

2020 Program Year In Review

Grants Program

- **\$875,000** in federal **CARES Act** funding awarded to 100 cultural organizations statewide for emergency general operating support
- **\$172,925** in **Community Project Grants** awarded to 38 nonprofit organizations to design and implement local humanities programs that promote civic engagement, spark thoughtful community dialogue, and reflect on the human experience across Florida
- **\$32,000** in **Life, Liberty + Libraries** grants awarded in partnership with PBS Books to 16 libraries statewide to enhance their circulation with democracy and civics-themed books
- **\$26,000** special initiative grant awarded to the **Florida Association of Museums** to develop webinars and resources to assist cultural agencies with preparing for and recovering from natural disasters and other emergencies
- **\$25,000** special initiative grant awarded to the **Village Square** to develop community programming to complement the Smithsonian Institution's "Voices and Votes: Democracy in America" traveling exhibition
- **\$15,000** special initiative grant awarded to the **Orange County Library System** to develop a pilot program of interactive classes for parents and children that focuses on developing English vocabulary and literacy skills through strategic and fun story reading
- **\$7,700** special initiative grant awarded to **Florida Press Educational Services** for a special edition of the Tampa Bay Times' Newspaper in Education publication focused on civics education for students



"100 Faces of War"

A traveling exhibition from the Smithsonian Institution, featuring 100 oil portraits of Americans who went to war in Iraq and Afghanistan, representing a cross section of home states and military branches. Every portrait includes a candid, first-hand account of war's lasting effect.

- **\$20,000** grants awarded to the following museums to host the exhibition in 2020:
Pensacola Museum of Art (Oct 2019 – Jan 2020)
Coral Springs Museum of Art (Oct – Dec 2020)



Museum on Main Street

Museum on Main Street is a collaboration between the Smithsonian Institution and Florida Humanities to bring traveling exhibitions and engaging public programs to small towns across our state. With its impassioned focus on local history, education and community redevelopment, Museum on Main Street is one of the Smithsonian's most inspirational and enduring outreach programs.

- **"Voices and Votes: Democracy in America"** – one of only four states to nationally host this new exhibit that is touring Florida from August 2020 to March 2021. **\$5000** grants were awarded to each of the following host venues: North Sarasota Public Library, Polk County History Museum, Haitian Heritage Museum, and the Historic Capitol Museum.



FORUM Magazine

FORUM magazine was the recipient of the following **2020 Charlie Awards** from the Florida Magazine Association which annually recognizes excellence in magazine publishing across Florida:

- **Best Overall: Magazine** - Bronze award
- **Best Overall: Design** - Silver award
- **Best Overall: Writing** – Gold award
- **Best Writing: Feature** - Gold, Silver, and Bronze awards
- **Best Writing: In-Depth Reporting** - Bronze award
- **Best Special Theme or Show Issue** - Silver award

Florida Talks

Nearly **100 Florida Talks programs**, both in-person and virtual, were hosted by Florida Humanities and more than 40 partner organizations in 2020.

- total attendance was more than **5,625 people**
- a four-part series on the history of race relations in Florida was the most popular offering with more than **700 virtual attendees**

Poetry Out Loud

2020 was our fourth year hosting the Poetry Out Loud national poetry recitation state finals for high school students. Poetry Out Loud is a joint program of the National Endowment for the Arts and the Poetry Foundation.

- **10,109 kids** competed in local competitions
- **42 students** participated at the state finals

