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FILM & VIDEO GRANTS
• The Visions of Chief Plenty Coups, Montana State Parks Foundation, Missoula, $7,000. This video will create a lasting, accessible asset that tells the story of Chief Plenty Coups’ participation in the inaugural ceremonies at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington, Virginia, and the subsequent performances of the Chief Plenty Coups Honor Guard and Drumming Group at the 100th anniversary of the event in November 2021.
• The Story of Us: The History of Montana Through Its People, The Extreme History Project, Bozeman, $7,000. A pilot for a series designed to bring Montana history to life through the stories of its people; this project tells the stories of four historic women who helped shape the Montana we know today. The 26-minute documentary will feature Sarah Bickford, Rose Hum Lee, Maggie Smith Hathaway, and Susie Walking Bear Yellowtail.
• 100-Snq’ey’mistn: Indigenous Foster Home, Perma Red, Missoula, $6,000. This story is a feature documentary that focuses on the Snq’ey’mistn Group Home that works to create programs for Indigenous foster children.

REGULAR GRANTS
• Academic WorldQuest, World Affairs Council of Montana, Missoula, $4,500. Academic WorldQuest is a multiday global education conference that brings students and their teachers into an immersive global experience, offering the opportunity to engage in a wide range of interactive international education programs.
• Reframing Rural, Season 2, Montana History Foundation, Helena, $4,600. Hosted by northeast Montana native Megan Torgerson, the second season of this podcast will unearth cultural forces and policies that shape America’s small towns and rural lands and introduce the people who are working on the ground to rewrite the future of and fight for the rural West.
• Helena Black History Month Education Initiative, Education Initiative, Helena, $3,400. This project assists teachers in developing a more robust Black history elementary program that will help forge a path toward a more just and equitable Helena.
• Worlds Apart But Not Strangers, The Olga Lengyel Institute, New York City, $4,000. HM will support a summer teacher institute exploring Holocaust education as well as Indian Education for All studies.
• Modernize School District Native American Cultural Boxes, Missoula County Public Schools, Missoula, $1,944.19. Humanities Montana grant funds will be used to upgrade four Native American culture boxes.
• 2021 Montana Book Festival, Montana Book Festival, Missoula, $5,000. The festival celebrates the literature of the west through readings, panels, and workshops.
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- Montana Kid Lit Festival, Billings Public Library, Billings, $2,500. Support for a week-long gathering that celebrates books for children and the power of stories.
- Indigenous Organizing and Voting Rights, Forward Montana Foundation, Missoula, $4,000. Forward Montana will work with Indigenous scholars and educators to develop an Underage Democracy template on Indigenous organizing and voting rights.
- William Andrews Clark and Art of the Gilded Age, Butte-Silver Bow Public Archives, Butte, $7,500. Six paintings from the William A. Clark Collection will be exhibited in the Archives accompanied by textual interpretation and humanities programming.
- Visiting Writer: Michael Pollan, Elk River Arts & Lectures, Livingston, $1,500. HM funds will support a residency by the acclaimed writer who will work with students and give public programs.
- James Welch Literary Festival, Aasaisstto Language Society, East Glacier, $2,500. Funding to support planning for a festival celebrating Native American literature scheduled for summer 2022.
- Crow Summer Institute 2021: Training for Newly Released Crow Dictionary, Crow Language Consortium, Hardin, $8,000. Funding for a three-week training event including beginning phonology and communicative skills.
- Children’s Festival of the Book 2021, Bozeman Public Library Foundation, Bozeman, $4,000. The thirteenth annual Children’s Festival of the Book will feature author Chris Barton and author/illustrator Don Tate, November 13, 2021.
- The Write Question, UM Broadcast Media Center, Missoula, $5,000. This Montana Public Radio program features authors from Montana, the American West, and beyond.
- Montana International Film Festival Expert Panel Discussions, MINT Film MT, Billings, $6,000. Humanities Montana funds will support panels on indigenous voices, women in film, and films made in Montana.
- 2021 High Plains Bookfest and Book Awards, Billings Cultural Partners, Billings, $3,000. The nineteenth annual High Plains Bookfest is a three-day celebration of the literature of seven western states and three Canadian provinces.
- Fourth Annual Michif Heritage Keepers Music, History, and Art Festival, Michif Heritage Keepers, Choteau, $4,500. The fourth annual Michif festival will provide instruction on traditional Metis dances, presentations on Metis music, and traditional Metis food and language workshops.
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OPPORTUNITY GRANTS

• **Presentation of Limited Edition Pendleton Blanket Commemorating the Nez Perce Flight of 1877, Blaine County Museum, Chinook, $1,000.** The Museum will host Nez Perce elder LeRoy Seth of Lewiston, Idaho, to present on the design of a limited-edition Pendleton blanket commemorating the Nez Perce flight of 1877.

• **Kopee Literary Arts Magazine publication by Sentinel High School students, Sentinel High School, Missoula, $1,000.** The grant will support the redesign and publication of this student-run magazine, which was founded in 1936.

• **Seeley Celebrates, Alpine Artisans, Seeley Lake, $1,000.** The award will support a series of presentations by three authors headlined by John N. Maclean and his recent memoir, Home Waters. These free, in-person discussions also feature authors Kate Davis and Bob Quinn and celebrate the community’s ability to gather together again in person.

• **Fists Over the Falls, Ingenium, Great Falls, $1,000.** An expo and tournament for video gamers to celebrate the cultural and social impact of gaming and game design, including involvement of Native American artists in the area.

• **ASL CAN Camp 2021, Conservatory ASL Northwest, Great Falls, $1,000.** Wild Horse Theatre Camp for deaf and hard-of-hearing youth provides deaf role models, signing peers, instruction in theater, storytelling, and ASL poetry, and team-building outdoor activities, all with complete access in American Sign Language.

• **Stories By Hand Performance at MSUB, Montana State University Billings, $1,000.** Preeti Vasudevan, artistic director for Thresh Dance in New York, will visit MSU Billings for an evening of storytelling and movement followed by a Q & A session in which she will discuss traditional storytelling practices from India, including the origin of specific gestures.

• **World Culture Community Nights, World Language Initiative–Montana, Bozeman, $1,000.** Guest speakers will invite audiences to experience the social and mental benefits of language learning with interactive word games, songs, crafts, and other activities.

• **Cocktail Hour: Preserving & Displaying the Western Heritage Clothing Collection, Western Heritage Center, Billings, $1,000.** The Western Heritage Center will share and preserve its collection of historic clothing with the Cocktail Hour archival project and exhibition.

• **“Avis marvelous: Ornithology in 19th Century Art and Science” Panel Discussion, Montana Museum of Art & Culture, Missoula, $1,000.** A moderated panel discussion gathers seven artists, authors, and scientists on October 21, 2021 to discuss human and bird interactions as expressed in art and science from the 19th century to the present.
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• Public Exhibit on Glacier National Park at the Helena Regional Airport, Helena High School, Helena, MT, $1,000. Humanities Montana funds support the purchase of materials in this semester-long project to create an exhibit focusing on the Native American presence in the park.

• Glacier on the Go, Helena High School, Helena, MT, $1,000. This grant supports the creation of history trunks full of activities and information on the Native American history of Glacier Park, its creation and development as a national park, and its wildlife and plants that will be available to every fourth-grade student in the city.

• Teen Book Boxes, Billings Public Library, Billings, $1,000. Humanities Montana funds will go toward creating themed boxes featuring one or more books plus surprise items related to the book.

• Pan(demic) Pals Project, Big Sky Senior Services, Billings, $1,000. Support of a project to connect seniors and students in an intergenerational letter-writing campaign through which participants can share personal histories, develop listening skills and empathetic inquiry, and reengage with the broader Billings community.

• Montana History Foundation Grant Writing Workshop Series, Montana History Foundation, Helena, $1,000. Humanities Montana funds will support four half-day grant writing workshops in Chinook, Jordan, Big Timber, and Philipsburg providing concrete steps for developing a strong project idea, crafting a fundable proposal, and creating a practical budget.

• Food for Thought, An Evening of Great Conversation, Billings Public Library Foundation, Billings, $999. This is the 16th annual fundraiser for the Billings Public Library featuring table hosts leading conversations with community members. The 2021 event will be virtual which will allow the Foundation to broaden their reach.

• Preserve Montana Book Club: The Literary Landscapes of White Sulphur Springs, Montana Preservation Alliance, Helena, $1,000. Support for a virtual book club reflecting the rural heritage and culture of central Montana, focusing on the work of Ivan Doig, E. Taylor Gordon, and other notable historical writers of this region.

• Resiliency Through Agriculture Storytelling Competition, International Agriculture Council, Billings, $1,000. Support for the annual Indigenous storytelling competition.

RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS (SUPPORTING HUMANITIES RESEARCH)
• A Review of Salish Astronomical Knowledge, Shandin Pete, Arlee, $4,000. This research fellowship will fund ongoing research on the current state of knowledge of Salish astronomy.