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Exploration Place Receives Humanities Kansas SHARP Recovery Grant

WICHITA – Humanities Kansas recently awarded a SHARP Recovery Grant in the amount of \$12,400 to Exploration Place, which connects our community to a world of wonder and opportunity.

Of Exploration Place's 12 core exhibit and programming spaces, 50% have a humanities focus. For example, *Kansas in Miniature* offers an examination of life in 1950s Kansas, while *Where Kids Rule* focuses on life in medieval times.

The SHARP Recovery Grants support Kansas cultural organizations that provide humanities programming and are facing financial hardship due to the coronavirus. Grants are for general operating support, staff retention, and needed digital and/or operational transitions for cultural work in the post-pandemic era. Humanities Kansas awarded 121 SHARP grants statewide.

"Humanities Kansas is honored to be able to support Kansas cultural organizations as we recover from the impact of Covid," said Julie Mulvihill, Humanities Kansas Executive Director. "This past year has demonstrated that Kansans lean into the humanities during challenging times. Kansas cultural organizations that do work in the humanities provide important social connections and contribute to the economic well-being and strength of our communities."

Funds have been made available through the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) to assist cultural institutions affected by the coronavirus as part of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 approved by the U.S. Congress and signed into law by President Joseph R. Biden.

About Humanities Kansas

Humanities Kansas is an independent nonprofit spearheading a movement of ideas to empower the people of Kansas to strengthen their communities and our democracy. Since 1972, the organization's pioneering programming, grants and partnerships have documented and shared stories to spark conversations and generate insights. Together with statewide partners and supporters, Humanities Kansas inspires all Kansans to draw on diverse histories, literatures, and cultures to enrich their lives and to serve the communities and state we all proudly call home. Visit humanitieskansas.org.

About Exploration Place

The mission of Exploration Place, Kansas' premier science center, is to inspire a deeper interest in science and technology through creative and fun experiences for all. Exploration Place is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily and until 8 p.m. Thursdays. Visit exploration.org.

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