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FAIC Receives NEH Grant to Support Cultural Heritage Emergency Preparedness and Response Programs

Washington, DC – The Foundation for Advancement in Conservation (FAIC) has been awarded a [National Endowment for the Humanities \(NEH\) Preservation Education and Training grant](#) in the amount of \$204,033. The grant will help preserve America's humanities collections by training volunteers in emergency preparedness and response and building local response teams in two cities over the next two years.

“The climate crisis has exacerbated the rate of natural disasters in recent years. FAIC is ready to help collecting institutions prepare for and respond to disasters to reduce their impact on our cultural heritage,” said Eryl Wentworth, FAIC’s Executive Director.

The grant will allow FAIC to train new national response team volunteers for the National Heritage Responders (NHR) program. NHR volunteers provide on-site and remote assistance for cultural institutions impacted by natural or man-made disasters. It will also establish new Alliance for Response (AFR) networks in Chicago, Illinois, and Charleston, South Carolina, and will provide response team training courses for the Minnesota AFR network (previously the Minneapolis-St. Paul AFR). Begun in 2003, AFR builds local response teams that connect cultural heritage institutions with their local emergency response professionals. To date, forums have been held in 37 U.S. cities. New online resources will support response efforts and improve expertise-sharing among existing AFR networks.

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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 neh.gov.

The Foundation for Advancement in Conservation’s (FAIC) mission is to save cultural heritage for future generations, protecting it from decay and destruction. We advance research and education, lead treatment and collection care initiatives, and deploy conservation expertise to where it is most urgently needed. Our work empowers conservation professionals, strengthens cultural institutions, and engages stakeholders, including public audiences, as we work together to protect cultural heritage for humanity. More information can be found at www.culturalheritage.org.