

2022 SNAPSHOT

# *On Wisdom and Vision:* Humanities Organizations in Illinois during COVID-19



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# Public humanities organizations have faced — and created — profound change throughout the pandemic.

## Introduction

*In September 2021, Illinois Humanities provided 254 organizations COVID-19 Emergency Relief and Recovery Grants.*

**\$1.4 million was awarded in grants but requests totaled more than \$3.6 million**

The 2021 COVID-19 Emergency Relief and Recovery grants — comprised of funding from the National Endowment for the Humanities through the American Rescue Plan Act pooled with private donations — built on lessons learned during funding relief efforts detailed in the Illinois Humanities report, *On Wisdom and Vision: The State of the Humanities During COVID-19.*

At a time when the impacts of COVID-19 continued to

devastate communities around the state, awards supported public humanities organizations that are historically bypassed by traditional funding streams due to geographic location, size, or capacity.

This snapshot provides an overview of the usage and impacts of the 2021 COVID-19 Emergency Relief and Recovery dollars distributed by Illinois Humanities. This report addresses: *Where did the dollars go? What are some of the circumstances in which these organizations have been operating during the pandemic?*

The data in this snapshot, along with ongoing conversations with grantee partners and local and national research, underline the following<sup>1</sup>:

- Public humanities organizations in Illinois serve communities who have faced economic distress both prior to and as a result of COVID-19;

- Public humanities organizations are playing critical and unique roles in making their communities healthier, more connected and more resilient;
- Grantee partners want to give more attention to equity and inclusion and to work in less isolation from one another;
- Illinois Humanities' emergency relief and recovery funding did not come close to meeting the magnitude of grantee partners' financial needs.

## Summary of 2021 Grant Awards

The March 2021 report, *On Wisdom and Vision: State of Humanities Organizations in Illinois During COVID-19*, illuminated notable disparities, particularly in terms of the lack of access to funding for rural-serving organizations, and the organizational capacities of public humanities organizations overall.

As Illinois Humanities geared up to double the amount of relief and recovery dollars available, we refined our application and review rubric through a more explicit equity-driven lens; we increased outreach modes; and we worked to reduce barriers to applicants.<sup>1</sup> In addition, we asked applicants to share auxiliary data on leadership and staff demographics. Finally, thanks to the support of an anonymous donor, Illinois Humanities increased the funds available for non-Cook County based organizations by \$250,000.

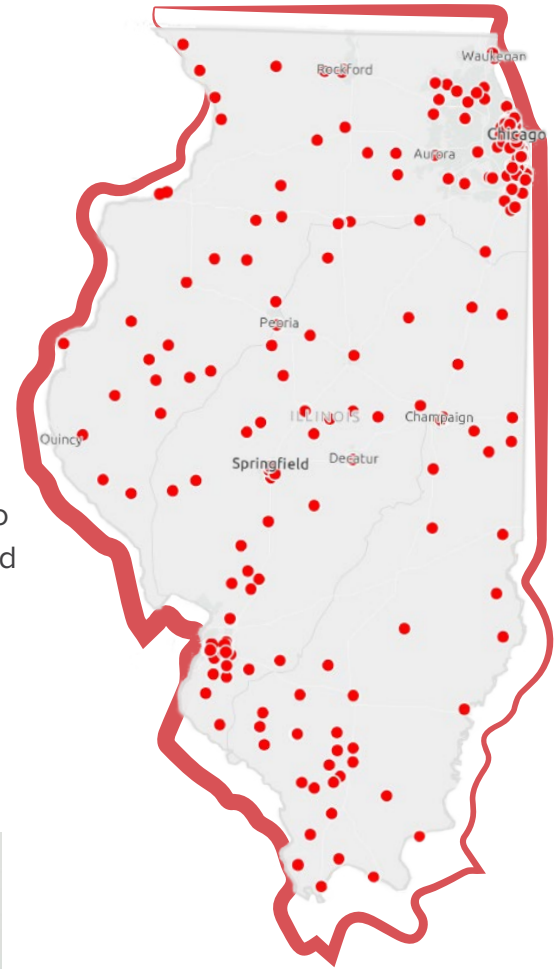
To see a complete list of the organizations funded by Illinois Humanities with COVID-19 Emergency Relief

and Recovery support, turn to the end of this report or click [here](#). An interactive map of grantees is available [here](#). For additional information about the COVID grants, see the fact sheet [here](#).

### About the data in this snapshot

This snapshot summarizes information about the Illinois Humanities relief grants distributed to 254 unique grantee partners in 2021. This snapshot comprises of application data in addition to contextual data from local and national sources.<sup>2</sup>

## 2021 COVID-19 Emergency Relief and Recovery Grants Awardees



### Summary of grant awards

Illinois Humanities received 556 eligible applications from across Illinois for 2021 COVID-19 Emergency Relief and Recovery Grants. 46% of eligible applicants received grants. \$3.65 million in funds were requested; funds distributed totaled \$1.4 million.



**\$1.4 MILLION IN GRANTS.  
72 ILLINOIS COUNTIES.**

Relief and Recovery for the Humanities in Illinois.

## Out of 254 grantee partners:

- **68%** have budgets of less than \$300K
- **62%** are outside of Cook County
- **60%** serve communities of color
- **54%** received their first-ever grant award from Illinois Humanities
- **42%** are located in rural areas

## How were grants distributed geographically?

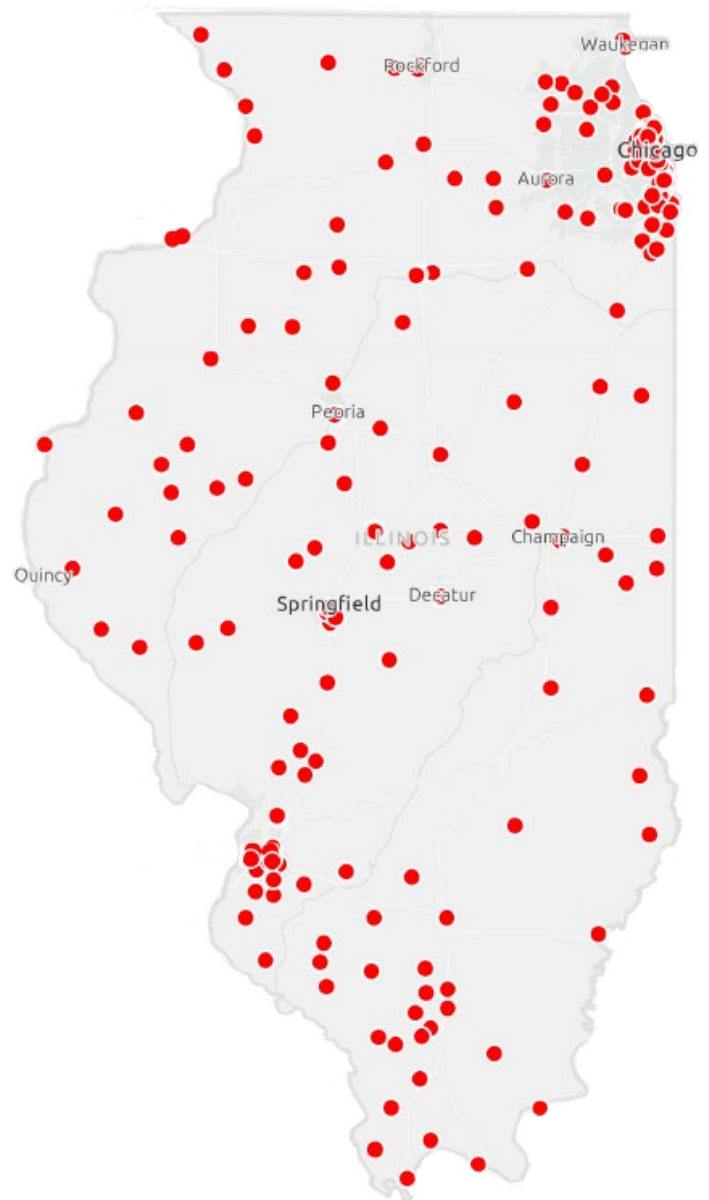
Grantee partners serve residents living in all 18 Congressional districts. Recipient organizations are located in 72 of Illinois 102 counties. 96 (38%) of grantee partners are located in Cook County, and 158 (62%) outside Cook County.

214 organizations received General Operating grants totaling between \$5,000-10,000 each; 44 received Project Grants at \$5,000 each.

## Why public humanities matter particularly during the pandemic

According to a report from Culture Track (a national online survey of audience behaviors, attitudes, motivations, and barriers to cultural participation, which has been conducted by LaPlaca Cohen since 2001), respondents to the 2021 survey described that, in addition to struggling more financially, their emotional state had worsened, “with more people feeling disconnected sad, or angry.” However, “Respondents are more likely to feel arts [and cultural] organizations are important a year into the pandemic — this is especially true for BIPOC communities... Arts and culture organizations can play a role

## 2021 COVID-19 Emergency Relief and Recovery Grants Awardees



in community healing and recovery, even as they navigate their own organizational rebound.”

As health disparities and income losses continue to fall harder on BIPOC groups and rural communities, and financial recovery is uneven across race and ethnicity, access to free, opportunities that public humanities organizations provide — a chance for participants to have fun,

learn something new, relax, connect with others and broaden their perspectives — is more urgent than ever. Furthermore, humanities organizations play a critical role in documenting and strengthening the resilience of their communities by producing oral histories, curating local archives, creating virtual historic walking tours, producing documentary films, and designing curricula.

- **Community media groups** such as Hypertext Magazine & Studio in Chicago
- **Libraries and archives** such as the Vespasian Warner Public Library District in Clinton

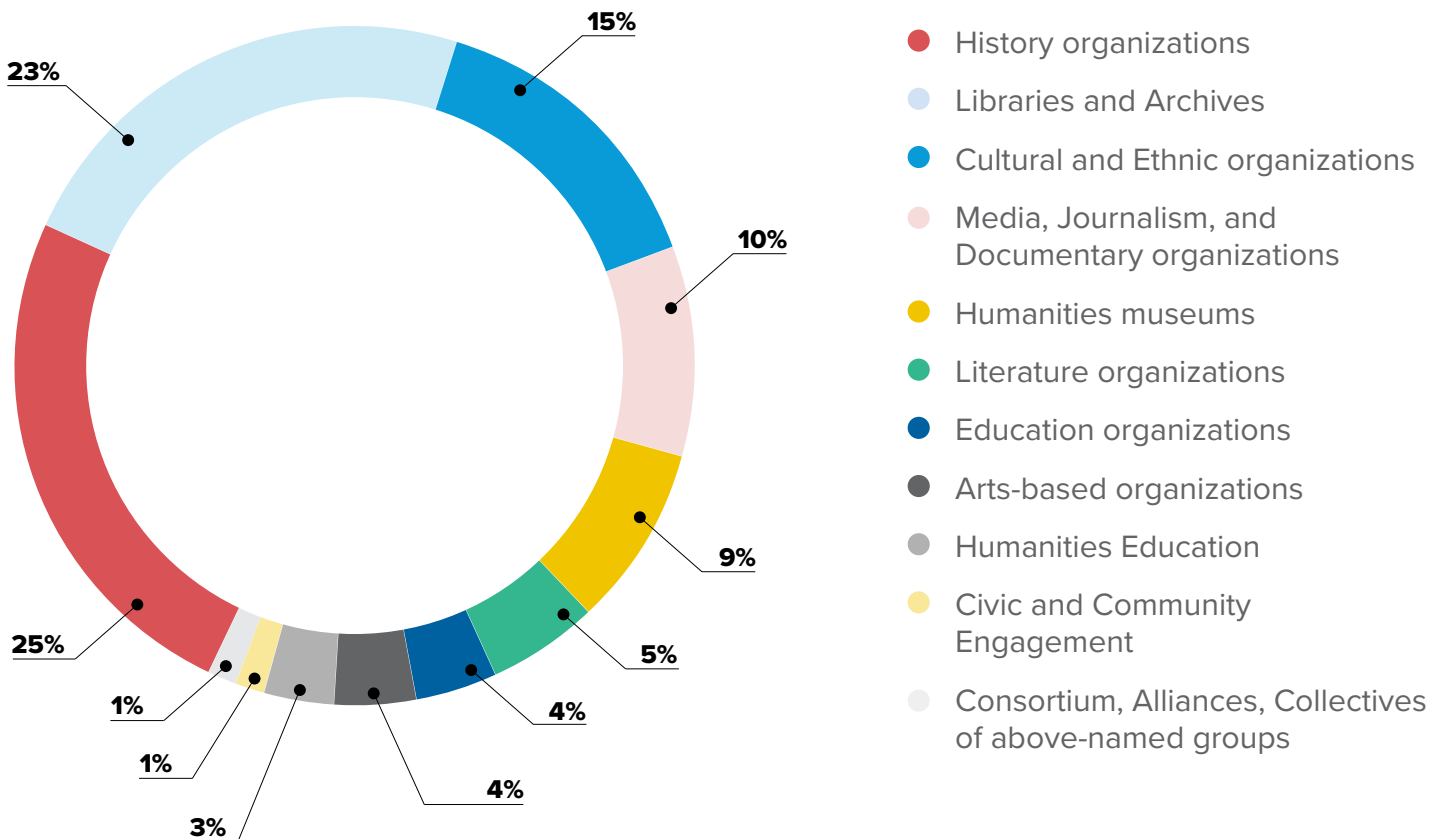
**Grantee Partners included:**

- **Cultural and ethnic centers** such as the American Indian Center in Chicago
- **Literature and literacy organizations** such as The Midwest Writing Center in Rock Island
- **History organizations** such as the Delavan Community Historical Society
- **Museums** such as the Rockford Art Museum



Photos by Mercedes Zapata; courtesy of Chicago Public Art Group

**Grantee partners by organization type**



## Demographics of grantee partner leadership and communities served

The 2021 grant applications asked applicants to include demographic data on staff and leadership, as well as information about communities served. Amongst grantee partners, 39% self-identify as having Black, Indigenous, and/or Person of Color (BIPOC) leadership. In addition, nearly 60% of organizations (59.8%) serve communities of color. According to the United States Census Bureau Census Bureau, the racial composition of the population of Illinois is approximately 62% White and 38% BIPOC.<sup>2</sup>

- **59.8%** of grantees identified themselves as serving BIPOC communities (152 out of 254 grantees)
- **39.3%** grantees self-identified as having BIPOC leadership (95 out of 242 grantees)
- **35.18%** of organizations have more than 50% BIPOC staff (89 out of 254)



**\$1.4 MILLION IN GRANTS.**  
**100+ NEW GRANTEE PARTNERS.**

Relief and Recovery for the Humanities in Illinois.



## Grantee partners in context

When grantee partners were mapped against demographic, geographic, and pandemic data, there is significant overlap between the humanities organizations who applied for relief grants in Illinois and the geographic locations and communities who were disproportionately affected by COVID-19. A majority of grantee partners (65.4%) are situated in regions that faced economic duress prior to the pandemic, with more than 35% of households in these zip codes experiencing poverty.

Illinois has nearly 13 million residents, the median age is 39, and nearly 12% of people are living below the poverty line. Of the state’s population, 62% of Illinoisans are White; 19% are Hispanic; 12% are Black, 6% are Asian, 1% are Native/Indigenous, and less than 1% are Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander. <sup>2</sup> According to United Way, 35% of Illinois households struggle to afford basic needs. Such households are located throughout the state.

Grants were distributed throughout the state. The Chicago “collar counties” received fewer

funds per resident due to a smaller number of applications. There was an increase of approved grants to the “95 other counties” category due to a private fund dedicated to grant opportunities to organizations outside of Cook and the “collar counties.”

**According to the United State Census Bureau, 88.5% of Illinoisans live in urban areas and 11.5% live in rural areas. Cook County is home to 42% of the state’s population.**

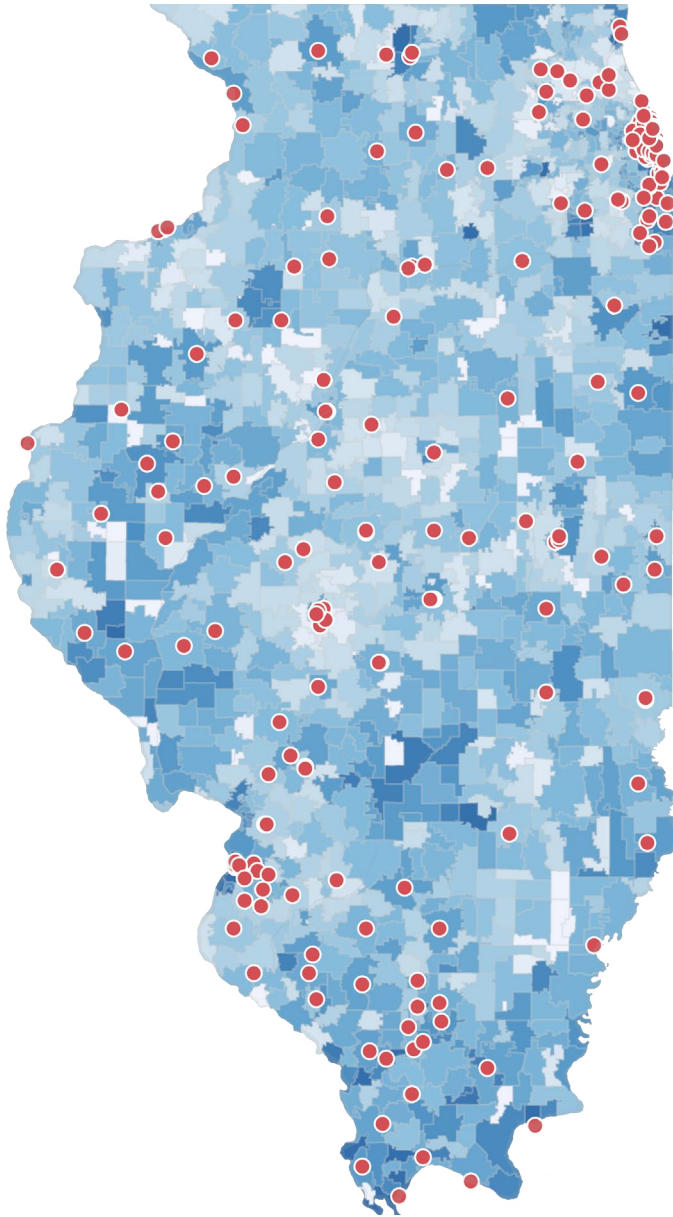
108 grantee partners are in rural areas (42.69%). According to the Census Bureau, 88.5% of Illinoisans live in urban areas and 11.5% live in rural areas. This cycle, grantee partners self-indicated whether they are located in rural or urban areas. 143 partners (56.3%) identified as located in urban areas and 111 partners (43.7%) as located in rural areas.

### Grants by location

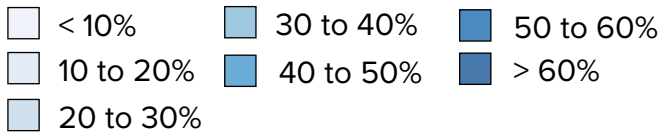
Location	Population (2017 est.)	Applications	Funded	Percent funded	Funds awarded	% Funds awarded	Funds per resident
Cook county	5,274,129	341	97	28.5%	\$575,000	41.1%	10.9¢
“Collar counties” (DuPage, Kane, Kendall, Lake, McHenry, Will)	3,325,693	41	15	36.6%	\$80,000	5.7%	2.4¢
95 other counties	4,370,331	267	142	53.2%	\$745,000	53.2%	17.1¢
Total	12,970,153	649	254	39.1%	\$1,400,000	100%	10.8¢

Sources: US Census Bureau 2018, Illinois Humanities data.

## Organizations & community poverty levels

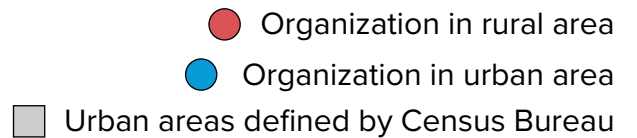
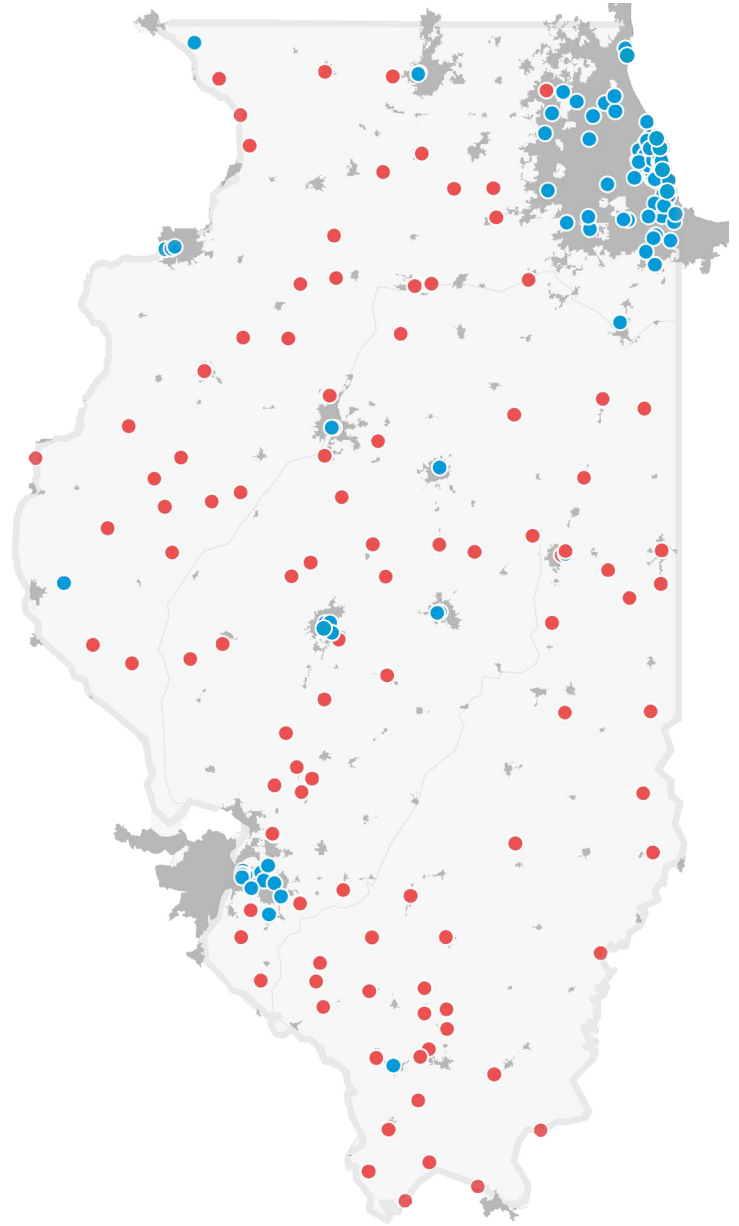


Percent of households below the ALICE poverty threshold (by ZIP code)



Sources: United Way 2020, US Census Bureau 2018, Illinois Humanities data.

## Grantee Partners in urban & rural areas



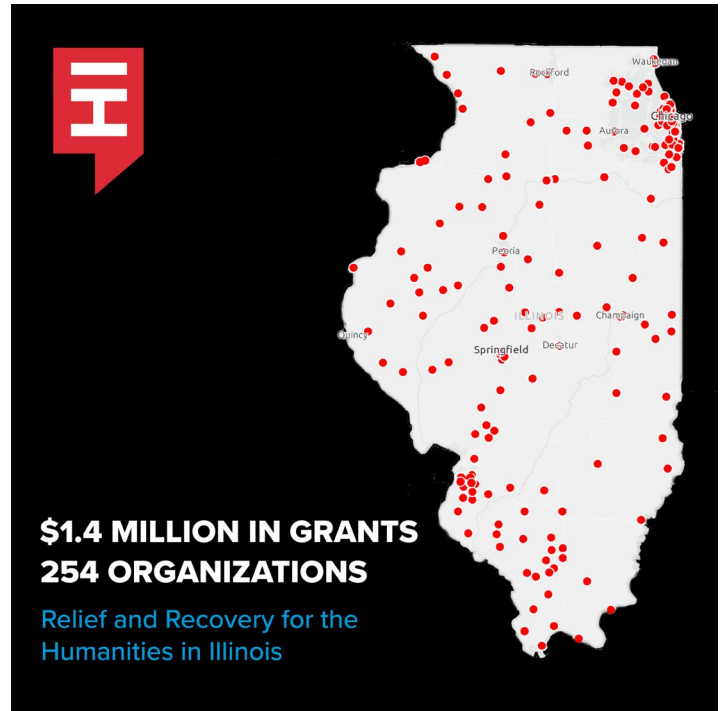
Sources: US Census Bureau 2019, Illinois Humanities data.





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60%+ GRANTEES  
OUTSIDE COOK COUNTY.**

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## Conclusion

As income losses continue to fall harder on BIPOC groups and rural communities, and financial recovery is uneven across race and ethnicity access to free, opportunities that public humanities organizations provide — a chance for participants to have fun, learn something new, relax, connect with others and broaden their perspectives — is more urgent than ever.

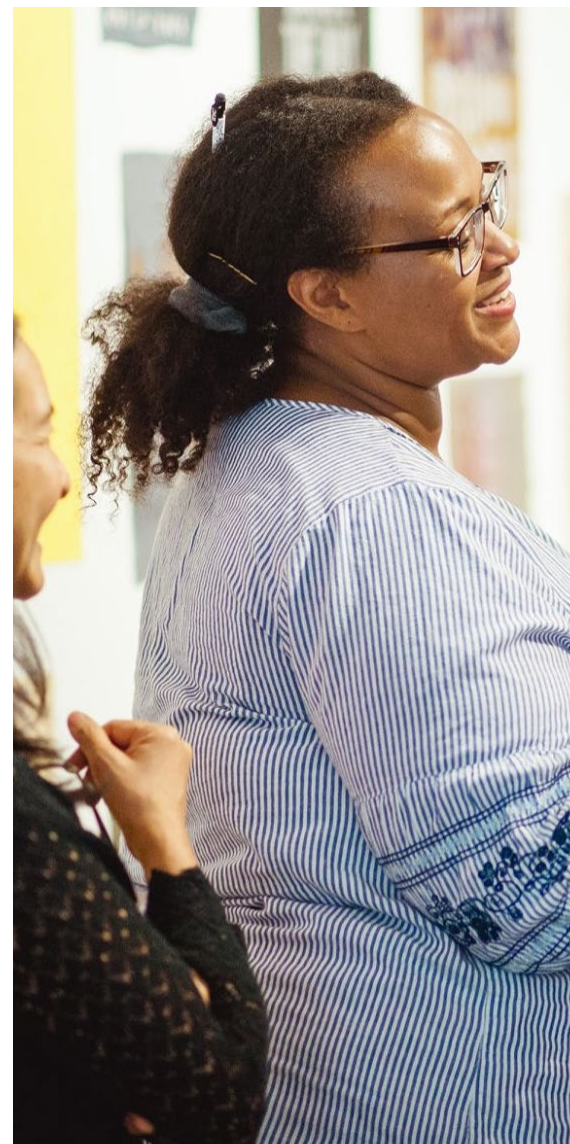
The data in this snapshot, along with ongoing conversations with grantee partners, and supported by national research, underline the following<sup>1</sup>:

- Public humanities organizations in Illinois serve communities hit hard by COVID-19 and which were under economic distress prior to the pandemic
- Public humanities organizations are playing critical and unique roles in making their communities healthier, more connected and more resilient
- Grantee partners want to give more attention to equity and inclusion and to work in less isolation from one another

- The emergency relief and recovery funding by Illinois Humanities did not come close to meeting grantee partners' financial needs

Continuing support is needed to ensure that our state's humanities organizations can do what they uniquely do: preserve, promote and produce free educational and cultural resources that strengthen our collective civic fabric. Emergency relief and recovery grantmaking during COVID-19 has significantly impacted the ways in which Illinois Humanities thinks about its role as a funding intermediary, program provider and partner. We are working to 1) increase our capacity to support statewide peer-to-peer learning, technical assistance, and partnership infrastructure for grantee partners and 2) to look at the ways in which an equity lens, paired with data, could help inform and shape our grantmaking priorities. In 2022 we will provide facilitation training, skill development workshops, peer-skill share opportunities and, critical community building throughout these endeavors.

***We are more convinced than ever that bringing people together in conversation and collaboration with one another powerfully amplifies the impacts of humanities organizations.***



Photos by Haley Scott

We are also asking a new set of questions which, we hope, in partnership with like-minded funders, programmers, policy makers, and researchers, can help inform efforts to build and strengthen the public humanities sector in Illinois.

- How might we strategically leverage our role as a statewide organization to bring visibility to the ecosystem of Illinois' public humanities organizations?



- How can we most impactfully bolster grant making with capacity and community building?
- How do we tell stories that illustrate the ways in which humanities organizations are helping — and bringing value to — their communities and the state overall during the pandemic (and beyond?)

Equitable recovery from COVID-19 must include the cultural sector. Humanities organizations provide relief, restoration, and community well-being. Illinois will not be able to restore our diverse communities without these organizations doing what they do best: strengthening our civic fabric.

As we work to better envision a robust, equitable cultural

infrastructure with strong humanities organizations accessible to all Illinois residents — other questions begin to emerge: How does broadband (or the lack thereof) impact organizations' abilities to deliver on their missions? What will the long-term impacts of COVID-19 have on the health and well being of humanities' organizations and the communities they serve?

Finally, given the preponderance of public humanities organizations serving communities of color and communities that were under economic duress even prior to the pandemic, how might these organizations best be supported to serve in inclusive, holistic ways.



Photo by Jonathan Mathias

***In Illinois,  
we have an  
opportunity  
to invest in the  
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## About Illinois Humanities

Illinois Humanities, the Illinois affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities, is a statewide nonprofit organization that activates the humanities through free public programs, grants, and educational opportunities that foster reflection, spark conversation, build community, and strengthen civic engagement. We provide free, high-quality humanities experiences throughout Illinois, particularly for communities of color, individuals living on low incomes, counties and towns in rural areas, small arts and cultural organizations, and communities highly impacted by mass incarceration. Founded in 1974, Illinois Humanities is supported by state, federal, and private funds.

Learn more about Illinois Humanities at [ilhumanities.org](https://ilhumanities.org) and on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#) and [LinkedIn](#) @ILHumanities.

## Credits & acknowledgments

Deep thanks to each and every organization that applied for funding. Your efforts — which were undertaken during an acutely challenging time — contribute to a better understanding of the humanities ecosystem in Illinois.



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## Grantee partner list

*Organized by grant type*

### General operating support

*Listed by organization name, county and city*

826CHI, Cook, Chicago  
Abe Lincoln Project, Pike, Pittsfield  
African-American Cultural & Genealogical Society of Illinois, Macon, Decatur  
Al Raby Foundation, Cook, Chicago  
American Indian Association of Illinois, Cook, Chicago  
American Indian Center, Cook, Chicago  
Anne West Lindsey District Library, Williamson, Carterville  
Aurora Fire Station Preservation Corp DBA Aurora Regional Fire Museum, Kane, Aurora  
Ballet Folklorico de Chicago, Cook, Chicago  
Belleville Public Library, St. Clair, Belleville  
Benton Public Library District, Franklin, Benton  
Black Alphabet, Cook, Chicago  
Black Lunch Table, Cook, Chicago  
BlackCapsule.Z Anthology Corp., Cook, Riverdale  
Borderless Magazine NFP, Cook, Chicago  
Bourbonnais Public Library, Kankakee, Bourbonnais  
Bronzeville / Black Chicagoan Historical Society, Cook, Chicago  
Buffalo Grove Park District — The Raupp Museum, Cook, Buffalo Grove  
Bunker Hill Public Library District, Macoupin, Bunker Hill  
Bushnell Public Library, McDonough, Bushnell  
Calumet City Public Library, Cook, Calumet City  
Carlinville Public Library, Macoupin, Carlinville  
Carrier Mills-Stonefort Public Library District, Saline, Carrier Mills  
Caseyville Public Library District, Cook, Chicago  
Cedarville Area Historical Society, Stephenson, Freeport  
Centralia Area Historical Society, Marion, Centralia  
Changing Worlds, Cook, Chicago  
Chicago Blues Museum, Cook, Chicago  
Chicago Cultural Alliance, Cook, Chicago  
Chicago Independent Radio Project, Cook, Chicago  
Chicago Korean Dance Company, Cook, Rolling Meadows  
Chicago National Brewseum, Cook, Chicago  
Chicago Palestine Film Festival, Cook, Chicago  
Chicago Poetry Center, Cook, Chicago  
Chicago Public Art Group, Cook, Chicago  
Chicago Review, Cook, Chicago  
Chicago South Side Film Festival, Cook, Chicago  
Chinatown Museum Foundation, Cook, Chicago  
Christian County Coal Mine Museum, Christian, Taylorville  
Christian County Historical Society, Christian, Taylorville  
Christopher Public Library, Franklin, Christopher  
Cicero Independiente, Cook, Chicago  
Clarendon Hills Public Library, DuPage, Clarendon Hills  
Clark County Historical Society, Clark, Marshall  
Clay County Genealogical Society, Clay, Louisville  
contratiempo nfp, Cook, Chicago  
Crawford County Heritage Foundation, Crawford, Robinson  
Danforth Historical Society, Iroquois, Danforth  
Daniel Ramos Puerto Rican Festival Committee, Inc, Cook, Chicago  
Deer Creek District Library, Tazewell, Deer Creek  
Delavan Community Historical Society, Tazewell, Delavan  
Dundee Township Historical Society, Kane, West Dundee  
Easley Pioneer Museum Foundation, Inc., Fulton, Ipava  
East St. Louis Historical Society, St. Clair, East St. Louis  
El Griot & Areito Project, Cook, Chicago  
eta Creative Arts Foundation, Cook, Chicago  
Ethnic Heritage Museum (Heritage Museum Park), Winnebago, Rockford

Fairbury Echoes Museum, Livingston, Fairbury  
 Fairview Heights Public Library, St. Clair, Fairview Heights  
 Farmersville-Waggoner Public Library District, Montgomery, Farmersville  
 Flagg-Rochelle Public Library, Ogle, Rochelle  
 Flossmoor Public Library, Cook, Flossmoor  
 Ford County Historical Society, Ford, Paxton  
 Forest Preserve Friends Foundation/ Museum of the Grand Prairie, Champaign, Mahomet  
 Fox River Grove Memorial Library, McHenry, Fox River Grove  
 Frankfort Area Historical Society, Franklin, West Frankfort  
 Free Spirit Media, Cook, Chicago  
 Friends of The Dr Richard Eells House, Adams, Quincy  
 Full Spectrum Features NFP, Cook, Chicago  
 Galena-Jo Daviess County Historical Society, Jo Daviess, Galena  
 Galesburg Public Library, Knox, Galesburg  
 Garvey Tubman Cultural Arts and Research Center, Sangamon, Springfield  
 Georgetown IL. Public Library, Vermilion, Georgetown  
 Germantown Public Library District, Clinton, Germantown  
 Glenwood-Lynwood Public Library District, Cook, Lynwood  
 Greater West Central Public Library District, Hancock, Augusta  
 Groff Memorial Public Library, White, Grayville  
 Grundy County Historical Society, Grundy, Morris  
 Guild Literary Complex, Cook, Chicago  
 Haitian American Museum of Chicago, Cook, Chicago  
 Hanover Township Library, Jo Daviess, Hanover  
 Hardin County Fluorspar Museum, Hardin, Rosiclare  
 Hauberg Civic Center Foundation, Rock Island, Rock Island  
 Hegeler Carus Foundation, LaSalle, LaSalle  
 Henderson County Historical Society Museum, Henderson, Raritan  
 Herrin City Library, Williamson, Herrin  
 Hinckley Historical Society, DeKalb, Hinckley  
 Historic Marbold Farmstead Association, Menard, Greenview  
 Homer Community Library, Champaign, Homer  
 Homewood Historical Society, Cook, Homewood  
 Honey Pot Performance, Cook, Chicago  
 House of Miles, St. Clair, East St. Louis  
 Hypertext Magazine & Studio, Cook, Chicago  
 Illinois Coal Museum At Gillespie, Macoupin, Gillespie  
 Illinois Rural Heritage Museum, Perry, Pinckneyville  
 Illinois State Genealogical Society, Sangamon, Springfield  
 InterAction Initiative Inc, Cook, Chicago  
 Iroquois County Historical Society, Iroquois, Watseka  
 Jackie Joyner-Kersey Foundation, St. Clair, East St. Louis  
 Jackson County Historical Society, Jackson, Murphysboro  
 James Millikin Homestead Inc., Macon, Decatur  
 Jefferson County Historical Society, Jefferson, Mt. Vernon  
 Katherine Dunham Museum, St. Clair, East St. Louis  
 Korean Cultural Center of Chicago, Cook, Wheeling  
 Korean War Educator Foundation, Douglas, Tuscola  
 LaSalle County Historical Society, LaSalle, Utica  
 LaSalle Public Library, LaSalle, LaSalle  
 Lawndale Pop-Up Spot, Cook, Chicago  
 Lawrence County, Illinois, Historical Society, Lawrence, Lawrenceville  
 Legacy Training, Inc., Pulaski, Grand Chain  
 Les Amis du Fort de Chartres, Randolph, Prairie du Rocher

Lewistown Society for Historical Preservation, Fulton, Lewistown

Lincoln Heritage Museum, Logan, Lincoln

Lincoln Highway Interpretive Center, Lee, Franklin Grove

Lincoln Log Cabin Foundation, Coles, Lerna

Lithuanian Archives Project, Cook, Chicago

Logan County Genealogical and Historical Society, Logan, Lincoln

Macomb Public Library, McDonough, Macomb

Magnolia Township Preservation Association, Putnam, Magnolia

Mandala South Asian Performing Arts Inc. DBA Mandala Arts, Cook, Chicago

Marshall Public Library, Clark, Marshall

Mascoutah Public Library, St. Clair, Mascoutah

McDonough County Genealogical Society, McDonough, Macomb

McHenry County Illinois Genealogical Society, McHenry, Crystal Lake

MCHS/Underground Railroad Committee, Morgan, Jacksonville

Metro East Literacy Project, St. Clair, O'Fallon

Metropolis Public Library, Massac, Metropolis

Mexican Folkloric Dance Company of Chicago, Cook, Chicago

Mezcla Media Collective, Cook, Chicago

Midwest SOARRING Foundation, Will, Lockport

Millstadt Library, St. Clair, Millstadt

MindsEye Radio, St. Clair, Belleville

Mississippi Valley Library District, Madison, Collinsville

Mitchell Museum of the American Indian, Cook, Evanston

Morrison Talbott Library, Monroe, Waterloo

Mound City National Cemetery Preservation Commission, Pulaski, Mound City

Mount Olive Illinois Public Library, Macoupin, Mount Olive

Mount Pulaski Township Historical Society Museum and Genealogy Center, Logan, Mount Pulaski

Muslim American Leadership Alliance, Cook, Chicago

NAJWA Dance Corps, Cook, Chicago

National APR Pullman Porter Museum, Cook, Chicago

National Cambodian Heritage Museum & Killing Fields Memorial, Cook, Chicago

National Museum of Gospel Music, Cook, Chicago

National Public Housing Museum, Cook, Chicago

Nauvoo Public Library, Hancock, Nauvoo

Neponset Historical Society, Bureau, Neponset

New Philadelphia Association, Pike, Barry

Old School Museum, Scott, Winchester

OPEN Center for the Arts, Cook, Chicago

Orland Park History Museum, Cook, Orland Park

People's Center for Cultural and Contemporary Arts, Cook, Chicago

Petersburg Public Library, Menard, Petersburg

Pigment International, Cook, Chicago

Pinckneyville Public Library, Perry, Pinckneyville

Plainfield Historical Society, Will, Plainfield

PlayMakers Laboratory Theatre, Cook, Chicago

Promoting Appreciation of Structural Treasures of Union County, IL, Union, Jonesboro

Public Media Institute, Cook, Chicago

Public Narrative, Cook, Chicago

Ransom Memorial Library Historical Society, Knox, Galesburg

Raymond A. Sapp Memorial Library, Bureau, Wyanet

Reading In Motion, Cook, Chicago

Richton Park Public Library District, Cook, Richton Park

Ridge Historical Society, Cook, Chicago

Robbins Historical Society and Museum, Cook, Robbins

Rochester Public Library District, Sangamon, Rochester

Rohingya Culture Center, Cook, Chicago

Rosiclare Memorial Public Library, Hardin, Rosiclare

Royalton Public Library District, Franklin, Royalton



Sandwich Public Library District, DeKalb,  
Sandwich

Schuyler Jail Museum, Schuyler, Rushville

Segundo Ruiz Belvis Cultural Center, Cook,  
Chicago

Sesser Public Library, Franklin, Sesser

Shabbona-Lee-Rollo Historical Museum, DeKalb,  
Shabbona

Sidell District Library, Vermilion, Sidell

Sixty Inches from Center NFP, Cook, Chicago

Sophia's Choice aka Asian Pop-Up Cinema, Cook,  
Chicago

South Side Weekly, Cook, Chicago

Southside Community Art Center, Cook, Chicago

Sparta Public Library, Randolph, Sparta

Spoon River Poetry Association, McLean, Normal

Springfield & Central Illinois African American  
History Foundation/ Museum (AAHM),  
Sangamon, Springfield

Stark County Illinois Historical Society, Stark,  
Toulon

Steeleville Area Public Library District, Randolph,  
Steeleville

Strategy for Access Foundation NFP, Cook,  
Chicago

Tazewell County Genealogical & Historical  
Society, Tazewell, Pekin

The Hoodoisie, Wayne, Detroit, MI

The Hub-Arts and Cultural Center, Schuyler,  
Rushville

The Midwest Writing Center, Rock Island,  
Rock Island

The Museum of Westclox, LaSalle, Peru

Thebes Historical Society, Alexander, Thebes

Thomson Depot Museum, Carroll, Thomson

Tilden Public Library, Randolph, Tilden

True Star Media & Foundation, Cook, Chicago

Uni-Pres Kindercottage, St. Clair, East St. Louis

Uniting Pride of Champaign County, Champaign,  
Champaign

Urbana Champaign Independent Media Center,  
Champaign, Urbana

Vermilion Heritage Foundation, Vermilion,  
Danville

Vespasian Warner Public Library District, De Witt,  
Clinton

Visions Blu Institute, Cook, Chicago

Walnut Public Library District, Bureau, Walnut

Washington County Historical Society,  
Washington, Nashville

Watseka Public Library, Iroquois, Watseka

Weldon Public Library District, De Witt, Weldon

Western Illinois Museum, McDonough, Macomb

Westside Writing Project dba Westside Media  
Project, Cook, Chicago

Wheels O' Time Museum, Peoria, Dunlap

Winnebago Community Historical Society (WCHS),  
Winnebago, Winnebago

Young Chicago Authors, Cook, Chicago

Youth Empowerment Performance Project, Cook,  
Chicago

### **Humanities Project Funds**

*Listed by organization name, county and city*

6018North, Cook, Chicago

A Gift of Love Charity, Inc, Jackson, Carbondale

Back of the Yards Neighborhood Council, Cook,  
Chicago

Barrington History Museum, Lake, Barrington

Brushwood Center at Ryerson Woods, Lake,  
Riverwoods

Calumet Collaborative, Cook, Chicago

Center for Racial Harmony, St. Clair, Belleville

Chicago Collections Consortium, Cook, Chicago

Chicago Humanities Festival, Cook, Chicago

Chicago Public Library Foundation, Cook,  
Chicago

ConTextos, Cook, Chicago

Crossing Borders Music, Cook, Chicago

Dreaming Tree Foundation, Rock Island,  
Rock Island

Edwardsville Public Library, Madison, Edwardsville

Elgin Community College, Kane, Elgin  
Front Porch Arts Center, New York, New York, NY  
Governors State University, Will, University Park  
Heritage Ensemble, Peoria, Peoria  
Hyde Park Art Center, Cook, Chicago  
Illinois State Museum Society, Sangamon,  
Springfield  
International Children's Media Center, Cook,  
Chicago  
Kuumba Lynx, Cook, Chicago  
Lewis University, Will, Romeoville  
Looking for Lincoln, Sangamon, Springfield  
Lorde, Rustin & Bates, Cook, Chicago  
Madison County Historical Society Inc, Madison,  
Edwardsville  
Medinah School District 11, DuPage, Roselle  
Millikin University, Macon, Decatur  
My True North Artistry, Champaign, Champaign  
National Indo-American Museum, Cook, Chicago  
Northeastern Illinois University Foundation, Cook,  
Chicago  
Ray Bradbury Experience Museum, a program  
of Greater Waukegan Development Coalition,  
Lake, Waukegan

Rockford Art Museum, Winnebago, Rockford  
Route History Institute, Sangamon, Springfield  
Savanna Historical Society NFP, Carroll, Savanna  
Staunton Public Library, Macoupin, Staunton  
Stickney-Forest View Public Library, Cook,  
Stickney  
Storycatchers Theatre, Cook, Chicago  
The Climate Economy Education Inc, Union,  
Makanda  
The House Theatre of Chicago, Cook, Chicago  
The Peoria Art Guild, Peoria, Peoria  
The Voices and Faces Project, Cook, Chicago  
Ukrainian National Museum, Cook, Chicago  
Waukegan Park District, Lake, Waukegan

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