



NEH CHALLENGE GRANTS PROGRAM

Purpose: NEH Challenge Grants support the **long-term** strength of humanities institutions and organizations by encouraging fund raising for permanent endowments and appropriate capital improvements.

Eligibility: With the exception of elementary and secondary schools, and school districts, any U.S. nonprofit institution (public agency or private nonprofit organization) working wholly or in part within the humanities is eligible to apply. Typical applicants include colleges and universities, museums, public radio and television stations, research centers, public libraries, historical societies, historic sites, scholarly and cultural organizations, and university presses.

Awards: Awards in recent years have averaged between \$200,000 and \$500,000. Grantees must raise nonfederal donations of three times the offered NEH funds.

Impact: Since the program's inception in 1977, over 1,500 awards totaling over \$486 million in federal dollars have leveraged more than **\$2 billion** in nonfederal contributions to the humanities.

Competition: In recent years the number of applications to the program has ranged from 80 to 120 annually, and the number of awards between 15 and 20. Applications are particularly encouraged from HBCUs, Tribal Colleges and Universities, and two-year colleges with a 2:1 match and an extra year to meet the matching requirement.

Budget: The program's budget is less than \$8 million.

Deadline: **Challenge Grants, Thursday, May 1, 2014**

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