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FAIC Receives NEH CARES Act Grant to Support Preservation of Humanities Collections

Washington, DC – The Foundation for Advancement in Conservation (FAIC) has received a [National Endowment for the Humanities \(NEH\) Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, or CARES Act, grant](#) in the amount of \$45,500. FAIC, a national leader in conservation programs and resources, is one of just 317 organizations to receive funding out of more than two thousand eligible applications throughout the country. The grant will help preserve America's humanities collections through two key FAIC programs.

"The CARES support comes at a critical time for FAIC, as we face declining income from events, sponsorships, and investments due to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic," said FAIC Executive Director Eryl Wentworth.

The grant will provide support for staff and contract positions for FAIC's National Heritage Responders and other emergency programs, as well as Conservation OnLine and the Global Conservation Forum. National Heritage Responders (NHR) provides free online, phone, and in-person assistance for collections after an emergency. A trained team of more than 100 volunteers staffs a 24-hour hotline (202.661.8068) and stands ready to help where needed.

FAIC's Global Conservation Forum provides a free online community in which conservation professionals can find information about new techniques and materials, share expertise, and learn about publications and professional development opportunities. Usage of the Global Conservation Forum this spring was up 70% from the same period last year, as travel and work restrictions limited other ways for conservation professionals to interact. The Forum is linked to Conservation OnLine, a repository of conservation information, including publications and archived webpages, which is an international hub for research.

"FAIC's emergency programs and web-based resources are essential tools that collections professionals rely on to preserve the treasures that are held in their trust. Caring for our shared cultural heritage is more important now than ever before," said Wentworth.

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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.