

2026 Current Fiscal Year Report: National Council on the Humanities

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1. Department or Agency National Endowment for the Humanities
2. Fiscal Year 2026

3. Committee or Subcommittee National Council on the Humanities
3b. GSA Committee No. 1099

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year? No
5. Current Charter 11/17/2025
6. Expected Renewal Date 11/17/2027
7. Expected Term Date

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year? No
8b. Specific Termination Authority
8c. Actual Term Date

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year Continue
10a. Legislation Req to Terminate? No
10b. Legislation Pending? Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority Statutory (Congress Created)

12. Specific Establishment Authority 20 U.S.C. 957
13. Effective Date 09/29/1965
14. Committee Type Continuing
14c. Presidential? No

15. Description of Committee Grant Review Committee

16a. Total Number of Reports No Reports for this Fiscal Year

17a. Open 0 **17b. Closed** 0 **17c. Partially Closed** 0 **Other Activities** 0 **17d. Total** 0

Meetings and Dates

No Meetings

Current FY **Next FY**

18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members \$0.00 \$0.00

18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18c. Administrative Costs (FRNs, contractor support, In-person/hybrid/virtual meetings)	\$0.00	\$0.00
18d. Other (all other funds not captured by any other cost category)	\$0.00	\$0.00
18e. Total Costs	\$0.00	\$0.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.00	0.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The NCH's objectives and scope of activities include: (1) advising the Chairperson of the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) with respect to policies, programs, and procedures for carrying out the Chairperson's functions; (2) reviewing and making recommendations to the Chairperson on applications for financial support submitted to NEH; and (3) advising the Chairperson on policies, programs, and procedures for support and gifts offered to NEH. Pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 957(f), the NEH Chairperson cannot make any grant in excess of

\$30,000 until he/she has received a recommendation thereon from the National Council on the Humanities (NCH). Therefore, NEH would be unable to carry out its main activity, grant-making, without recommendations from the NCH.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

Pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 957(b), the NCH is composed of the NEH Chairperson, who serves as NCH Chairperson, and twenty-six other President-appointed, Senate-confirmed members. These other members are private U.S. citizens who (1) are recognized for their broad knowledge of, expertise in, or commitment to the humanities; and (2) have established records of distinguished service and scholarship or creativity in a manner which will provide a comprehensive representation of the views of scholars and professional practitioners in the humanities and of the public throughout the U.S. In making appointments, the President may consider recommendations from national organizations concerned with the humanities. Additionally, the President must give due regard to equitable representation of women, minorities, and individuals with disabilities who are involved in the humanities.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

The NCH generally meets three times per calendar year, to formally convey its recommendations and advice to the NEH Chairperson. Pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 957(d), the NCH must meet at least twice per calendar year, and at the call of the Chairperson. The NCH met three times during FY 2025.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

Because of the structure established under 20 U.S.C. 957, no other source may fulfill the NCH's function, nor provide the advice or information the NCH provides.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

Pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 957(f), the NCH is responsible for (1) advising the NEH Chairperson with respect to policies, programs, and procedures for carrying out the Chairperson's functions; and (2) reviewing and making recommendations to the Chairperson on applications for financial support submitted to NEH. The portion of NCH meetings involving the first of these responsibilities are open to the public. The portion of NCH meetings involving the review of grant applications are closed to the public because they include discussion of personal, commercial, and/or financial information given in confidence by grant applicants to the NEH.

21. Remarks

NA

Designated Federal Officer

Elizabeth Voyatzis Acting General Counsel

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Albrecht, Kathe	08/05/2019	10/01/2025	Institute for Doctoral Studies in the Visual Arts	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Berman, Russell	08/05/2019	09/30/2026	Stanford University	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Blakely, Allison	01/10/2011	10/01/2025	Boston University	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Callanan, Keegan	09/05/2019	09/30/2026	Middlebury College	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Carroll, Constance	06/01/2011	10/01/2025	California State University	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Coen, Deborah	07/21/2022	10/01/2025	Yale University	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
English, William	08/05/2019	09/30/2026	Georgetown University	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Fidler, Genine	10/01/2021	10/01/2025	Brown University	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Fisher, Marjorie	08/05/2019	10/01/2025	University of Michigan	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Gamble, Vanessa	03/17/2022	10/01/2025	George Washington University	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Griffin, Claire	08/05/2019	10/01/2025	Independent Consultant	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Hajdu, David	03/17/2022	10/01/2025	Historian	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Kim, Christine	05/09/2022	10/01/2025	Big Burn Bliss LLC	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Kosinski, Dorothy	08/05/2013	10/01/2025	Phillips Collection	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
McDonald, Michael	03/10/2025	01/04/2026	Acting Chairman	Ex Officio Member
Overby, Lynnette	12/18/2021	10/01/2025	University of Delaware	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Saldivar, Ramon	01/07/2013	10/01/2025	Stanford University	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Sing, David	02/08/2024	10/01/2025	University of Hawaii Hilo	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Stout, Karen	05/16/2022	10/01/2025	Achieving the Dream	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Tachau, Katherine	08/05/2013	10/01/2025	University of Iowa	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 20

Narrative Description

The National Council on the Humanities (NCH) is comprised of the NEH Chairperson and twenty-six distinguished private citizens who are appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate. The NCH supports NEH's mission by advising the NEH Chairperson with respect to the grants NEH awards to cultural institutions (such as museums, archives, libraries, colleges, universities, public television, and radio stations) and to individual scholars. The NCH supports NEH's strategic plan by providing the Chairperson with continuing advice on how best to: strengthen teaching and learning about the humanities in schools and colleges across the nation; facilitate research and original scholarship; provide opportunities for lifelong learning; preserve and provide access to cultural and educational resources; and strengthen the institutional base of the humanities.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

- Improvements to health or safety
- Trust in government
- Major policy changes
- Advance in scientific research
- Effective grant making
- Improved service delivery
- Increased customer satisfaction

- Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements
- Other

Outcome Comments

NA

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

- None
- Unable to Determine
- Under \$100,000
- \$100,000 - \$500,000
- \$500,001 - \$1,000,000
- \$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000
- \$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000
- Over \$10,000,000
- Cost Savings Other

Cost Savings Comments

NA

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

583

Number of Recommendations Comments

NA

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

100%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

NA

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

0%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

NA

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes No Not Applicable

Agency Feedback Comments

Oral and written reports.

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Action Comments

NA

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

Yes

What is the estimated **Number** of grants reviewed for approval

What is the estimated **Number** of grants recommended for approval 4,632
583

What is the estimated **Dollar Value** of grants recommended for approval
\$82,457,555

Grant Review Comments

NA

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Agency Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Online Committee Web Site

Online GSA FACA Web Site

Publications

Other

Access Comments

NA