FACT SHEET:
2021 COVID-19 EMERGENCY RELIEF + RECOVERY GRANTS ANNOUNCED BY ILLINOIS HUMANITIES

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Summary

At a time when the impacts of COVID-19 continue to devastate communities across the state, Illinois Humanities is awarding its largest grant pool in the organization’s history for pandemic relief and recovery: $1.4 million to 254 organizations in 72 counties. These grants support public humanities organizations in communities whose residents have been particularly hard hit by the pandemic, and that are often by-passed by traditional funding streams due to their size, organizational capacity, or geographic location.

By the Numbers

- **254** organizations received grants
- **$1.4 million** awarded
- Awards ranged between **$5,000-$10,000**
- Awards were made in **72** counties
- **68%** of grantees have budgets of less than $300K
- **62%** of grants were awarded to organizations outside of Cook County
- **54%** of recipients received their first-ever grant award from Illinois Humanities
- **46%** of eligible applicants received grants
- **42%** of grantee partners are located in rural areas
- Grantee partners serve residents living in all **18** Congressional districts
On the Map
Map of grantee partners: https://arcg.is/0a4Oz00

In Their Own Words

“Honestly my heart skipped a beat knowing that others in the community recognize what we are trying to accomplish and are willing to help us to successfully attain these worthwhile educational and cultural goals for our low-income beneficiaries and the education of culturally supportive information for the greater Springfield and Sangamon County area.”

- Shatriya Smith / Garvey Tubman Cultural Arts and Research Center, Springfield, Sangamon County

“What wonderful news – thank you so much for this invaluable support to sustain Mezcla into the future. We are beyond excited to officially have Illinois Humanities as a partner in our work!”

- Colette Ghunim / Mezcla Media Collective, Chicago, Cook County

Grantees by County