

# 2026 Current Fiscal Year Report: Humanities Panel

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**1. Department or Agency**

National Endowment for the Humanities

**2. Fiscal Year**

2026

**3. Committee or Subcommittee**

Humanities Panel

**3b. GSA Committee No.**

1098

**4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?**      **5. Current Charter**      **6. Expected Renewal Date**      **7. Expected Term Date**

No      11/17/2025      11/17/2027

**8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?**      **8b. Specific Termination Authority**      **8c. Actual Term Date**

No

**9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year**      **10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?**      **10b. Legislation Pending?**

Continue      No      Not Applicable

**11. Establishment Authority** Authorized by Law

**12. Specific Establishment Authority**      **13. Effective Date**      **14. Committee Type**      **14c. Presidential?**

20 U.S.C. 959(a)(4)      09/29/1965      Continuing      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 Next FY FY**

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

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

**20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?**

Pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 959(a)(4), the Chairperson 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 Chairperson 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). 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 99 meetings in Fiscal Year 2025.

**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**

Elizabeth Voyatzis Acting 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 Collections & Infrastructure, Division of Federal/State Partnership, Division of Lifelong Learning, and Division of Research. 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

- 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?**

595

**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?**

100%

**% 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
- Reallocated resources
- Issued new regulation
- Proposed legislation
- Approved grants or other payments

Other

**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 4,575  
595

What is the estimated **Dollar Value** of grants recommended for approval  
\$96,750,925

**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 Chairperson 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 Chairperson concerning policies, programs, and procedures of NEH.

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

Checked if Applies

- Contact DFO
- Online Agency Web Site
- Online Committee Web Site
- Online GSA FACA Web Site
- Publications
- Other

**Access Comments**

N/A