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AT A GLANCE

MHC brings the humanities into the lives of all Minnesotans through building relationships, active engagement, and programs of the highest quality.

From July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014

- 29 organizations chose to partner with MHC
- 600 unique individuals engaged with MHC's programming
- 9,973 people participated in 48 events
- 370 meetings and events were held at the Event Center, serving 9,652 clients
- 700+ resources were available in an online Absent Narratives Resource Collection

PURPOSE

This mission of the Minnesota Humanities Center (MHC) is to build a thoughtful, literate, and engaged society.

MHC strengthens and expands transformational work in advancing excellence and access for educators and learners through the humanities.

MHC partners with individuals, groups, and organizations to engage multiple perspectives to build a more inclusive Minnesota,

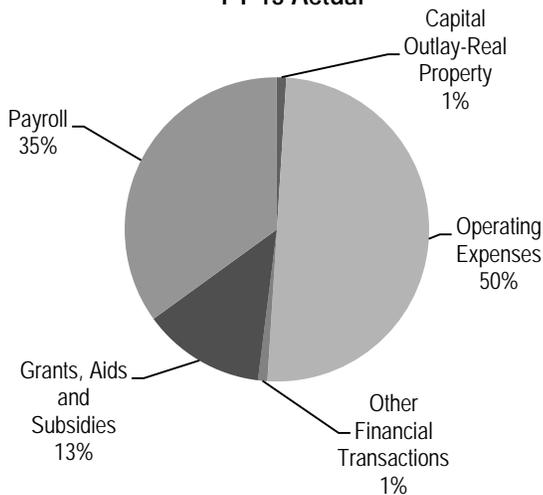
MHC's full-service Event Center is a place where diverse points of view are respected and an environment for active participation.

MHC supports the following statewide outcome:

- Minnesotans have the education and skills needed to achieve their goals.

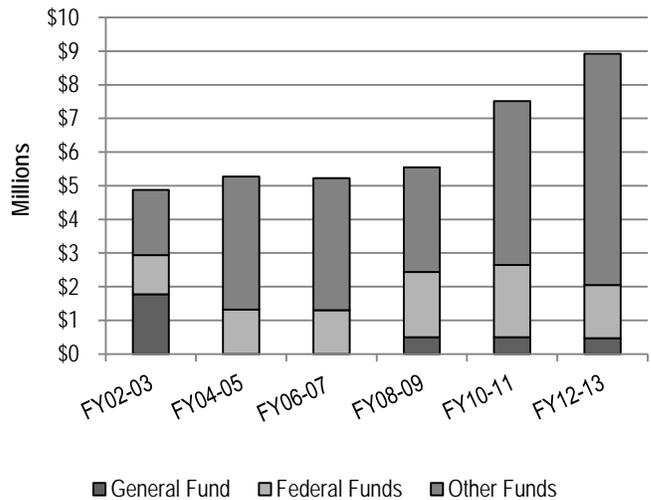
BUDGET

**Spending by Program
FY 13 Actual**



Source: Humanities Center records

Historical Spending



Federal Funds are appropriations from the National Endowment for the Humanities, the National Endowment for the Arts, etc. Federal funds for the Humanities Center do not flow through the state's budget or treasury and are typically not included in statewide reporting.

Other Funds include: Legacy, Individual, Corporate & Foundation donations. Only Legacy funds flow through the state's budget and treasury; other funds in this category do not and thus are typically not included in statewide reporting.

Source: Consolidated Fund Statement and Humanities Center records.

STRATEGIES

MHC's humanities-based K-16 Education Strategy builds partnerships with schools and districts including *Itasca Area Schools Collaborative*, Saint Paul Public Schools, *Walker Hackensack Akeley* School District, Eden Prairie Schools, and Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU) to provide robust and rigorous professional development opportunities for K-16 educators that further the schools' and districts' priorities.

Veterans' Voices is an initiative that draws on the power of the humanities to call attention to the stories and contributions of Veterans. This initiative amplifies, honors, and recognizes the stories and contributions of Minnesota Veterans in their own voice through *Always Lost: A Meditation on War*, plays, *Standing Together* literature discussion groups, and the Veterans' Voices Award.

Other programming includes:

- Conversations about the Constitution (Toward a More Perfect Union) features 28 community events in partnership with *tpt* and eight local community organizations.
- Museum on Main Street programming, in partnership with the Smithsonian Institution, bringing the Smithsonian exhibit on Water to small towns across Minnesota starting to tour in 2016.
- *Why Treaties Matter: Self-Government in Dakota and Ojibwe Nations* exhibit, in partnership with Minnesota Indian Affairs Council, is touring two years in the Grand Rapids area in partnership with Itasca Community College, Blandin Foundation, Northland Foundation, and more than 16 education and non-profit partners.

RESULTS

MHC has no regulatory authority; no one is required or obligated to use any of our services or programs. One key measure of success is demand: Do people and communities use MHC's programs and services and is there continuing and increased demand? Do partners and participants experience a new level of engagement in their communities, classrooms, and organizations as a result of working with MHC?

MHC evaluates and learns from how its programs and projects are working through the implementation of Utilization-Focused Developmental Evaluation plans. Internal and/or external evaluations are completed, with close attention focused on outcomes, criteria for success, and highlighting information and findings that key stakeholders can use to make improvements.

The success of MHC's work can be attributed to many factors. Program staff work in close partnership with community members, partner organizations, and community leaders to ensure authentic programming that meets real needs. MHC monitors and responds to feedback in real time, ensuring the most relevant and meaningful experience possible for participants. MHC staff also seeks out resources to support important initiatives as environments change, for example MHC will partner with over 35 locations and expect to reach 29,050 people during the next calendar year with our traveling exhibit programming.

<i>Type of Measure</i>	<i>Name of Measure</i>	<i>Previous</i>	<i>Current</i>	<i>Dates</i>
Quantity	Professional Development Offerings (# of events/# of participants)	16/343	19/781	FY13, FY14
Quantity	Public Offerings (# of events/# of participants)	16/1,197	27/1,024	FY13, FY14
Quantity	Traveling Exhibits (# of exhibits/# of host sites/# of visitors)	2/23/26,211	1/2/8,168	FY13, FY14
Quantity	Event Center Usage (# of events/# of participants)	370/9,091	310/9,652	FY13, FY14
Quantity	Grant Awarded to Other Agencies (# of grants/# of dollars awarded)	21/\$1,236,335	19/\$1,355,265	FY13, FY14

M.S. 138.911 charges MHC with providing leadership, programs, and resources that advance the study of the humanities in schools, colleges, and cultural organizations throughout the state.