

# ***History is Happening:***

The State of Humanities Organizations in Illinois During COVID-19



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## **About the *History is Happening: The State of Humanities Organizations in Illinois During COVID-19* Findings:**

Media alert available [here](#)

Press release will be available Tuesday, May 2, 2023 at [ilhumanities.org](https://ilhumanities.org)

## **Promote the Report**

### **Important Links**

Illinois Humanities Relief Grants: [ILHumanities.org/COVID-19](https://ilhumanities.org/COVID-19)

Illinois Humanities website: [ILHumanities.org](https://ilhumanities.org)

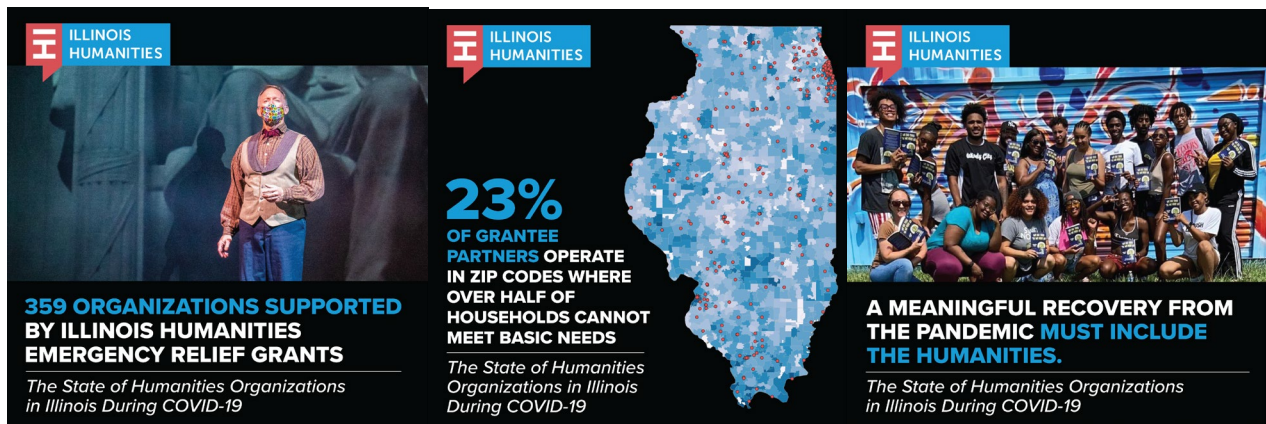
Interactive map of grantees: [ILHumanities.org/COVID-19-Map](https://ilhumanities.org/COVID-19-Map)

# Social Media

Graphics and sample copy for social media posts are provided for your use. Partners promoting on their social media channels are welcome to use the sample captions as-is, or customize the copy to suit their voice.

## Social Media Images

Download graphics in various sizes to promote the exhibits on your social media channels.



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## Social Media Handles

Illinois Humanities: @ILHumanities on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#)

National Endowment for the Humanities: @NEHgov on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#)

Federation of State Humanities Councils: @HumFed on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#)

## Hashtags

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## Sample Social Media Posts

From 2020 to 2022, Illinois Humanities distributed \$2,352,500 in COVID-19 Emergency Relief and Recovery funding to 359 Illinois organizations. In the most essential way, the grants succeeded in providing relief and enabled organizations to “get back to business.” However, relief funding catalyzed an even bigger return on investment in the form of public goods: well-being, social cohesion, bridge building, and civic engagement – essential building blocks of an equitable recovery.

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Why do people want to be part of the humanities? To have fun. To connect with others. To learn something new. To explore big questions. To contribute. During the pandemic, Illinois' humanities organizations took on parallel roles, helping to mitigate social isolation, support pandemic response efforts, provide access to information and, in turn, access to opportunities.

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