

MINNESOTA HUMANITIES CENTER



LEGACY COMMITTEE HEARING

Wednesday, March 2, 2022

Kevin Lindsey, CEO



OVERVIEW

- **MHC's Impact**
- **Invited Grantees**
- **Cultural Heritage Grants Update**
- **Questions**



ABOUT MHC

FOUNDED IN 1971

Founded in 1971 when the National Endowment for the Humanities began funding state-based humanities programs

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





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2020-2023 Strategic Framework

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August 8, 2019

IDENTITY

Why the Humanities Matter?

The impact of the
humanities on
people and society
is life-changing and
transformational.



The humanities provide a gateway to expanded understanding, curiosity, and learning – about people, cultures, and societies. The humanities connect people and communities, bridge differences, interpret the complexities of our world, and positively shape our collective future.

Why We Exist?

A strong society values all people and honors its multicultural heritage in order to better know its past, understand its present, and build its future. We create a climate that encourages freedom of imagination, inquiry, and ideas.

A vibrant thriving democracy rooted in justice needs the wisdom and vision of its people. We strengthen our world by promoting the humanities and supporting community decision-making in public life.

We assist individuals, creators, scholars, and organizations in building a strong, inclusive, and connected society. We improve educational engagement by recognizing and appreciating the depth and richness of expression and excellence within all communities.

Our Roles



CONNECTOR

Forge connections
between individuals
and across
communities



CONVENER

Celebrate and
amplify our
common human
experiences



CATALYST

Create conditions
for innovation and
shared community
decision-making

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES



Life-Long Learning

Enhance humanities instruction,
increase achievement in
education, and broaden access
to humanities learning.



Statewide Accessibility

Collaborate with individuals, creatives,
scholars, and organizations to increase
humanities programming to all corners
of Minnesota.



Public Engagement

Deepen, broaden, and increase our
capacity and collaborations that facilitate
civic engagement and allow for the
sharing of human experiences, particularly
with traditionally marginalized and
underrepresented communities.



Humanities Support

Administer humanities grants, gifts, and
appropriations to support individuals,
creatives, scholars, and organizations
to broaden humanities access and
learning. We will be a leader in
championing, sharing, and supporting
humanities work.



Event Center Growth

Gain recognition as a premier regional
resource to host events that bring people
together to collectively find solutions and
increase human connection.



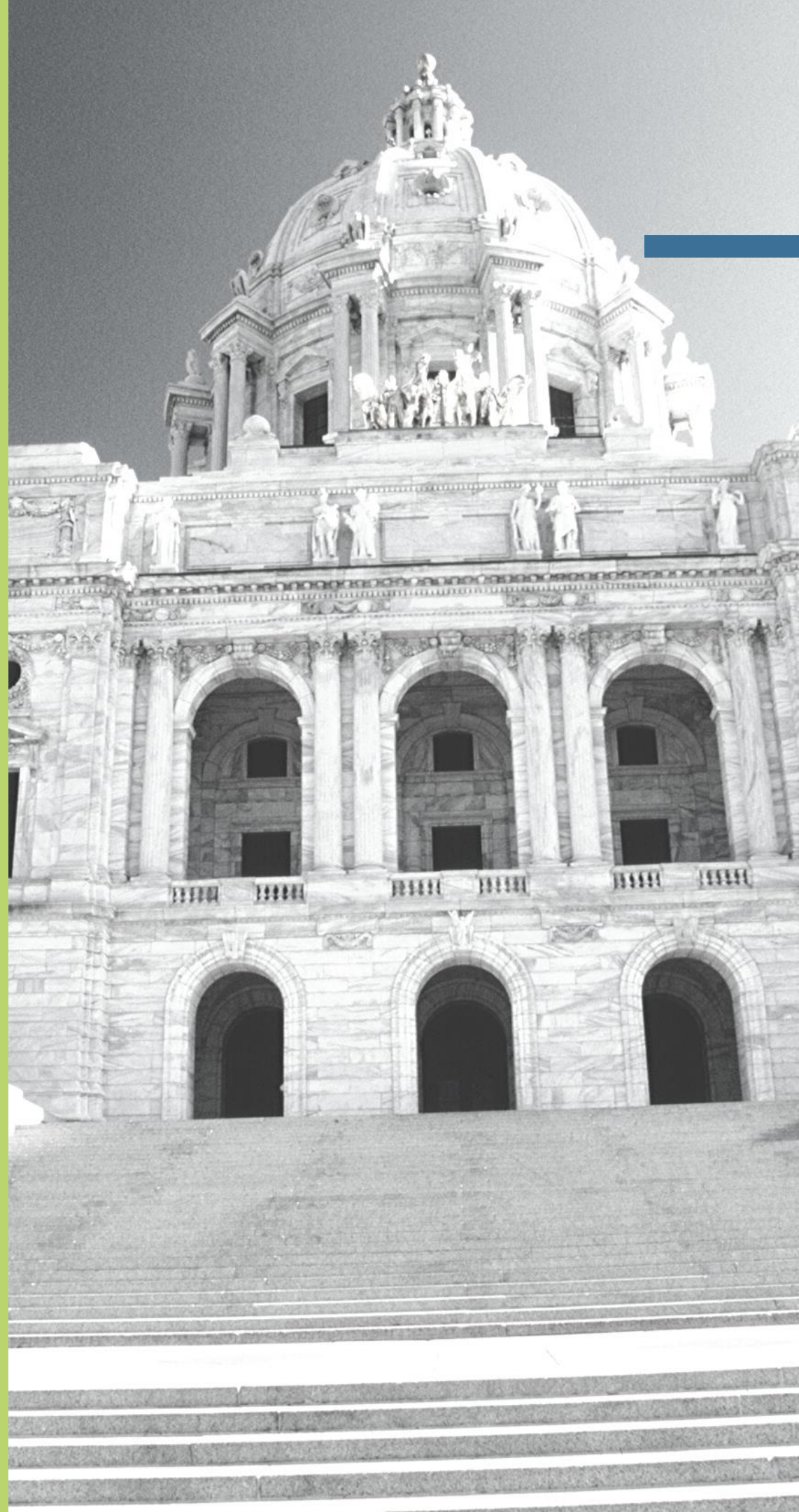
Organizational Strength

Demonstrate commitment to a
healthy workplace culture, innovative
programming, and excellence in financial
management and governance. We will
be an example of a strong, inclusive, and
diverse organization.



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**"DEMOCRACY
DEMANDS
WISDOM AND
VISION FROM ITS
CITIZENS"**

MHC Legacy Programs & Purposes

Life-Long Learning – convening communities statewide

THE GIFT OF CULTURE
Minnesota's
CULTURAL DESTINATIONS
TUES, DECEMBER 7TH, 2021 | 7-8PM CST



"...encouraging **new** ways of thinking, of relating, of finding community, of finding place."
DR. BRUCE CORRIE
CULTURAL DESTINATIONS | FOUNDER
ECONOMIST • CULTURAL ENTREPRENEUR • PROFESSOR

SUPPORTING PARTNERS:
GREATER MSP
Regional Economic Development Partnership
CLEAN WATER LAND & LEGACY
AMENDMENT
Cultural Destinations
EXPERIENCE THE WORLD

Virtual Event
RSVP @ [MNHUM.ORG/CALENDAR](https://mnhum.org/calendar)



**WITH
MALICE
TOWARD
NONE**



SOAR
WRITING RETREAT
NOV. 6TH & 7TH
IN-PERSON AND ONLINE!
[MNHUM.ORG/SOAR](https://mnhum.org/soar)


FEATURED SPEAKERS




Dr. Pa Der Yang KaYing Yang Dr. MayKao Hang Kao Kalia Yang

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PANELISTS




JAMES T. KLOPPENBERG



MICHELE MOODY-ADAMS



TADD JOHNSON



**DEBATING
DEMOCRACY
THEN & NOW**
Reflections on a contested concept



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MHC Legacy Programs & Purposes

Co-creating culturally relevant resources
with communities

American Indian Youth Literature Award

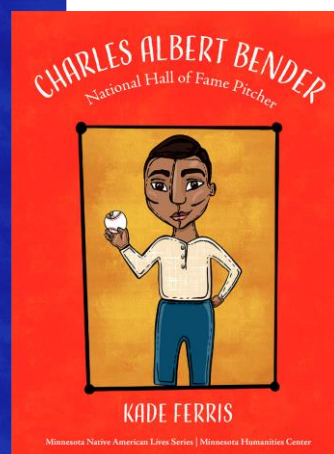
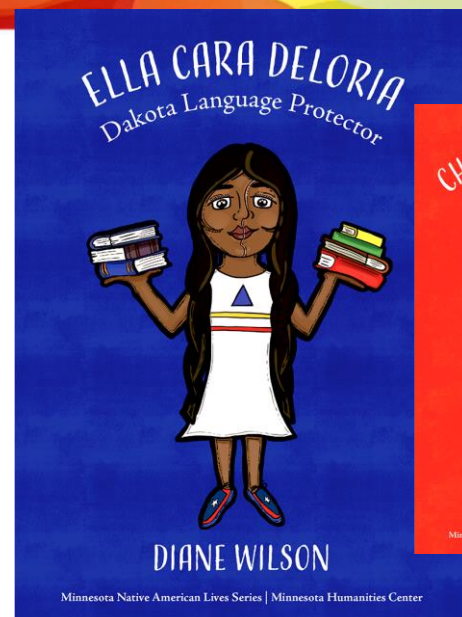
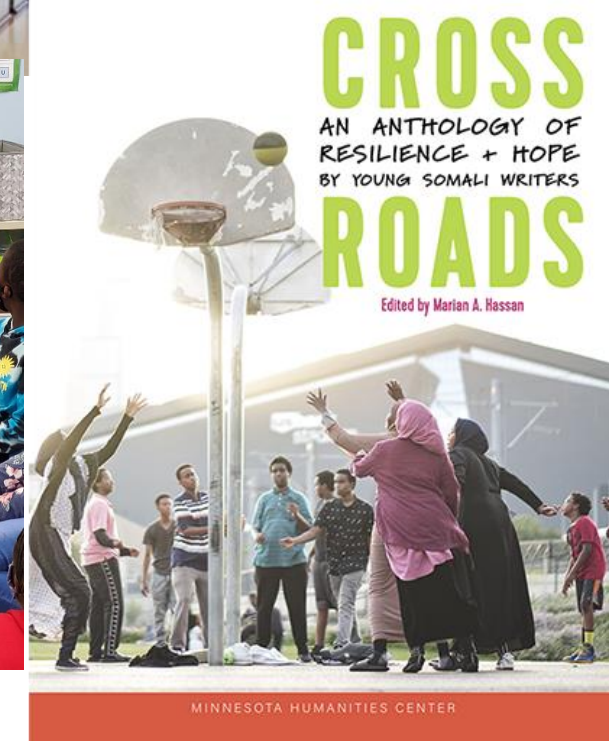
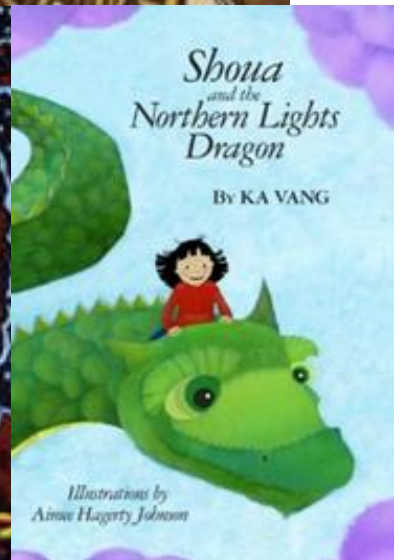
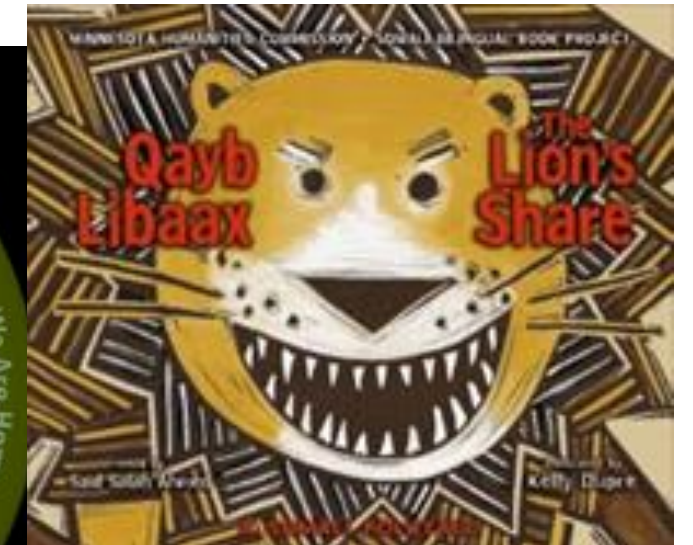
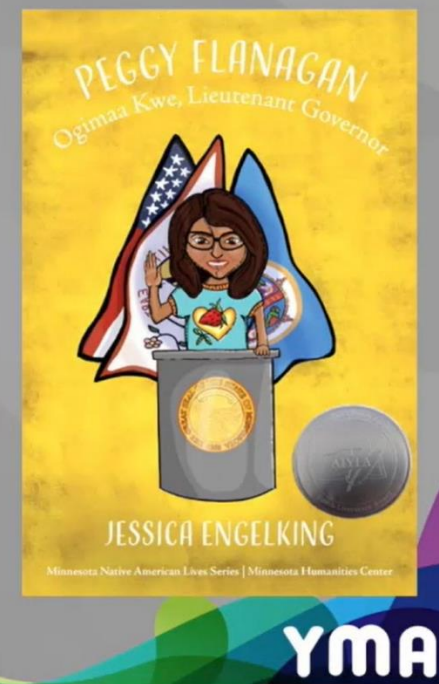
Middle Grade Honor

"Peggy Flanagan: Ogimaa Kwe, Lieutenant Governor"

By Jessica Engelking (White Earth Band of Ojibwe)

Illustrated by Tashia Hart (Red Lake Anishinaabe)

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MHC Legacy Programs & Purposes

Education



MHC 2021-23 Legacy Funding

MHC Programs & Purposes

\$ 1,250,000/year

Legislatively mandated grant funding

Children's Museums

\$925,000/year

Civic Programs

\$100,000/year

Cultural Identity & Heritage

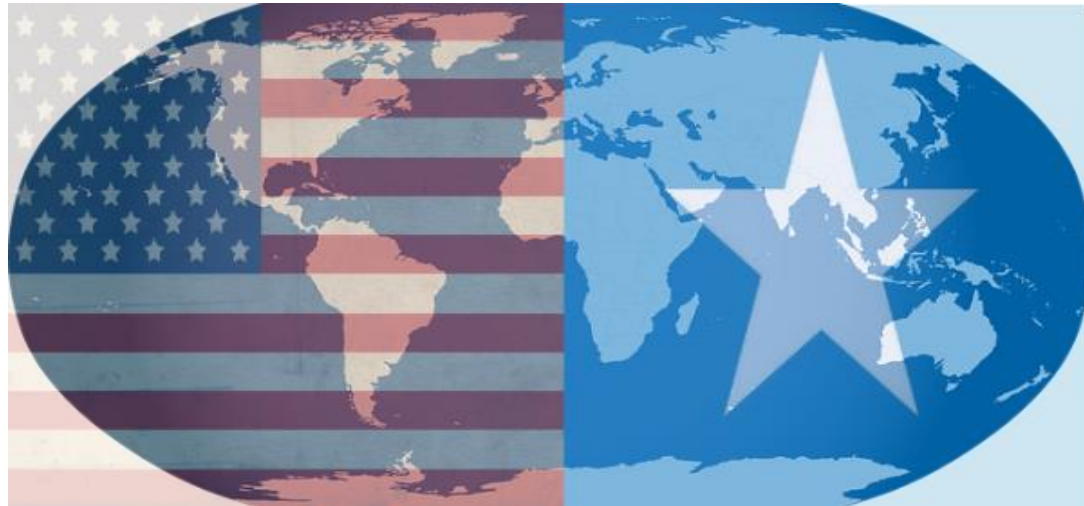
\$2,500,000/year

2019-21 Cultural Heritage Grantee



Hmong Archives
Brian Xiong, Board of Directors

2019-21 Cultural Heritage Grantee



Somali Community Resettlement Services

Sharif Hared, Executive Director

2019-21 Cultural Heritage Grantee

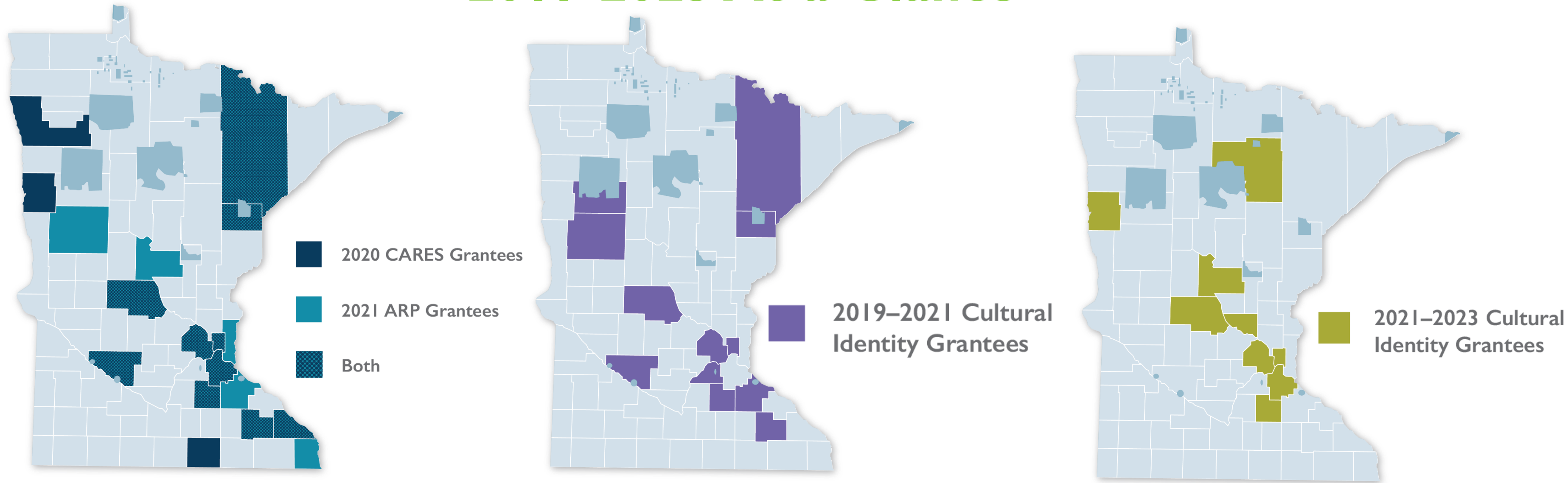


MIGIZI

Melissa Olson, Deputy Director

MHC's Grantmaking

2019-2023 At-a-Glance



2021-23 Children's Museums

- Blue Earth 2019-23
- Crow Wing 2019-23
- Hennepin 2019-23
- Itasca 2019-21

- McLeod 2019-23
- Olmstead 2021-23
- Otter Tail 2019-23
- Stearns 2019-23
- St. Louis 2019-23

2019-21 Civic Programs

- Hennepin
- Ramsey

2021-23 Cultural Heritage Grants

SUMMARY

INTENTION

Co-design with Community

Responsive Grant Size
& Multi-year Grants

Qualified Independent
Review Panels

IMPACT

Diversity of Communities

Wide Range of Projects

IMPLEMENTATION

Award 30% of Requests

Round Two

2021-23 Cultural Heritage Grants

INTENTION

COMMUNITY CO-DESIGN

- Collaboration with State Ethnic Councils & Council on Disability
- Virtual Office Hours
- Written Surveys
- Feedback from FY19-21 Cultural Heritage Grants

GRANT SIZE

- \$20K and less: Quick & Responsive
- More than \$20K: Multi-year Grants

REVIEW PANELS

- Public Call & 200+ Invitations through MHC networks
- BIPOC community reflected in legislative language
- Experience with arts & humanities cultural work
- Geographic diversity



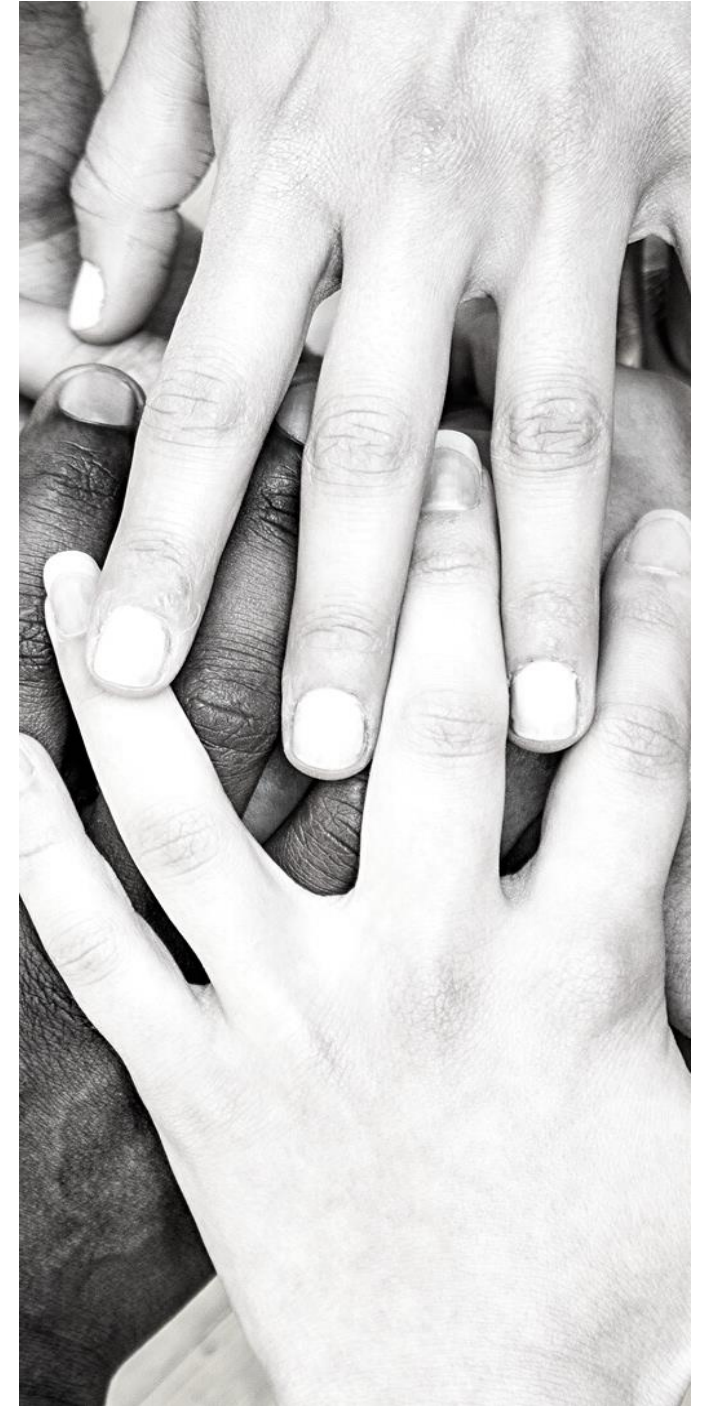
2021-23 Cultural Heritage Grants

“...thank you all for really walking the talk on making grant applications as smooth & inclusive as possible! You're doing excellent work to be responsive, proactive and communicative with folks & working hard to meet needs.”

-Anonymous, 2019-2021 Cultural Heritage Grant Applicant

“Appreciated the streamlined, easy form - especially the process that included an LOI stage, which made our initial investment in the application that much easier & gave us the opportunity to get some great feedback from Humanities Center folks.”

-Anonymous, 2019-2021 Cultural Heritage Grant Applicant



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2021-23 Cultural Heritage Grants

IMPACT

DOCUMENTARIES

- Gathering and sharing stories of community members
- Cultural practices & beliefs
- Identities in MN

CULTURAL CELEBRATION

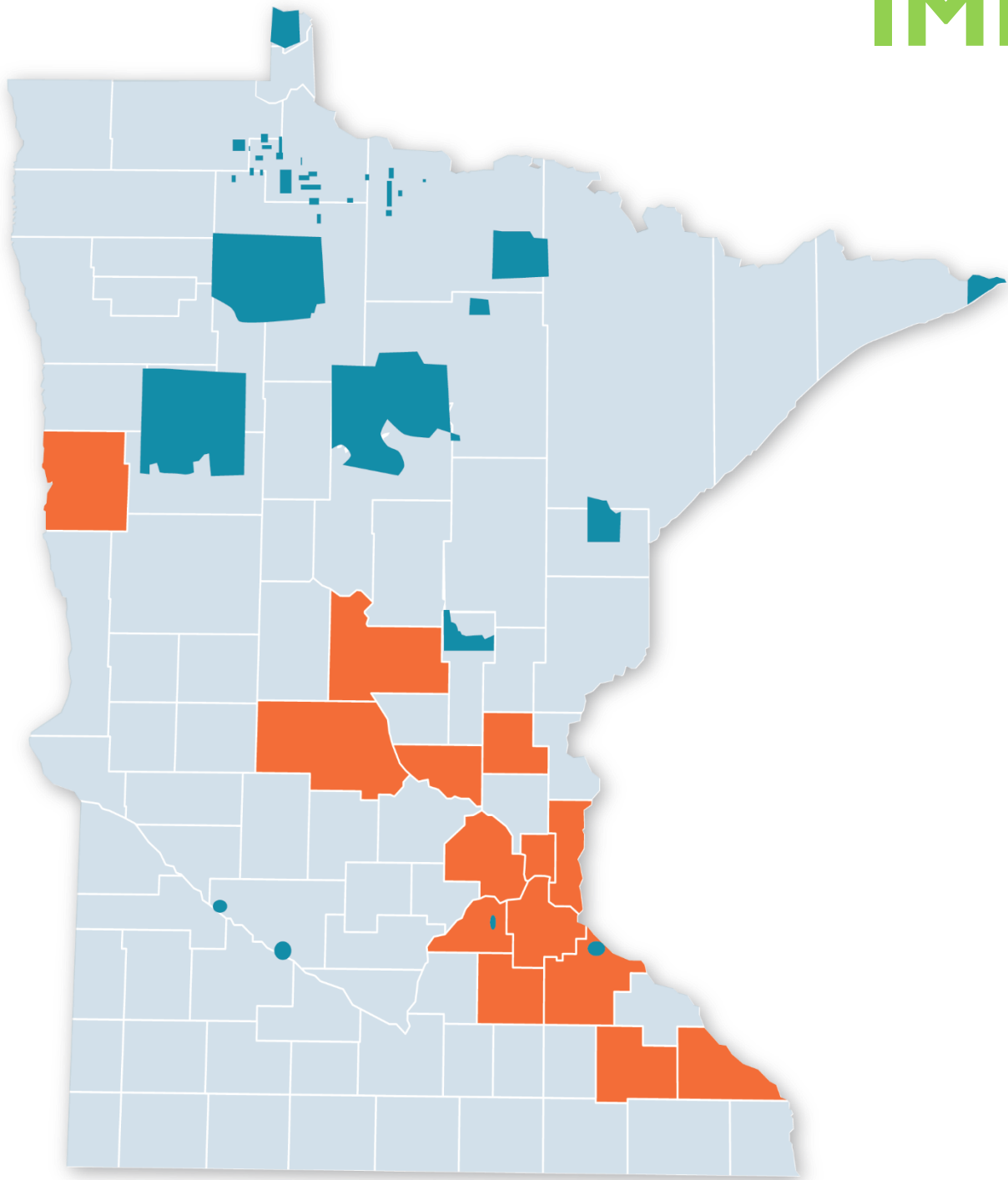
- Festivals amplifying food, language, holidays, cultural traditions, and art of communities in MN
- Performances celebrating culture & identity

EDUCATION

- Cultural workshops & classes teaching dance, language, and art of communities in MN
- Books & educational resources for adults and K-12 youth

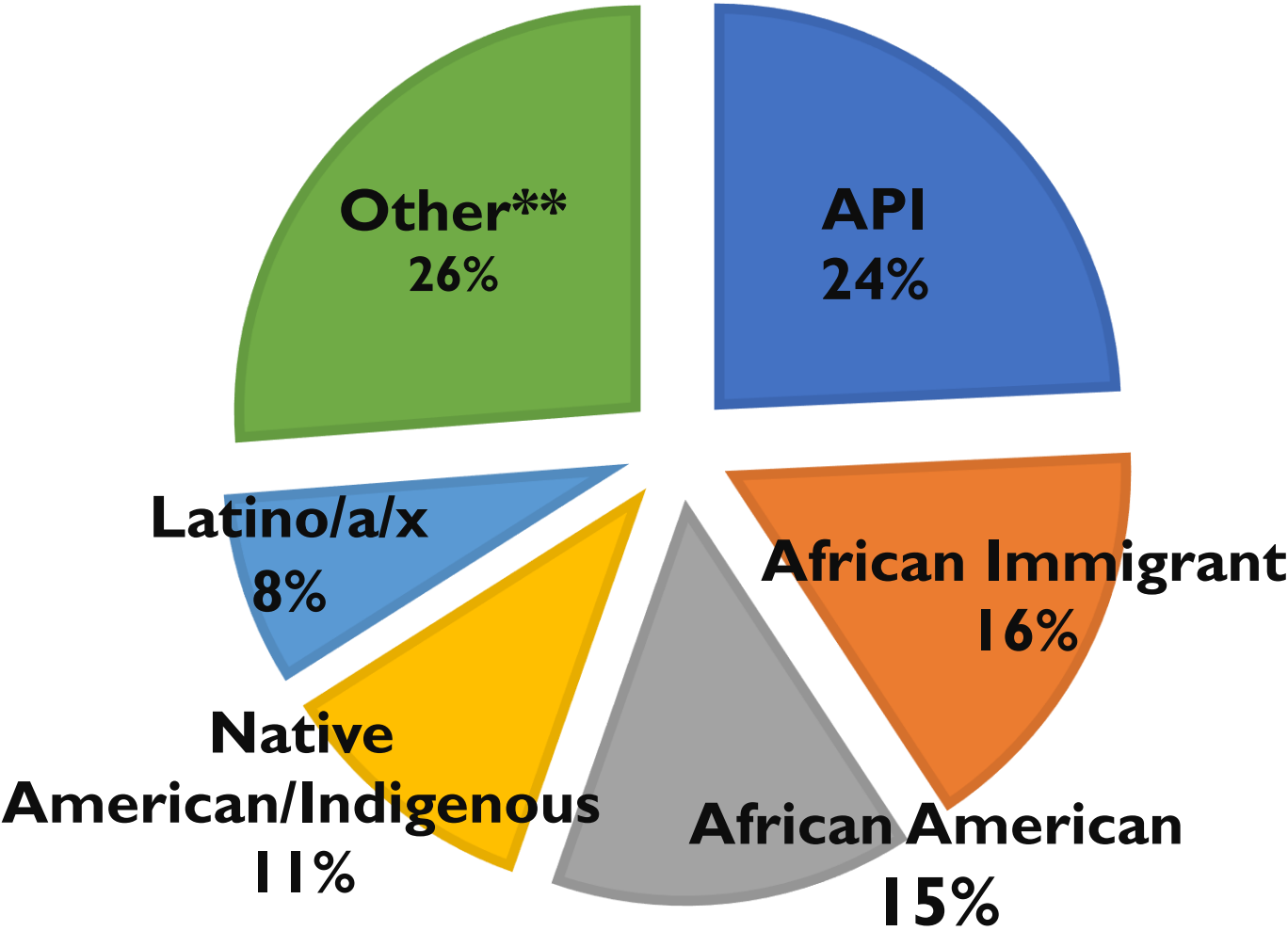
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IMPLEMENTATION



Orange – Round One applications received
Blue – Native Nations

2021-23 Applicants (to-date)



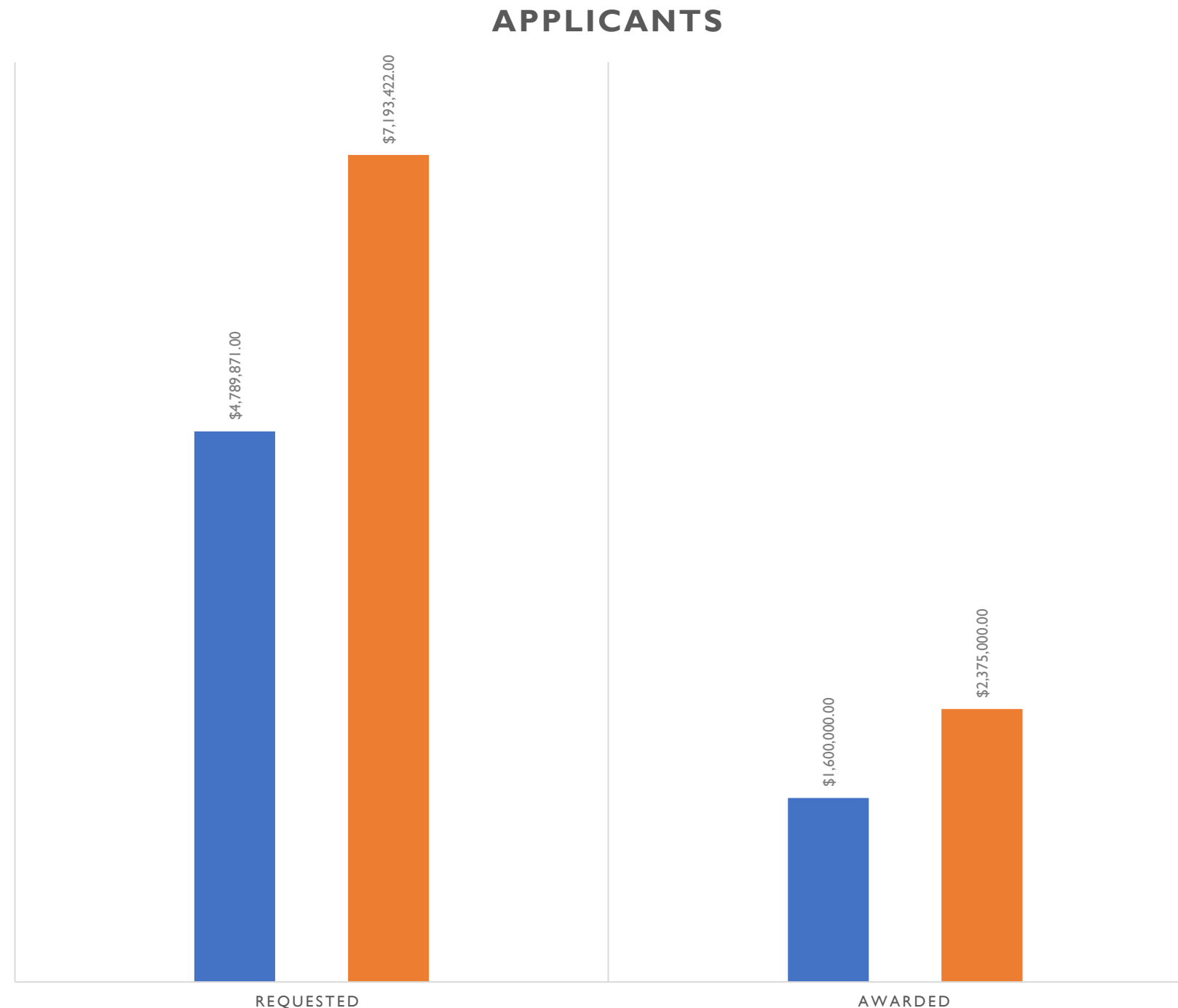
Prior Biennium vs. Current Biennium

Cultural Heritage Grants

Prior Two-Year
Biennium

Awarded
\$1,600,000

192 Applications
\$4,789,871 Requested



Current First Year of
Biennium

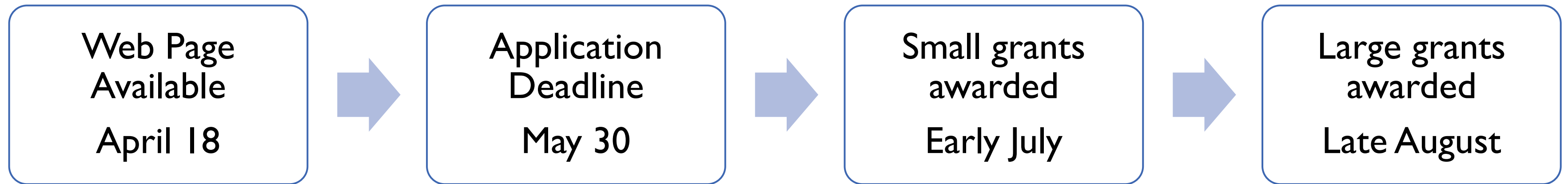
Awarded
\$2,375,000

102 Applications
\$7,193,422 Requested



2021-23 Cultural Heritage Grants

SECOND ROUND TIMELINE



Questions or need technical assistance? Contact Laura Benson at laura@mnhum.org



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QUESTIONS?

THANK YOU



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