Connecticut Landmarks Receives Grants from Connecticut Humanities

Hartford, CT (January 25, 2022) – Connecticut Humanities, the statewide, nonprofit affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), has awarded Connecticut Landmarks (CTL) two grants: a $119,200 CT Cultural Fund Operating Support Grant (CTCFOSG) and a $10,000 Sustaining the Humanities through the American Recovery Plan (SHARP) grant.

Connecticut Landmarks will use the grants to expand strategic planning, support staffing, and strengthen the behind-the-scenes infrastructure required for efficient operation of the complex museum network CTL operates. Funding will help prepare the organization for the expected surge of general interest and education around the country’s 250th anniversary in 2026. The work fulfills the organization’s strategic objectives that our historic properties “are seen as relevant and integral to their communities” and to “present human stories that remain true to our properties and help our visitors understand where we have come from.” This funding also offsets losses created by the COVID-19 pandemic.

“Connecticut Landmarks is committed to a superior visitor experience for those seeking to understand Connecticut’s unique and complex history, and this funding helps us reach those goals,” said Connecticut Landmarks executive director Aaron Marcavitch. “We thank Connecticut Humanities, the National Endowment for the Humanities, our state and federal representatives, and Governor Lamont for their continued commitment to Connecticut’s museums and historic places. We look forward to stronger relationships with our communities, visitors, and partners in 2022 and beyond.”

Connecticut Landmarks was one of 624 organizations in Connecticut that was awarded CT Cultural Fund support totaling $16 million from CT Humanities. The Operating Support Grants are part of $30.7 million allocated to arts, humanities, and cultural nonprofits through CT Humanities over the next two years by the CT General Assembly and approved by Governor Ned Lamont. These grants will assist organizations as they recover from the pandemic and maintain and grow their ability to serve their community and the public. This grant was administered by CT Humanities (CTH), with funding provided by the Connecticut State Department of Economic and Community Development/Connecticut Office of the Arts (COA) from the Connecticut State Legislature.

The NEH received $135 million from the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021, which was approved by Congress this past spring. State humanities councils, including CT Humanities, each received a portion of the NEH award to support museums, archives, historic sites, and other humanities-focused nonprofits. Connecticut Landmarks was one of 69 organizations in
Connecticut that was awarded ARP funding totaling $640,192 from CT Humanities. CTH SHARP Capacity Grants provide organizations funding for projects including building their information technology infrastructure, making their collections more accessible, conducting strategic planning, and undertaking inclusivity, diversity, equity, and access work. Support for this project is provided by CT Humanities, through the Sustaining the Humanities through the American Rescue Plan (SHARP) with funds from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) and the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act. Any views, findings, conclusions, or recommendations expressed in this announcement do not necessarily represent those of CT Humanities or the National Endowment for the Humanities.

**About Connecticut Landmarks**
Connecticut Landmarks uses historic properties to inspire an understanding of our complex past. Founded in 1936 as the Antiquarian & Landmarks Society, we are a state-wide network of twelve significant historic properties that span four centuries of New England history. Our real-life stories, as told through our collections, make history matter. For more information, please visit [www.ctlandmarks.org](http://www.ctlandmarks.org).

**About Connecticut Humanities**
CT Humanities (CTH) is an independent, nonprofit affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities. CTH connects people to the humanities through grants, partnerships, and collaborative programs. CTH projects, administration, and program development are supported by state and federal matching funds, community foundations, and gifts from private sources. Learn more by visiting cthumanities.org.

**About Connecticut Office of the Arts**
The Connecticut Office of the Arts (COA) is the state agency charged with fostering the health of Connecticut’s creative economy. Part of the state’s Department of Economic and Community Development, the COA is funded by the State of Connecticut as well as the National Endowment for the Arts.

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