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Florida Humanities Council 2017 Annual Report





Dear Friends and Supporters of the Florida Humanities Council,

For forty-five years, the programs of the Florida Humanities Council have touched Floridians in every region of the state. 2017 brought winds of change, however, in the form of a new Executive Director, a devastating hurricane season and unprecedented uncertainty in both federal and state funding. Yet, we continued to re-grant dollars to humanities-based community organizations, operate recurring programs that have stood test of time and support new initiatives that reflect the priorities of the Board of Directors.

Florida contains 21 million residents and welcomes 120 million visitors. It stretches over 800 miles from Pensacola to Key West. It is a challenge to develop a sense of place for such a diverse population and to bring the humanities to “people of all backgrounds wherever located” as our authorizing legislation requires.

Yet, with your help, that is what we do. Some of the more impactful programs include:

- FORUM magazine, the only statewide periodical which celebrates Florida’s history, literature and culture, reached more than 150,000 readers.
- Over 11,000 students participated in the high-school “Poetry Out Loud” competition statewide.
- \$370,000 was awarded to fund local humanities projects.
- 84,000 people attend public programs we sponsored across the state.
- We expanded the number of communities served by our downloadable walking tour app, now numbering 20 tours highlighting each community’s history, culture and architecture.

Thank you for your interest and support. As the state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Florida Humanities Council is dedicated to building strong communities and informed citizens by providing Floridians with the opportunity to explore the heritage, traditions and stories of our state and its place in the world.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Steve Seibert', written over a light grey circular background.

Steve Seibert
Executive Director

The programs of the Florida Humanities Council annually touch Floridians in every region of the state. From our reading and discussion programs and engaging Speakers Series, to our exhibition partnership with the Smithsonian Institution, and summer seminars for teachers and high school students, we are dedicated to convening Floridians in community-based programming that brings us together and deepens our understanding of Florida.

Museum on Main Street

Museum on Main Street is a partnership program that brings Smithsonian Institution exhibitions, resources, and programming to small towns across the state. These high-quality exhibitions are designed to bring revitalized attention to underserved and rural communities and serve as a launching point for storytelling and local pride.



Grant Funding for Local Humanities Projects

Since 1971, the Florida Humanities Council has awarded more than **\$8-million in federal funding statewide** in support of the development and presentation of humanities-rich cultural resources and public programs. These projects help preserve Florida's rich history and heritage, promote civic engagement and community dialogue, and provide opportunities for reflecting on the future of our state.



Florida Stories Walking Tour app

Our downloadable walking tour app allows users to delve behind the scenes of Florida towns with an emphasis on local history, culture and architecture. Connected via a statewide platform, the tours create sustainable cultural tourism products that increase knowledge and appreciation of local history. More than 20 tours will be available in 2018.

2017 Our Year in Numbers Statewide

- \$376,000** awarded in funding for local humanities projects
- 84,836** people attended public programs statewide
- 48,000** visitors to Smithsonian Institution "Museum on Main Street" exhibits in **7 small towns**
- 60,000** FORUM magazines reached more than **150,000** readers
- 11,776** students participated in the "Poetry Out Loud" competition statewide
- 3,210** people attended reading and discussion programs in public libraries
- 349** teachers and students attended seminars on topics ranging from Florida agriculture to St. Augustine's rich history



FORUM Magazine

Through its insightful perspectives on Florida, FORUM magazine provides readers with engaging and colorful stories about the people and places that define our state. Each issue of this award-winning magazine is mailed to over 15,000 people statewide. To highlight the wonderful literary accomplishments in the state, an annual issue of FORUM recognizes and honors the annual winners of the **Florida Book Awards** and the **Lifetime Achievement Award for Writing**.



Poetry Out Loud

Poetry Out Loud is a national poetry recitation contest for high school students hosted annually in partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts and the Poetry Foundation. Participating students not only learn about great poetry through memorization, they also master public speaking skills, build self-confidence, and learn about our literary history.



Programs for Veterans

FHC supports programs that help deepen our understanding of the military experience. In 2017, grants were awarded to three PBS stations to host public screenings of the new **Ken Burns' documentary "The Vietnam War."** Veterans and military family members also shared their personal stories of service and sacrifice in **"The Telling Project,"** a series of stage performances in Southwest Florida.



Seminars for Educators and High School Students

Each summer K-12 educators and high school students from across the state participate in challenging and interdisciplinary study of the humanities at one of our enriching seminars. Led by distinguished scholars, the seminars combine classroom sessions with relevant field experiences that highlight our state's history and culture.



Speakers Series

As part of FHC's Speakers Series, expert historians, storytellers, researchers and authors travel the state to talk about a wide variety of subjects related to Florida. Programs are free for the public to attend and are presented in partnership with civic organizations, museums, historical societies, libraries and other groups interested in bringing thought-provoking programs to their community.

Reading and Discussion Programs

Held in public libraries, our reading and discussion programs use books to explore challenging issues in everyday life as well as provide participants with opportunities for thoughtful dialogue. Recent programs have used texts designed for use by underserved families as well as by veterans.



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Funding for the Florida Humanities Council comes from the National Endowment for the Humanities; the Florida Department of State, Division of Cultural Affairs and the Florida Council on Arts and Culture; and private donations.

2017 Community Project Grants

Apalachicola Riverkeeper (Franklin)

The Apalachicola: Stories from the River, \$5,000
A short documentary created in partnership with WFSU that explores the forces threatening the river system and the myriad impacts on the people, culture and economy of Florida.

Cedar Key Arts Center (Levy)

Florida's Wild Landscapes Through the Lens of Clyde Butcher, \$3,825
An exhibition of works by acclaimed photographer Clyde Butcher as well as a public presentation by the artist.

Flagler College (St. Johns)

A Gilded Age, Great War and Global Influence, \$4,000
An annual lecture series focusing on the centennial anniversary of the Great War, the Russian Revolution, the waning of the Gilded Age, and the U.S.'s changing international role over the past 100 years.

Florida Living History (St. Johns)

Colonial Transition—Spanish to British Florida, \$5,000
Historical interpretations and re-enactments depicting Florida's colonial Spanish and British periods.

Friends of Lincolnville, Inc. (St. Johns)

Quest for Freedom: Emancipation to Civil Rights, a St. Augustine Saga, \$5,000
Public programming to complement the spring 2018 launch of the Florida Stories walking tour app.

Friends of Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings Farm (Alachua)

Here is Home: Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings and Cross Creek, \$5,000
A series of short videos about the author's life and home that will be shared online, used in educational outreach programs, and on the property to enhance ADA accessibility.

Friends of the Lake Worth Library (Palm Beach)

Table Talk, \$5,000
A family reading and discussion program in partnership with the BRIDGES at Highland that also includes family meals and access to community resources.

Friends of the Museums of Florida History (Leon)

Living the Dream: 20th Century Florida, \$4,500
A five-part lecture series featuring noted Florida historians and authors exploring various events from 20th century Florida.

Norton Herrick Center for Motion Picture Studies (Miami Dade)

Flaming Classics: Florida in Focus, \$5,000
A four-part film and discussion series that explores various aspects of the LGBTQ landscape in Florida.

Sulphur Springs Museum and Heritage Center (Hillsborough)

Art for Us All: A Celebration of Florida Folk Art, \$5,000
Public programs, exhibits, and community events that focus on Florida's noted folk and self-taught artists.

Valencia College Peace and Justice Institute (Orange)

The 1920 Ocoee Massacre and Beyond: Paths to Truth and Reconciliation, \$5,000
A series of community conversations about the era of racial terror and lynchings that occurred in Central Florida in the 1920s.

2017 Special Initiative Grants

Museum of Arts & Sciences (Volusia)

"100 Faces of War"—Exhibition and Public Programming, \$20,000
A Smithsonian Institution traveling exhibition that features 100 personal essays and life-sized portraits of Iraq and Afghanistan veterans.

South Florida PBS (Miami-Dade)

Community Outreach Screening Event, \$4,200
Public screenings of the first hour of the Ken Burns "The Vietnam War" documentary followed by moderated panel discussions.

WFSU Public Media (Leon)

Vietnam—No Single Story, No Single Song, \$5,000
A multi-media public event to complement the premiere of the Ken Burns "The Vietnam War" documentary series.

WJCT (Duval)

"The Vietnam War" Preview and Discussion, \$5,000
A screening at Flagler College of a segment from the Ken Burns "The Vietnam War" documentary series followed by a scholar-led panel discussion.

The Village Square (Leon)

Local Color, \$3,475
A series of public programs designed to engage the public in conversation about current race-related issues in the community.

2017 Programmatic Partnerships

Florida Humanities Speakers Series, \$5,000 each

A.E. Backus Museum
Cedar Key Historical Society
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Florida Museum of Photographic Art
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Ormond Beach Historical Society
Southwest Florida Historical Society
Stetson University

Florida Stories Walking Tours, \$5,000 each

Boca Grande Historical Society
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Florida Keys History & Discovery Center
Lincoln Park Main Street
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Ormond Beach Historical Society
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Museum on Main Street, \$5,000 each

Amelia Island Museum of History
Dunedin Historical Museum
Northwest Regional Library
Pioneer Florida Settlement & Museum
Southwest Florida Historical Society
Washington County Public Library

Summer Seminars for High School Students, \$20,000 each

Eckerd College
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Summer Seminars for Teachers, \$20,000 each

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PrimeTime Family Reading Time, \$2,000–\$10,000 each

Jacksonville Public Library
Orange County Library System

Community Conversations—Book Discussion Programs, up to \$1,000 each

Broward Public Library
Indian River State College
Open Books Prison Book Project
Sarasota County Libraries
Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Vero Beach
Washington County Public Library

Celebrating our Growing Support

The Florida Humanities Council would like to acknowledge the generous support of the National Endowment for the Humanities; the Florida Department of State, Division of Cultural Affairs; and the many individuals, corporations, and foundations that contributed during 2017. Thank you!

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We have attempted to ensure the accuracy of this report. If we have misrepresented or omitted a contribution, please contact our office at 727-873-2002 or via email at dkelly@flahum.org.

Extracted Audited Financial Statements for Fiscal Year Ended October 31, 2017

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

Cash and Investments	\$1,188,347
Grant Receivables	\$236,755
Prepaid Expenses	\$29,113
Gifted Facilities	\$86,636
Fixed Assets	\$52,389

Total Assets **\$1,593,240**

LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS

Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$161,678
Grants Payable	\$95,403
Net Assets	
Unrestricted	\$1,235,438
Temporarily Restricted	\$86,636
Permanently Restricted	\$14,085

Total Liabilities & Net Assets **\$1,593,240**

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

OPERATING SUPPORT AND REVENUE

National Endowment for the Humanities	\$1,315,182
State of Florida	\$535,682
Contributions, Program Services Fees and Other	\$799,954

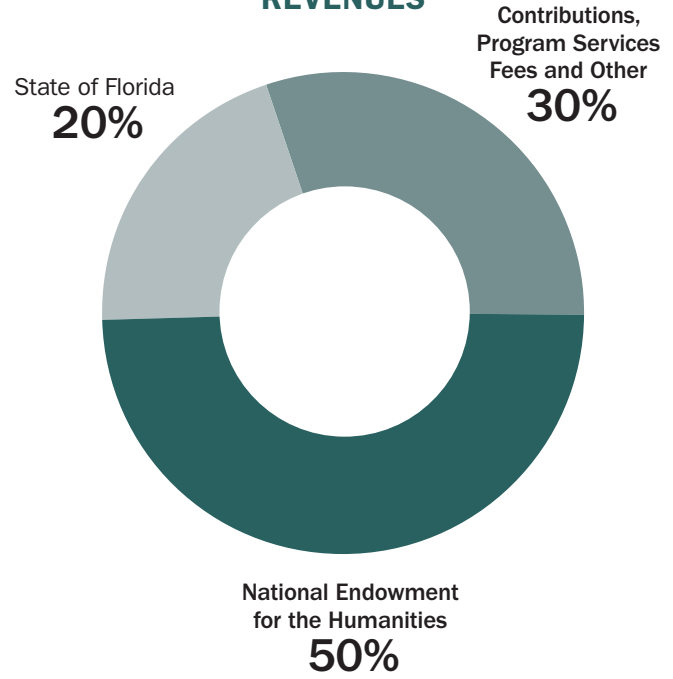
Total operating support and revenue **\$2,650,818**

OPERATING EXPENSES

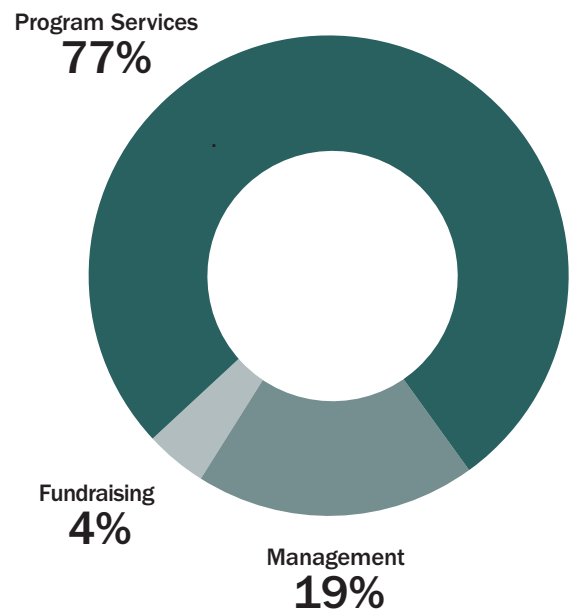
Program Services	\$1,996,959
Management	\$482,428
Fundraising	\$106,783

Total operating expenses **\$2,586,170**

REVENUES



EXPENDITURES



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