**Greater Green Bay Area Humanities Fund**

The Wisconsin Humanities Council is proud to announce a new funding opportunity for public humanities programs serving Oconto, Brown, and Kewaunee counties. The Greater Green Bay Area Humanities Fund offers grant-funding to programs that use history, culture, and conversation to strengthen community life throughout the greater Green Bay area. This Fund is made possible thanks to a new partnership between the WHC and generous local donors.

Eligible applicants must be non-profit organizations or ad hoc groups whose programs are either based in, or serve residents of, Oconto, Brown, and/or Kewaunee counties. Public humanities programs help participants learn about and reflect together on the things that matter to us as individuals, families, and communities.

Examples of public humanities programs include oral history projects, curriculum development, museum exhibits, book discussions, lecture series, guided tours, children’s programs, community festivals, civic dialogues, and any project that explores a topic from the perspective of one or more humanities disciplines (see [www.wisconsinhumanities.org](http://www.wisconsinhumanities.org) for more information). Recent WHC grants have been awarded to the following groups:

The **Neville Public Museum**’s Who are the Hmong?, an exhibition of Hmong history and culture using artifacts, personal stories and images. Green Bay’s Hmong community played a crucial role in the creation of the exhibit, which offers perspectives on the Hmong as an ancient culture, as allies of the United States, as refugees, and as neighbors in Wisconsin communities.

The **De Pere Historical Society’s** educational outreach program for 4th graders. The Society sent educators from the **White Pillars Museum** to nearby schools to lead activities, culminating with historical walking tours of downtown De Pere, all of which helped teachers weave history into math, science and geography curricula.

The **Fox-Wisconsin Heritage Parkway**, which works to preserve the history, natural resources, and culture along the river corridor stretching from Green Bay to Prairie du Chien, received a WHC grant to support the gathering of oral histories from lock tenders and their families. A community event brought together 109 lock tenders, spouses and descendants, who shared memories and photos of their families’ unique way of life.

The Wisconsin Humanities Council wants to help good ideas like these take shape, find audiences, and make a difference.

**How to Apply**

There are no special forms or deadlines for the Greater Green Bay Area Humanities Fund. Applicants follow the standard WHC application process and must comply with the WHC’s general grant guidelines. Please visit [www.wisconsinhumanities.org/grants](http://www.wisconsinhumanities.org/grants) for more information about eligible projects, application forms, and submission deadlines. All applicants are encouraged to consult with WHC program staff. Email Jessica Becker, Director of Programs, at [jebecker2@wisc.edu](mailto:jebecker2@wisc.edu) or call 608-263-3155.

The Greater Green Bay Area Humanities Fund is supported by donations from generous Green Bay-area residents, whose contributions to the WHC are matched dollar-for-dollar with federal funding from the National Endowment for the Humanities. For more information about becoming a supporter of the Green Bay Area Humanities Fund, please call the WHC at 608-262-0706.

*Established in 1972 as an independent affiliate of the* [*National Endowment for the Humanities*](http://www.neh.fed.us/)*, the WHC works with communities throughout Wisconsin to enrich the lives of people of all ages, backgrounds, and walks of life, and bring citizens together to strengthen the bonds of community.*

**For more information, visit** [**www.wisconsinhumanities.org**](http://www.wisconsinhumanities.org) **or call 608.262.0706.**