



RHODE ISLAND
COUNCIL *for the* HUMANITIES

IMPACT SPOTLIGHT

Civic Engagement through the Humanities

For 47 years, the Humanities Council's grants, partnerships, and initiatives have innovated bold approaches to the humanities, amplified voices that need to be heard, and taken on civic challenges through knowledge, questions, reflection, and action. Opportunities for the public to engage with the humanities are essential to the civic fabric of our society.

(PRESS)ED PODCAST

Citizens and journalists confront the fractured media landscape through this podcast produced in partnership with The Public's Radio and supported by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation and the Federation of State Humanities Councils.



"Media-diet" challenge taken by Rhode Island neighbors featured on Mellon Foundation's nationwide blog 1,977 listeners and counting

RI EXPANSION ARTS PROGRAM

For over 35 years, RIEAP has offered support to cultural heritage groups in Rhode Island through a funding partnership of the Rhode Island Foundation, RI State Council on the Arts, and the Humanities Council. Now RIEAP also offers Intercultural Seed Grants to promote collaboration across traditions. In 2020, RIEAP alumni will be honored at the annual meeting of the RI Foundation with the Community Leadership Award.



\$55,000 awarded in Intercultural Seed Grants (2018-19)

9 projects 18 organizations



XIX: SHALL NOT BE DENIED

This collaborative partnership of the Rhode Island Council for the Humanities and the Rhode Island Department of State works to amplify events in 2020 commemorating the 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment. Core values guiding the initiative include: accessibility, relevance, inclusivity, empowerment, and diversity.

12+ events and counting

30+ organizations represented at two statewide convenings

RHODE TOUR

This free app and website include digital tours that bring Rhode Island stories to life connecting civic engagement to the richness of the past.

30 tours 290+ stories

40,000 users annually

60% of users aged 18 - 34



GRANTMAKING

Grantmaking is at the heart of the Humanities Council's mission. We support public projects, documentary films, research, curriculum development and more at historical societies and sites, libraries, museums, preservation societies, schools, heritage and faith groups, and cultural organizations.

\$8,000,000+ awarded since 1973

1,700+ grants

650+ community organizations