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FAIC Receives Grant from NEH to Support Alliance for Response

WASHINGTON, DC—the Foundation for Advancement in Conservation (FAIC) was awarded \$325,795 from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) to support their Alliance for Response (AFR) initiative. Grant funds will support the following activities from 2023-2025.

- Establishing new AFR networks in New Hampshire (2023) and Arizona (2024).
- Facilitating regional heritage response trainings for AFR networks in Massachusetts (2023), Charleston (2024), New Orleans (2024), and Philadelphia (2025). During the Philadelphia training, FAIC will train two new instructors, increasing the number of FAIC heritage emergency response training instructors to eight.
- Engaging an advisory committee to help create guidelines for AFR outreach to underserved and tribal communities.
- Creating a new online curriculum module on working with culturally sensitive collections.
- Hosting biannual webinars for AFR networks on various emergency-related topics.
- Supporting AFR networks with funds for activities to engage network members and increase regional disaster preparedness.

FAIC's AFR initiative brings cultural heritage and emergency management professionals together on the local level to build local teams trained to respond to emergencies that affect cultural heritage collections. Since AFR's inception in 2003, over 30 networks have formed nationwide.

FAIC is thrilled to continue working toward greater resiliency across the cultural heritage sector. See NEH's announcement here.

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