whitewater Memorial Library
Wichita	Catholic Charities Foster Grandparent Program
	Countryside Christian Church, New Visión Ministry
	Friends of Botanica
	Friends University, Garvey Institute of Law
	KPTS TV
	LifeVentures
	St. James Episcopal Church Women
	Ulrich Museum of Art
	University Club in Wichita
	Westlink Branch Library
	Wichita Genealogical Society
	Wichita Public Library
	Wichita State University
	Wichita-Sedgwick County Historical Museum
Wilson	Lang Memorial Library
Winfield	Winfield Human Relations Commission



Kansas Humanities Council Outreach 1990-2011

In 2011, KHC supported 618 events and grants in 125 communities.



● Site of RESOURCE CENTER Event(s)

● Site of GRANT AWARD(s)
PLUS Resource Center Event(s)

● Site of GRANT-FUNDED Event(s)
PLUS Resource Center Event(s)

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