

Agency Purpose

Through its emphasis on the humanities, the Minnesota Humanities Center is working to build a thoughtful, literate, and engaged society. Serving as a statewide program provider and clearing house for the best in the humanities, the Minnesota Humanities Center improves the competency of our state’s teachers, increases the academic achievement of our state’s students, and strengthens communities throughout Minnesota.

Minnesota statute 138.911 charges the Minnesota Humanities Center with providing leadership, programs, and resources that advance the study of the humanities in schools, colleges, and cultural organizations throughout the state.

Core Functions

The Minnesota Humanities Center conducts professional development opportunities; creates and disseminates one-of-a-kind educational resources; partners with other organizations to offer humanities programs statewide; and operates a full-service meeting and event center, serving educators, non-profits, state colleges and universities, state agencies, and community groups.

Operations

Professional development for educators

The Humanities Center offers high-quality, content-rich professional development opportunities for Minnesota’s teachers. Through in-depth presentations by leading local and national scholars, early literacy and K-12 educators gain content knowledge they can use to help their students achieve academic excellence in English literature, American history, world history, civics, world languages, geography, ethics, and social studies.

Educational resource development

The Humanities Center produces one-of-a-kind resources for educators nationwide. Resources include bilingual books, multicultural literature, lesson plans, and activities that support the content covered in the Humanities Center’s professional development activities and help educators implement content directly in their classrooms.

Community programs

The Humanities Center supports humanities programs in the wider community by partnering with lifelong learning organizations, museums, libraries, schools, and other educational organizations to increase awareness of, access to, and use of the humanities in formal and informal educational settings across the state.

Meeting and event center

The Minnesota Humanities Center operates a full service meeting and event center created by the state legislature in 1996. This meeting and event center serves educators, non-profits, state colleges and universities as well as state agencies and community groups. This restored architectural landmark helps to strengthen neighborhoods on Saint Paul’s east side and it provides high-quality meeting and event space for people working to improve Minnesota’s quality of life.

Key Goals

- ◆ Increase educator content knowledge in the humanities and related disciplines.
- ◆ Build the capacity of Minnesota’s educators in the implementation of humanities and related content in the classroom.
- ◆ Increase academic achievement of the state’s students.
- ◆ Increase access to high-quality humanities programs in underserved communities throughout Minnesota.

At A Glance

Last year, more than 1,248 educators participated in Minnesota Humanities Center professional development offerings, impacting 113,145 students. 99% of educators attending Minnesota Humanities Center professional development programs reported increased humanities content knowledge. 60% of workshop participants reported increased competency in classroom instruction as a result of these workshops.

Last year 30,800 individuals attended Humanities Center conducted and supported programs including literacy events for families and public humanities programs. 80% of program participants reported increases in community engagement and activities as a result of Minnesota Humanities Center programs.

In addition, 187 meetings and events were conducted at the Humanities Center’s facility, serving 7,500 people associated with local community organizations.

- ◆ Build the capacity of local cultural organizations to conduct high-quality and meaningful public humanities programs.
- ◆ Expand access to vibrant and engaged public programs that facilitate and frame community conversations throughout Minnesota.
- ◆ Increase the economic diversity of communities throughout Minnesota by supporting robust humanities programs in communities across the state.

Key Measures

Below are a number of benchmarks the Humanities Commission uses for measuring its success.

- ◆ 80% of teachers participating in professional development workshop will report improvements in classroom instruction.
- ◆ 60% of teachers will report increased student participation, engagement, and enthusiasm for learning.
- ◆ 50,000 Minnesotans will positively benefit from high-quality public humanities programs.

Budget

The Minnesota Humanities Center is funded through a combination of government funding (state and federal), private funding (corporations, foundations, and individuals), and program fees and meeting and event center rental. Of the Humanities Center's \$3.0 Million annual operating budget (FY 2008-2009) 33% is from the federal government; 18% is from the State of Minnesota; 29% is from corporations and foundations; 3% is from individuals; and 17% comes from program fees and building rental fees. The Minnesota Humanities Center employs 21 FTE positions.

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Dollars in Thousands

	Current		Forecast Base		Biennium 2010-11
	FY2008	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011	
<u>Direct Appropriations by Fund</u>					
General					
Current Appropriation	250	250	250	250	500
Forecast Base	250	250	250	250	500
Change		0	0	0	0
% Biennial Change from 2008-09					0%
<u>Expenditures by Fund</u>					
Direct Appropriations					
General	250	250	250	250	500
Total	250	250	250	250	500
<u>Expenditures by Category</u>					
Local Assistance	250	250	250	250	500
Total	250	250	250	250	500
<u>Expenditures by Program</u>					
Humanities Commission	250	250	250	250	500
Total	250	250	250	250	500