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Foundation of the American Institute for Conservation Awarded \$30,000 from the National Endowment for the Humanities for Hurricane Harvey Response

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The Foundation of the American Institute for Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works (FAIC) was recently awarded a grant of \$30,000 from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) to support emergency response efforts in Texas and Louisiana.

FAIC's National Heritage Responders (NHR) are offering assistance to museums, libraries, archives, and historic sites affected by Hurricane Harvey and the subsequent flooding through phone and email advice, as well as on-site assistance. The National Heritage Responders consist of conservators, curators, librarians, archivists, and other collections care professionals who have been trained to work safely in small teams in emergency situations. Teams are available to conduct on-site assessments and provide guidance on salvage.

NHR has provided assistance and advice to dozens of museums, libraries, and archives since 2007. Teams were on the ground following the Midwest floods in 2008 and in the Galveston area following Hurricane Ike later that year. National Heritage Responders participated in an 18-month-long project in Haiti assisting with recovery of cultural materials damaged in the 2010 earthquake, and responded to Tropical Storm Irene and flooding in Minot, North Dakota, in 2011. National Heritage Responders also led the way in the wake of Hurricane Sandy in 2012, working with local conservators and artists to save thousands of works damaged by storm surge and mold.

Institutions needing assistance can call NHR via a free 24-hour hotline at 202-661-8068 or by email at nhr@conservation-us.org.

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About FAIC

FAIC, the Foundation of the American Institute for Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works, supports conservation education, research, and outreach activities that increase understanding of our global cultural heritage. For information on FAIC's programs, visit www.conservation-us.org.

About the National Endowment for the Humanities

Created in 1965 as an independent federal agency, the National Endowment for the Humanities supports research and learning in history, literature, philosophy, and other areas of the humanities by funding selected, peer-reviewed proposals from around the nation. Additional information about the National Endowment for the Humanities and its grant programs is available at: www.neh.gov.