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Agency Purpose

Through its emphasis on the humanities, the Minnesota Humanities Center is working to build a thoughtful, literate, and engaged society. Serving as a statewide program provider and clearing house for the best in the humanities, the Minnesota Humanities Center improves the competency of our state's teachers, increases the academic achievement of our state's students, and strengthens communities throughout Minnesota.

Minnesota statute 138.911 charges the Minnesota Humanities Center with providing leadership, programs, and resources that advance the study of the humanities in schools, colleges, and cultural organizations throughout the state.

Core Functions

The Minnesota Humanities Center conducts professional development opportunities; creates and disseminates one-of-a-kind educational resources; partners with other organizations to offer humanities programs statewide; and operates a full-service meeting and event center, serving educators, non-profits, state colleges and universities, state agencies, and community groups.

Operations

Professional development for educators

The Humanities Center offers high-quality, content-rich professional development opportunities for Minnesota's teachers. Through in-depth presentations by leading local and national scholars, early literacy and K-12 educators gain content knowledge they can use to help their students achieve academic excellence in English literature, American history, world history, civics, world languages, geography, ethics, and social studies.

Educational resource development

The Humanities Center produces one-of-a-kind resources for educators nationwide. Resources include bilingual books, multicultural literature, lesson plans, and activities that support the content covered in the Humanities Center's professional development activities and help educators implement content directly in their classrooms.

Community programs

The Humanities Center supports humanities programs in the wider community by partnering with lifelong learning organizations, museums, libraries, schools, and other educational organizations to increase awareness of, access to, and use of the humanities in formal and informal educational settings across the state.

Meeting and event center

The Minnesota Humanities Center operates a full service meeting and event center created by the state legislature in 1996. This meeting and event center serves educators, non-profits, state colleges and universities as well as state agencies and community groups. This restored architectural landmark helps to strengthen neighborhoods on Saint Paul's east side and it provides high-quality meeting and event space for people working to improve Minnesota's quality of life.

Key Goals

- ◆ Increase educator content knowledge in the humanities and related disciplines.
- ◆ Build the capacity of Minnesota's educators in the implementation of humanities and related content in the classroom.
- ◆ Increase academic achievement of the state's students.
- ◆ Increase access to high-quality humanities programs in underserved communities throughout Minnesota.

At A Glance

Last year, more than 1,248 educators participated in Minnesota Humanities Center professional development offerings, impacting 113,145 students. 99% of educators attending Minnesota Humanities Center professional development programs reported increased humanities content knowledge. 60% of workshop participants reported increased competency in classroom instruction as a result of these workshops.

Last year 30,800 individuals attended Humanities Center conducted and supported programs including literacy events for families and public humanities programs. 80% of program participants reported increases in community engagement and activities as a result of Minnesota Humanities Center programs.

In addition, 187 meetings and events were conducted at the Humanities Center's facility, serving 7,500 people associated with local community organizations.

- ◆ Build the capacity of local cultural organizations to conduct high-quality and meaningful public humanities programs.
- ◆ Expand access to vibrant and engaged public programs that facilitate and frame community conversations throughout Minnesota.
- ◆ Increase the economic diversity of communities throughout Minnesota by supporting robust humanities programs in communities across the state.

Key Measures

Below are a number of benchmarks the Humanities Commission uses for measuring its success.

- ◆ 80% of teachers participating in professional development workshop will report improvements in classroom instruction.
- ◆ 60% of teachers will report increased student participation, engagement, and enthusiasm for learning.
- ◆ 50,000 Minnesotans will positively benefit from high-quality public humanities programs.

Budget

The Minnesota Humanities Center is funded through a combination of government funding (state and federal), private funding (corporations, foundations, and individuals), and program fees and meeting and event center rental. Of the Humanities Center's \$3.0 Million annual operating budget (FY 2008-2009) 33% is from the federal government; 18% is from the State of Minnesota; 29% is from corporations and foundations; 3% is from individuals; and 17% comes from program fees and building rental fees. The Minnesota Humanities Center employs 21 FTE positions.

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Dollars in Thousands

	Current		Governor Recomm.		Biennium 2010-11
	FY2008	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011	
<u>Direct Appropriations by Fund</u>					
General					
Current Appropriation	250	250	250	250	500
Recommended	250	250	0	0	0
Change		0	(250)	(250)	(500)
% Biennial Change from 2008-09					-100%
 <u>Expenditures by Fund</u>					
Direct Appropriations					
General	250	250	0	0	0
Total	250	250	0	0	0
 <u>Expenditures by Category</u>					
Local Assistance	250	250	0	0	0
Total	250	250	0	0	0
 <u>Expenditures by Program</u>					
Humanities Commission	250	250	0	0	0
Total	250	250	0	0	0

HUMANITIES COMMISSION

Change Summary

Dollars in Thousands

	FY2009	Governor's Recomm.		Biennium 2010-11
		FY2010	FY2011	
Fund: GENERAL				
FY 2009 Appropriations	250	250	250	500
Subtotal - Forecast Base	250	250	250	500
Change Items				
Elimination of State Funding	0	(250)	(250)	(500)
Total Governor's Recommendations	250	0	0	0

HUMANITIES COMMISSION

Change Item: Elimination of State Funding

Fiscal Impact (\$000s)	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013
General Fund				
Expenditures	\$(250)	\$(250)	\$(250)	\$(250)
Revenues	0	0	0	0
Net Fiscal Impact	\$(250)	\$(250)	\$(250)	\$(250)

Recommendation

The Governor recommends the elimination of the state funding provided to the Humanities Commission of \$250 thousand in FY 2010 and \$250 thousand in FY 2011. The elimination amount of state funding provided to the Humanities Commission will impact the programs and services provided by the Commission; however, Governor intends that the Humanities Commission should focus its operating funds on maintaining its highest priority services and seek other funding sources instead of utilizing the state's general fund. The Governor believes this elimination in state funding is necessary to deal with the current budget deficit.

Background

The Humanities Commission and Center's operating budget of \$3 million includes amounts budgeted for professional development for educators, educational resource development, community programs partnerships and the operations costs of their meeting and event center. In the Humanities Center's \$3 million annual operating budget (FY 2008-2009), roughly 18% is from the State of Minnesota. The Center receives other funding from the federal government, corporations and foundations, individuals, program fees and building rental fees.

The economic challenges faced by Minnesota required difficult decisions related to agency funding. Part of the decision-making process regarding agency funding was the level of reliance a particular agency placed upon state funding. The Humanities Commission's ability to acquire funding from such a broad base of groups will not eliminate the negative impacts from the elimination in state funding, but it will hopefully mitigate the effects.

Relationship to Base Budget

This proposal represents a 100% base level reduction to the Humanities Commission and Center's general fund budget.

Key Goals and Measures

Minnesota statute 138.911 charges the Minnesota Humanities Center with providing leadership, programs, and resources that advance the study of the humanities in schools, colleges, and cultural organizations throughout the state. This elimination in state funding will impact that Minnesota Humanities Center's ability to accomplish some of their stated goals, but will hopefully not negatively impact their core functions. Despite the elimination of state funding, the Governor intends the Humanities Commission to safeguard core activities and reduce administrative overhead.

This proposal may affect the following agency goals:

- ◆ Increase educator content knowledge in the humanities and related disciplines;
- ◆ Build the capacity of Minnesota's educators in the implementation of humanities and related content in the classroom;
- ◆ Increase academic achievement of the state's students;
- ◆ Increase access to high-quality humanities programs in underserved communities throughout Minnesota;
- ◆ Build the capacity of local cultural organizations to conduct high-quality and meaningful public humanities programs;
- ◆ Expand access to vibrant and engaged public programs that facilitate and frame community conversations throughout Minnesota; and
- ◆ Increase the economic diversity of communities throughout Minnesota by supporting robust humanities programs in communities across the state.

Statutory Change: Not Applicable