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EAST HILLSBOROUGH HISTORICAL SOCIETY RECEIVES AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN GRANT FROM THE FLORIDA HUMANITIES AND THE NATIONAL **ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES.** 

2021 continued to be a challenging time for our community and as we embark on the new year, we want to publicly thank the Florida Humanities and the National Endowment for the Humanities for their financial support in the form of an AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN grant in the amount of \$7500 that supports our organization with financial aid as we continue to struggle through these unprecedented times. The funds support the general operating expenses of the Society.

The limitations experienced by cultural facilities since the beginning of the global pandemic has seen widespread impacts in both loss of revenue through program

income and membership and donor support. Since the beginning of spring 2020, our society, museum, and archive has experienced limits in our public programs and outreach services due to the costs associated with a pivot in delivery, thus drastically reducing our revenue sources. We cannot stress the importance of this aid in words that show its true value. In short, this support has provided oxygen to the society to continue its mission of "Preserving the Past for the Future."

The Florida Humanities was established in 1973 with a mission to preserve, promote, and share the history, literature, culture, and personal stories that offer Floridians a better understanding of themselves, their communities, and their state. Florida Humanities works with local humanities organizations to accomplish its mission. This includes libraries, museums, and historical societies, among others. Many of these organizations rely on volunteers and limited funding to sustain their own mission and program services.

The Florida Humanities delivers a wide array of cultural experiences to all persons. To learn more about the Florida Humanities please visit their website <a href="https://www.floridahumanities.org">www.floridahumanities.org</a>

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