

# NEH Contributions to Virginia's 9<sup>th</sup> District

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In the last twenty years, the NEH has directly granted **\$1,953,914** (nearly two million dollars) to Virginia's Ninth District. Much of this funding has gone to support projects that celebrate the history and culture of Southwest Virginia and Appalachia, including its history of coal mining, its history of military service, its history of investment and innovation, and its musical history. (Source: <https://securegrants.neh.gov/publicquery/main.aspx>)

Key recent projects include the following:

- \$6,000 in 2017 to Radford University to preserve historic photographs from the George and Melody Bragg New River Coal Fields Photographic Collections, which “document social and environmental conditions in the southern West Virginia coalfields from their early inception through the post-World War II years.”
- \$100,000 in 2016 to Patrick Henry Community College for “a three-year project to create a humanities honors program with thematic emphasis on Appalachian culture.”
- \$9,952 in 2016 to the Montgomery County Museum for the Montgomery County Memory project inviting members of the public to bring their historic family objects and documents from the county to be digitized or digitally photographed and placed publicly online. See <http://montgomerymuseum.omeka.net/> for items digitized.
- \$152,250 in 2015 to Virginia Tech to organize “a three-week institute for 25 college and university faculty on the history and experiences of military veterans in the United States.” See <https://www.veteransinsociety.org/> for the schedule.

The NEH supports projects that the private sector will not, and by openly inviting proposals, it enables small organizations to compete with larger ones on an even playing field. Please vote against any measure to reduce or eliminate its funding.