



2008 Grant Awards

Major Grants

University of Florida

Alachua County

A film and lecture series engages scholars and experts Caribbean migration who will use the films to focus on the impact of Caribbean migration to Florida.

\$12,460

Florida Historical Society

Brevard County

A weekly half-hour radio program is proposed by this project. The program is designed for public radio stations and will explore the relevance of Florida history to contemporary society with history-based events, exhibitions, and activities.

\$20,000

University of West Florida

Escambia County

Audio and audio-visual historical podcasts of 50 Florida towns are proposed by this project. Towns selected must have a core of standing structures of historical significance and be accessible from one of the state's four interstate highways.

\$25,000

University of South Florida - Tampa - Library

Hillsborough County

An introductory video featuring Jose Marti (through actor Chaz Mena) will introduce visitors to the Tampa Cuban Club and Cuban history in Ybor City. Ten additional 3-4 minute walking tour video segments will also be available as a tour of the Cuban Club.

\$24,331

Mound House, Town of Fort Myers Beach

Lee County

Travelling educational carts explore the world of the early Calusa Indians. Using extensive research from the creation of the Mound House, this project allows for outreach to the community.

\$10,000

Florida State University

Leon County

In conjunction with the 200th birthday of Darwin, a 2-week series of programs is proposed to explore the latest scholarship in the sciences and humanities.

\$20,000

Florida A&M University

Leon County

This series of community dialogues features an exploration of traditional African religions as they are currently experienced by active practioners in Florida. The project engages scholars and practioners in dialogue and critical analysis.

\$17,000



Historical Association of Southern Florida

Miami-Dade County

This project funds an exhibit, lectures, panel discussions, film screenings, and performances on the diverse black populations who have settled in Miami.

\$20,000

Florida International University

Miami-Dade

Lecture series and panel discussion will develop awareness of environmental issues affecting the South Florida Coast and examine the community's ethical responsibility.

\$6,078

Heritage Museum of Northwest Florida

Okaloosa

Using audio/visual material collected through a prior FHC grant, this project will refurbish the organization's website to provide comprehensive content on NW Florida's fishing and boat building industries.

\$10,000

University of Central Florida

Orange

A public exhibit chronicling Puerto Rican life in Central Florida will be created by the History Center and will travel to several sites. Public programs will feature scholars and members of the Puerto Rican community.

\$22,237

Aequalis, Inc.

Palm Beach

In conjunction with scholar lectures, this oral history project will collect stories from Haitians who have immigrated to the Palm Beach area. The stories will be translated to a musical theatre piece that will be presented at several venues.

\$15,000

City Of Tarpon Springs

Pasco

The Tarpon Springs Heritage Museum will create a traveling mini-exhibition and host a public presentation on the Greek Bahamian community engaged in the sponge industry. The exhibit will explore connections between the Tarpon and Bahamian Greek communities.

\$4,975

Trail of Florida's Indian Heritage

Pinellas

Public lecture/discussions are planned for six Trail member sites. They include archaeological scholars and will be accompanied by handouts and the new heritage tourism brochure.

\$22,000



Wakulla County Historical Society, Inc.

Wakulla

An exhibit and public program is proposed that explores Bowles' life and the change in relationships between Indians in the SE, the British, Spanish, and the United States in pioneer Florida.

\$6,000

Partnership Grants

Matheson Museum

Alachua

With a tradition of offering FHC-funded programs, the museum propose 4 programs exploring local and state history.

\$3,000

Friends of the Libraries of Palm Bay, Inc.

Brevard

Following their great success with the Hamilton exhibit and programs, this grantee plans 7 programs in conjunction with the NEH exhibit on Lincoln.

\$3,000

Brevard Library Foundation

Brevard

Instead of a one-day reading festival, programs will be held throughout the month of February at 17 different library venues.

\$3,000

Friends of the Mid-County Regional Library

Charlotte

This series is designed to appeal to African Americans and draw regular patrons to learn more about African American history in Florida.

\$3,000

Shepard of the Hills Episcopal

Citrus

Four strong programs will round out the light shine program which features musical selections and humanities presentations.

\$3,000

National Park Service

Duval

Following their successful transition to a month-long series of Saturday programs in February, the festival will continue with the new format.

\$3,000



Beaches Area Historical Society

Duval

Regional history and programs related to the museum's collection will span 5 -6 months.

\$3,000

African American Heritage Society

Escambia

Three programs will focus on African-American history of Florida. Each will be presented to the public in the evening and a group of Heritage Scholars in the morning.

\$3,000

Dixie Theatre Foundation

Franklin

A series of 4 programs focuses on Florida images and reality.

\$3,000

Clewiston Museum

Hendry

Five humanities programs will be offered from October through March determined by the audience surveys of last year's successful series.

\$3,000

The Emerson Center

Indian River

A series of 6 programs is proposed to follow the annual offering of FHC Road Scholars presentations.

\$3,000

Tavares Public Library

Lake

Continuing the focus on learning about new residents from different cultures, this year's four programs are planned to focus on Caribbean cultural traditions.

\$3,000

Paragon Ladies of the Dove, Inc.

Miami-Dade

This new Partnership Grant proposal builds on 2 successful mini grant programs and offers 4 programs on various cross-cultural topics for an underserved community in S. Florida.

\$3,000

Okaloosa-Walton College

Okaloosa

Okaloosa-Walton College will partner with the local history museum to provide outreach and publicity not available to the former grantee.

\$3,000



Okeechobee County Public Library

Okeechobee

Five events are proposed to continue a strong program aimed at bringing cultural programs to this rural community.

\$3,000

Winter Park Historical Society

Orange

Continuing the partnership with the library, WPHA offers a maximum number of programs and increases publicity efforts.

\$3,000

Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church

Palm Beach

For their third year, the church proposes a strong series of 4 programs that focus on relevant issues in religion today.

\$3,000

Delray Beach Historical Society, Inc.

Palm Beach

A series of 4 programs will feature a Chautauqua presentation of Audubon and 3 programs with Florid/Caribbean themes.

\$3,000

Lake Wales Library Association, Inc.

Polk

The oral history project planned last year was postponed and will be restarted along with a series of lecture programs.

\$3,000

Venice Area Historical Society

Sarasota

Prompted by their successful oral history collections last year, the historical society will launch a similar oral history project on the early years of Venice.

\$3,000

Saint Augustine Art Association

St Johns

Five programs explore the artistic heritage of St. Augustine from its earliest Colonial days to the Flagler Era.

\$3,000

WQCS Radio 88.9FM

St Lucie

A continuation of last year's theme of immigration will offer 4 scholar lectures.

\$3,000



Ormond Beach Historical Trust, Inc.

Volusia

This program builds on the success of their first Partnership Grant and offers 8 programs that feature regional and state history topics.

\$3,000

Mini Grants

Santa Fe Community College

Alachua Pulitzer prize winning author Peter Matthiessen will read from and discuss his work for a public audience.

\$2,000

High Springs Community School

Alachua

Scott Isert Huffman will give three performances in one day for fifth through eighth graders at High Springs Community School. It will stimulate discussion of Florida's early history.

\$800.00

Panama City African American Cultural Center

Bay

An exhibit of historic photos assembled by community elders is proposed for the new African-American Cultural Center in Panama City.

\$2,000

Panama City Centennial Committee, Inc.

Bay

A series of community conversations is proposed to explore what citizens envision for the future of their community. Based on a Kettering model of Issues Forums, the discussions begin with a presentation on the history and development of the community.

\$1,950

Sara Scott Middle School

Brevard

Using literary resources, this project will help students understand conflicts between individuals and society and the role individuals have played in Florida history.

\$1000.00

Plantation High School

Broward

Winona and David Myers, who participated in the Freedom Rides during the Civil Rights Movement, will lead a presentation and discussion session with 11th grade Plantation High School students.

\$1000.00



Homosassa Civic Club

Citrus

This project will fund a historic walk and drive brochure that showcases 18 sites and buildings from the rich heritage of Homosassa.

\$2,000

DeSoto County Library Association

Desoto

A walking tour booklet of historic Arcadia will be revised to include information on both the structures and pioneers of the community.

\$2,000

The Florida House

District of Columbia

Funds are requested to support a program to accompany an exhibit of Highwaymen paintings for the Florida House. A scholar and one of the painters will talk about the history of this group of African American painters.

\$2,000

Stage Aurora Theatrical Company

Duval

This grant funds two Chautauqua presentations for an African-American festival in Jacksonville. It will be held in an underserved area of the city and feature Zora Neale Hurston and Harry T. Moore.

\$2,000

Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce

Franklin

A 30 minute audio guide/podcast about the history and heritage of Apalachicola is proposed for use with new residents and cultural tourists.

\$2,000

Historical Society of Avon Park

Highlands

An oral history project seeks to recapture the history of African Americans in Avon Park via audio and video recordings.

\$2,000

Archbold Biological Station

Highlands

A reading and discussion program and several lectures focus on the Florida environment and educate residents and visitors about the endangered Florida scrub.

\$2,000



Henry B. Plant Museum

Hillsborough

Three educational outreach presentations about the historic Tampa Bay Hotel and its builder, Henry B. Plant, will take place in locations with historic Plant significance. Each presentation includes a lecture, living history theatre production, and question and answer session.

\$2,000

University of South Florida - Tampa

Hillsborough

A science fiction symposium features noted science fiction writer Brian Aldiss and a panel of scholars who will pose questions from the perspective of literature, history of science, literary criticism, and gender studies.

\$2,000

1000 Friends of Florida

Leon

A one-day public workshop will explore the subject of creating practical and sustainable human communities while conserving and making accessible natural Florida landscapes and habitats. Scheduled for Jacksonville, the program includes humanities scholars who will bring questions of quality of life to the discussion.

\$2,000

Friends of the Caribbean

Leon

In response to the Florida/Caribbean initiative, this project proposes a film series with scholar discussion that will be presented for underserved audiences in the Tallahassee community. Numerous community partners join with the sponsors to build audiences and provide the venues.

\$2,000

Southeast Florida Archaeological Society

Martin

Funding is requested for the first Archaeology Fest in Stuart, FL. The daylong program will focus on the Shell Mound People of SE FL and include presentations by archaeologists and demonstrators of material culture of the early peoples.

\$2,000

Coral Gables Museum Corp

Miami-Dade

An oral history project with audio/video interviews will result in a video presentation that captures the history and memories of long time residents.

\$2,000

Miami Dade College - North Campus

Miami-Dade

The leading scholar of Liberation Theology will speak and participate in a panel discussion at a full-day event commemorating the 1963 March on Washington.

\$2,000



Rayma C. Page Elementary

Lee

Storyteller Carrie Sue Ayvar will serve as artist/writer in residence for a 3rd grade/special education class. Ayvar will use storytelling to help students develop their own writing skills in preparation for the FCAT Writing test. Ayvar will also give a storytelling presentation to all 2nd, 3rd, and 4th graders in a school assembly at Rayma C. Page Elementary School in Fort Myers.

\$1,000

Citrus Grove Elementary School

Martin

A class set of *Thanksgiving: The True Story* and *America's REAL First Thanksgiving* will be donated to Bonnie Strohl's fourth grade classroom. The books will foster understanding of Florida's connection to the first Thanksgiving, centering on Florida's early history and relations between Spanish colonials and Native Americans in Florida.

\$700

Winter Park Public Library

Orange

Tours of churches in the Hannibal Square neighborhood highlight the importance of African American churches to the founding of Winter Park.

\$2,000

HAPCO Music Foundation

Orange

A festival featuring African American cultural heritage is funded by this grant. Programs include Mary McLeod Bethune, one of the Highwaymen, a Blues educator, and a spoken-word poet.

\$2,000

Osceola County Historical Society

Osceola

An exhibit, celebrating Osceola County's African-American Heritage; will recapture the fascinating history of early African-American pioneers.

\$2,000

Hagen Road Elementary School

Palm Beach

Hagen Road Elementary students will travel to St. Augustine to tour the historic city's sites and to learn about Florida's early history firsthand.

\$1,000

Florida Atlantic University - Boca Raton - S.E. Wi

Palm Beach

A free public forum facilitated by a scholar/expert will examine issues in common between the Seminoles of Florida and the Maoris of New Zealand.

\$2,000



Dunedin Public Library

Pinellas

Chautauquan and scholar George Frein presents a performance on John James Audubon and his ties to Florida.

\$650

Daniel Jenkins Academy

Polk

Students will study a variety of folk stories and then conduct oral histories of their diverse classmates, using video recording devices. The project will promote increased awareness of and tolerance for cultural diversity.

\$1,000

Civic Reflection Grants

Retired Senior Volunteer Program - Santa Rosa

Milton

Civic reflection program focusing on politics, voting, community service, and volunteerism.

\$1,500

Trying to Improve Community Life

Leon

Civic reflection program focusing on the challenges faced in trying to improve community life.

\$1,500