

MINNESOTA HUMANITIES CENTER



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HOUSE LEGACY COMMITTEE HEARING

March 22, 2023
Kevin Lindsey, CEO



ABOUT MHC

FOUNDED IN 1971

MHC was created when the National Endowment (NEH) for the Humanities began funding state-based humanities programs. MHC is the state affiliate of NEH.

MISSION

MHC connects our past, present, and future by bringing people together to increase understanding and spark change.



VISION

A just society that is curious, connected, and compassionate.



LEGACY APPROPRIATION FUNDING

MHC requests \$2 million in FY24 and \$2 million in FY25 to expand and grow Legacy programming statewide.

Through responsible fiscal management and deep community investment, MHC leverages state and federal funding to amplify our impact and better serve all Minnesotans.



CONNECTER

Strategic Partnerships



CONVENER

Bringing Minnesotans Together



CATALYST

Grant Resource for MN



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LEVERAGE TECHNOLOGY

Expand Reach Throughout Minnesota



- **Multi-media & Film Projects**
- **Podcasts**
- **Digital Storytelling**
- **Co-create AI Programs & Events**



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BRIDGE CREATOR

Bringing Minnesotans Together

When introduced to the Vision Trust I sensed that connection immediately. I recollected my military service. I recollected receiving the Veterans'Voices Award, and the values placed upon that recognition by the MHC. I was reminded of the trust that I held growing up within my community, and how vital that was to my development. I was reminded of my present family who sacrificed so much in my absence. But there is still more work to do.

Dr. David Hamlar – retired Two-Star General, 2016 Veterans' Voices Awardee, and current MHC board member – practices medicine in Mpls.

- **New “Many Fronts: Veterans & Community Voices” Programming**
- **Expand Partnerships with State Ethnic Councils & Cultural Organizations**
- **New Immersive Cultural Experiences**
- **New Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Opportunities**

LIFELONG LEARNING

A Resource for Minnesota



- **Expand School District Partnerships**
- **Co-create New Culturally Relevant Resources, Curricular Content, & Teaching Materials**
- **Expand Learning From Place Experiences**
- **Increase Teacher & Paraprofessional Professional Development**

It's been a phenomenal experience, in any way, that challenges our regular way of thinking. I think it draws many of our staff closer together.
Principal



CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

Strategic Partnerships



- **New Civic Engagement Programs**
- **Create America @250 Programs & Events**
- **Expand Collaborations with Native Nations**
- **Civic Education Materials for Schools**



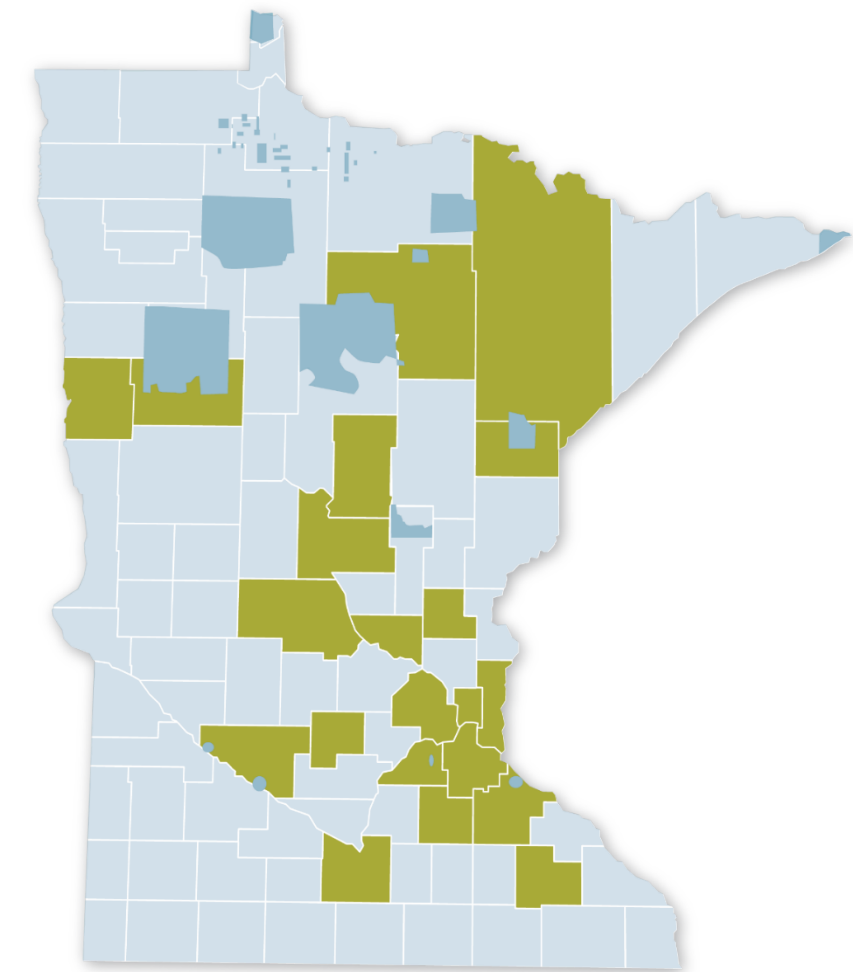
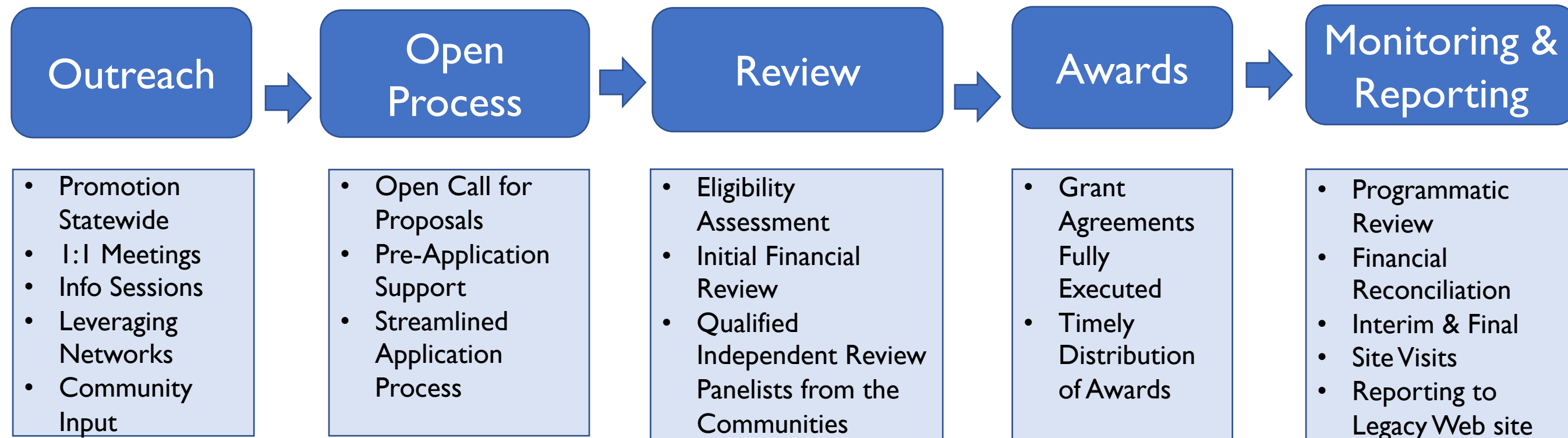
*I've learned to listen, and that listening is often the best way to learn.
All college should be this way.* MSU – Mankato Third Way Civics Senior



GRANTMAKING

Ecosystem Support

73% of 2021-23 MHC's Legacy Cultural Heritage Grantees are organizations with less \$500,000 annual operating budgets



“...thank you for really walking the talk on making grant applications as smooth & inclusive as possible!
- 2021-23 Cultural Heritage Awardee

” 2021-2023 Cultural Heritage Grantees



THANK YOU

