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Humanities Council awards grants totaling \$97,516

The Nebraska Humanities Council (NHC) recently awarded a \$20,700 planning grant to the **Chicano Awareness Center** of Omaha for the Brown-Black Coalition, an organization whose focus is to foster joint cooperation and issue identification and discussion on behalf of the traditionally underserved populations of the greater Omaha area. The grant was awarded as part of the NHC's "New Immigrants" initiative.

The NHC announced 21 grants totaling \$97,516. Other grant recipients and the amount of each grant: **Asian Community and Cultural Center**, \$14,000 for the Building the New American Community Initiative, a plan to facilitate and enhance the successful integration of newcomers—refugees and immigrants—at a community level through a series of discussions and workshops.

The Willa Cather Pioneer Memorial and Educational Foundation, Red Cloud, \$6,915 for "Miracles: Red Cloud Opera House Humanities Programs," a year-long series of thematic programs reflecting our diverse heritage, traditions and history with respect to current conditions of national life.

Center for Health Policy and Ethics, Omaha, \$6,460 for "Literature and Medicine: Humanities at the Heart of Health Care," a series of six monthly, two-hour seminars from January through June 2007 at Boys Town Research Hospital in Omaha.

Homestead National Monument of America, Beatrice, \$6,050 for the Homestead Heritage Center Dedication, observing the 145th anniversary of the Homestead Act in May 2007. The event includes living history portrayals of presidents Thomas Jefferson and Abraham Lincoln.

El Museo Latino, Omaha, \$5,880 for "Our Cultural Traditions," a series of workshops and presentations by local and visiting scholars throughout October and November to exchange culture, tradition, history and the arts among people from various countries of Latin America.

Omaha Theater Company (The Rose Theater), Omaha, \$5,000 for "NEBRASKALAND!" a theater-in-education play for 50 classes of 4th-graders in the Omaha area between August 2006 and May 2007. Professional actors portray 16 famous Nebraskans, including Willa Cather, Crazy Horse and Malcolm X.

University of Nebraska Center for Great Plains Studies, Lincoln, \$4,850 for the Homesteading Reconsidered Symposium, May 17-19, 2007, at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and the Homestead National Monument in Beatrice.

John G. Neihardt Foundation, Bancroft, \$4,053 for the Neihardt Spring Conference, April 27-28, 2007, at the Neihardt State Historic Site. The conference will explore the origins of America's western heroes through the experiences of some of Neihardt's favorites.

Grand Island Multicultural Coalition, Grand Island, \$3,910 for "Creating a Community of Unity and Diversity," a conference Oct. 12, 2006, at College Park in Grand Island.

University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln, \$3,545 for "The Future of the Humanities in the Digital Age," a symposium Sept. 21-22, 2006, featuring humanities scholars and a panel discussion.

Nebraska Art Association, Lincoln, \$3,100 for "Forming American Identities," a series of presentations to enhance three special art exhibitions at Sheldon Art Gallery from October 2006 to April 2007.

International Quilt Study Center, Lincoln, \$2,350 for programs related to "Making Do or Doing Without: Quilts from the Great Depression," throughout the summer of 2007 at the Robert Hillestad Textiles Gallery on the University of Nebraska-Lincoln East Campus.

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Department of English, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, \$1,500 for “Hurricane Katrina: A One-Year Retrospective,” Sept. 6-8, 2006, a series of discussions, lectures and other events exploring the aftermath of the hurricane in the areas of history, literature, community service and journalism.

Friends of the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Commission, Lincoln, \$1,500 for the “Lewis and Clark Family Festival,” a series of speakers, re-enactors, films, music and hands-on activities presented Sept. 9, 2006 at seven downtown Omaha locations.

Friends of Joslyn Castle, Omaha, \$1,500 for “Restore Omaha,” a conference Nov. 3-5, 2006, at the University of Nebraska at Omaha on restoring and preserving historic Omaha homes and businesses.

Lied Center for Performing Arts, Lincoln, \$1,500 for “The Train,” a collaborative chamber theater production and residency involving The Angels Theatre Co. and the Third Chair Chamber Players.

Southeast Community College, Lincoln, \$1,497 for a series of lectures, storytelling and workshops Sept. 13-19, 2006, by the Fuchsia Band Duo, musicians in the Irish folk tradition.

Malaika Foundation, Lincoln, \$1,494 for “Opening Your Classroom to the World,” the third International Education Symposium, Nov. 9-10, 2006, in Kearney.

John G. Neihardt Foundation, Bancroft, \$1,101 for the 21st Annual Neihardt Day Celebration, Aug. 6, 2006, at the Neihardt State Historic Site in Bancroft.

Gage County Heritage Preservation, Beatrice, \$611 for Otoe-Missouria Reservation Heritage Weekend, Nov. 4-5

Major grants are for more than \$1,500 and there are two grant cycles a year. Applications must be postmarked by March 1 or Aug. 1. Mini grants are for \$1,500 or less and there are six grant cycles a year. Applications must be postmarked by Jan. 1, March 1, May 1, July 1, Sept. 1 or Nov. 1.

For details on applying for a grant, call Mary Yager at (402) 474-2131 ext. 103 or Erika Hamilton at ext. 104, or visit the NHC website at www.nebraskahumanities.org.

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