

2021 Current Fiscal Year Report: Humanities Panel

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1. Department or Agency

National Endowment for the Humanities

2. Fiscal Year

2021

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Humanities Panel

3b. GSA Committee No.

1098

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

11/22/2019

6. Expected Renewal Date

11/22/2021

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 Authorized by Law

12. Specific Establishment Authority

20 U.S.C. 959(a)(4)

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 Meetings and Dates 0 17b. Closed Meetings and Dates 0 17c. Partially Closed Meetings and Dates 0 17d. Total Meetings and Dates 0

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. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$0.00	\$0.00
18d. Total	\$0.00	\$0.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.00	0.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

Pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 959(a)(4), the Chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) is authorized to use panels of experts in carrying out the functions of the agency. Consistent with that authority, the Humanities Panel's objectives and scope of activities include (1) advising the NEH Chairman and the National Council on the Humanities (NCH) on NEH policies, programs, and procedures as requested; and (2) reviewing and making recommendations on applications for financial support submitted to NEH.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

To ensure that NEH reviews all applications under the highest standards of excellence in the humanities, Humanities Panel members are selected on the basis of their subject matter expertise in a humanities discipline, on the basis of their experience in a humanities institution, or both. NEH selects panelists from a broad range of humanities disciplines (including languages, literature, history, jurisprudence, philosophy, archaeology, comparative religion, ethics, and the history, criticism, and theory of the arts). Panelists also are selected from a wide range of humanities institutions (including colleges, universities, archives, libraries, museums, and historical societies). To the extent practicable, NEH strives to form panels reflecting wide ethnic, racial, gender, and age representation. Additional considerations include equitable geographic representation of panelists and inclusion of panelists whose location, type of institution, or status of institution may be underrepresented in humanities funding. The agency also considers an individual's previous NEH experience; whether there will be multiple individuals from the same institution serving on a panel; and frequency of service and consecutive service.

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

Meetings to review grant applications are convened on an ad hoc basis, in accordance with applications received. A panelist serves only for the duration of the specific meeting he/she attends. The Humanities Panel held 139 meetings in Fiscal Year 2020.

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

As stated above, NEH receives a large number of applications from a wide variety of sources representing every humanities field. The range of views and opinions offered by members of the Humanities Panel could not be obtained from other sources.

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

Humanities Panel advisory committee meetings generally review grant applications as their main activity. These applications contain personal, commercial, and financial

information given in confidence by grant applicants to the NEH.

21. Remarks

NA

Designated Federal Officer

Michael P. McDonald General Counsel

Narrative Description

The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) serves and strengthens the nation by promoting excellence in the humanities and conveying the lessons of history to all Americans. NEH accomplishes this mission by providing grants for high-quality humanities projects in four funding areas: preserving and providing access to cultural resources, education, research, and public programs. NEH's grant programs are organized through the Division of Education Programs, Division of Preservation and Access, Division of Public Programs, Division of Research Programs, Office of Digital Humanities, and Office of Federal/State Partnership. The Humanities Panel supports NEH's mission by providing a peer review process through which applications for financial support may be initially evaluated. The Humanities Panel serves an integral part in carrying out the agency's strategic plan because it provides advice and assesses applications for financial support that: (a) foster significant research and original scholarship in the humanities; (b) provide opportunities for lifelong learning; (c) preserve and provide access to cultural and educational resources; (d) strengthen teaching and learning in the humanities in schools and colleges across the nation; and (e) strengthen the institutional base of the humanities.

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

Checked if Applies

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| Improvements to health or safety | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Trust in government | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Major policy changes | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Advance in scientific research | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Effective grant making | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Improved service delivery | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Increased customer satisfaction | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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?

6,825

Number of Recommendations Comments

Not Applicable

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

99%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

Not Applicable

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

The Humanities Panel does not make specific recommendations regarding grant

amounts. Therefore, there is no possibility of partial implementation of recommendations from the Humanities Panel.

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

Yes No Not Applicable

Agency Feedback Comments

Grant awards are listed in an annual report.

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	6,825
What is the estimated Number of grants recommended for approval	1,058
What is the estimated Dollar Value of grants recommended for approval	\$98,987,194

Grant Review Comments

The Humanities Panel reviews applications to the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) and provides advice on applications for financial support. The advice received from the Humanities Panel is assembled by NEH staff and presented to the National Council on the Humanities. The NEH Chairman takes into account all of the advice of the Humanities Panel, NEH staff, and National Council on the Humanities through the review process, and, by law, is authorized to make final funding decisions. The Humanities Panel may also provide advice to the Chairman concerning policies, programs, and procedures

of NEH.

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

Checked if Applies

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| Contact DFO | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Online Agency Web Site | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Online Committee Web Site | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Online GSA FACA Web Site | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Publications | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Access Comments

N/A