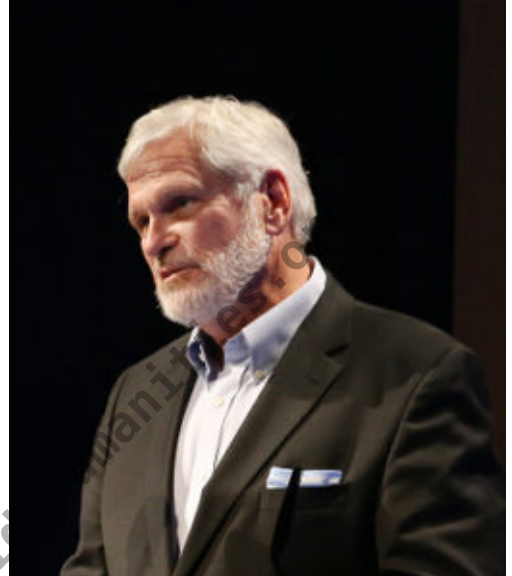


Funding Alert, June 2019

Dear Friends:



Steve Seibert, Executive Director

For many years, the Florida legislature has generously provided operational and program support to the Florida Humanities Council. This year, the legislature provided zero funding to the Council. State support constituted approximately 25% of our revenue, so we must significantly tighten our belts.

Please understand that the FHC receives the majority of its funding from the National Endowment for the Humanities. As of now, this funding is secure. We want to be clear: the Florida Humanities Council will continue to serve. We remain committed to our organizational mission; to provide access to the humanities—to the stories and ideas that make us human—to all Floridians, wherever located.

However, we will need to alter those programs the state funds. *Our Speaker Series* program will be suspended, no new applications for the community walking tours will be accepted,

the number of *FORUM* publications will be reduced from three to two, and *Museum on Main Street* exhibits will become contingent on alternative funding. We are notifying our community partners, libraries, museums and historical societies of these modifications.

We believe this is an opportunity to clarify our mission, become more visible and relevant and to rally support for the humanities as essential to a functioning democracy. There are several ways you can join us:

- [Sign up for ENews](#) to keep updated on everything going on with FHC.
- [Tell us the programs, stories, and ideas that inspire you](#) and help you to fall in love with our state.
- **Contribute to our efforts** to provide humanities programs which are free and open to the public by [becoming a member](#) or if you are already a member, please consider [an additional gift](#) or getting a friend to join.

Together, we will continue be an effective organization. We are honored to work with, and for, all Floridians.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Steve Seibert".

Steve Seibert