



Wyoming Crossroads Grants

2022 & 2023 Awards

Wyoming Crossroads is a state-wide public humanities initiative applying humanities perspectives locally to help Wyoming realize growth out of change. Wyoming Crossroads Grants support programs, publications, preservation, and digital media projects that dig deep into the larger themes and goals of the Wyoming Crossroads initiative.

General themes that can be explored through Wyoming Crossroads Grants are: Wyoming's identity, sense of community, connection to the land, persistence, and ability to manage change.

The goals of Wyoming Crossroads Grants are: 1) increase Wyoming's intellectual, community, social and civic wealth as the state restructures its economy, 2) apply humanities programming in new and innovative ways to reach audiences that do not typically engage in public humanities, 3) develop new partnerships with groups and associations not typically considered "humanities" or cultural organizations.

In 2023, Wyoming Humanities awarded 12 Wyoming Crossroads grants totaling \$106,485. These 12 grants serve 5 Wyoming counties and 8 of these projects engage statewide audiences.

In 2022, Wyoming Humanities awarded 17 Wyoming Crossroads grants totaling \$218,490. These 17 grants serve 14 Wyoming counties and ten of these projects engage statewide audiences.

2023 Wyoming Crossroads Grant Recipients

Wyoming Outdoor Council	Programming	Fremont County	\$6,550
Homeland: A Wind River Film Premiere and Discussion of the Red Desert. A film screening and discussion that explores the historical, cultural, and spiritual connection local tribes have to WY's Red Desert and inspires a largely indigenous audience to visit the landscape and learn about conservation efforts.			
New Moon Productions	Programming	Statewide	\$10,000
Most Dangerous Women Documentary Series: Visual conversations linking the dynamic history of women's organizing with today's activists and leaders - this is our time! MDW places a focus on women becoming assured, visible changemakers confronting critical issues of their time/place, historically and today - as it aims to inspire audiences to locate and reclaim the often untold stories of their own communities. (Fiscal Sponsor: Women Make Movies)			
Off Square Theatre	Programming	Teton County (Statewide)	\$9,000
Fault Lines in the Constitution: A Community Conversation. OST will host a community read of FAULT LINES IN THE CONSTITUTION to promote civic education focused on youth, including bringing authors Cynthia and Sanford Levinson to Teton County for visits in schools and throughout the community.			
University of Wyoming Arabic & Middle Eastern Studies Program	Programming	Albany County, Statewide	\$3,585
Breaking Through Polarized Narratives: Lessons from the Middle East. The project will unpack contrasting narratives surrounding a conflict via examples in the Middle East in order to encourage the empathy necessary to bridge lines of division and counter polarization in Wyoming citizens' own local communities.			
Jackson Hole Historical Society & Museum	Programming	Teton County	\$10,000
Floating Through Recreation History on the Upper Snake River: An Exhibition at the Jackson Hole Historical Society and Museum. JHSM, GTNP, and Dr. Youngs will develop a multi-disciplinary and multi-media exhibition featuring the cultural, environmental, and social history of recreating on the Upper Snake River for Jackson Hole locals and visitors.			
Wyohistory.org	Digital Media	Statewide	\$10,000
Grant will be used to jumpstart a new video series to accompany wyohistory.org's articles and oral history projects. The organization will produce 24, 10-15 minute videos, and 24, 30-45 second shorts with article authors. These videos will also highlight museums, libraries, archives, and interpretive centers across the state, as we highlight the contributors who work in those places.			
Better Wyoming	Preservation	Lincoln County	\$9,999

Grant will support work with Kemmerer/Diamondville community members during an energy transition to develop a cultural preservation website that tells the story of place, identity, and labor history through objects that impart history, and personal/public memories.			
Wild Excellence Films	Digital Media	Statewide	\$10,000
Feature length documentary film <i>"Unearthed"</i> will uncover ancient archeological artifacts in the Beartooth Mountains of Wyoming, bridging the cultural differences between native people and the modern world.			
Eastern Shoshone Cultural Center	Digital Media	Fremont County	\$7,500
Grant will be used to support the development of a Shoshone language mobile dictionary app to improve language learning access for Eastern Shoshone Tribal members' as well as to host a public release event for the mobile application at the Eastern Shoshone Cultural Center at Fort Washakie, WY.			
Sheridan County Travel and Tourism	Digital Media	Statewide (International)	\$10,000
<i>Where Craft is King</i> is a feature length documentary of the cross-cultural story of James F. Jackson's Sheridan Style leatherwork and the artistic cultural exchange Jackson has cultivated with Japanese leather artists via the International Leather Show in Sheridan, Wyoming. The documentary will highlight an international excursion from Wyoming to Japan.			
Crossing the Threshold, LLC	Digital Media	Statewide	\$10,000
Grant will be used to support development and production of a documentary film, <i>"Crossing the Threshold"</i> on returned veterans in Wyoming. The film will explore identity, connection and the need to belong, & and how we deal with trauma as a community.			
Alliance for Historic Wyoming	Digital Media	Statewide	\$9,901
Promoting Place: A Preservation Communications Platform. Grant will be used to support the Alliance for Historic Wyoming as they build a comprehensive communications platform to share historic preservation stories and strategies with a broad Wyoming audience.			

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Organization	Grant Category	Communities Impacted	Award Amount
Wyoming Symphony Orchestra	Digital Media	Statewide	\$20,000
Funds will be used to support the production of a professional documentary capturing a commissioned orchestra piece celebrating Women's suffrage. The documentary will include interviews with the composer and associated humanities scholars. The live performance will also host a panel discussion.			
Women in the Wilderness, LLC	Digital Media	Statewide	\$20,000
Funds will be used to support the production of a full, feature-length documentary about the wild horse population across the state of Wyoming, but more specifically through the Red Desert. The film follows The Women as they venture on horseback through the state interviewing ranchers and other community stakeholders.			
Teton Gravity Research	Digital Media	Fremont County, Hot Springs, County, Statewide	\$12,000
Of the \$20,000 requested, WYH is supporting this project with \$12,000 for the production of a full, feature-length documentary about water rights and cultural ties to water on the Wind River Reservation.			
WyomingPBS Foundation	Digital Media	Statewide	\$20,000
Funds will be used to support the completion of a WyomingPBS documentary, <i>Fossil Country</i> , about the fossil economy and multigenerational culture surrounding fossils in and around Kemmerer, Wyoming.			
Queen's Players Theatre Troupe	Digital Media	Statewide	\$7,700
Funds will be used to support a 55 minute film, <i>Why Wyoming: Quest for the West</i> , that will interview at least one person from all 23 counties in Wyoming to explore our state's small, unique population. The film will feature not only lifetime, multigenerational Wyomingites, but those that have just recently moved here.			
TVGals, Inc.	Digital Media	Fremont County, Statewide	\$20,000
Funds will be used to support a documentary series following both Northern Arapaho and Eastern Shoshone young people over the course of a year, documenting the challenges they face in the decisions they make and how their daily life is impacted by those decisions, and the cultural relevance of those decisions.			

Cheyenne Frontier Days Old West Museum	Preservation	Laramie County	\$8,494.50
Funds will be used for the preservation of Princess Blue Water's CFD regalia gown, display case, and interpretative materials to accompany the gown. There will be an unveiling event with accompanying programming. The Committee is placing conditions on the award to ensure that interpretative materials are created and presented in consultation with appropriate Native American representation.			
UW American Studies Program	Preservation	Lincoln County	\$8,694
Funds will be used to support an extensive oral history project involving graduate students from the University of Wyoming. Histories will be gathered from residents of Kemmerer, Wyoming as it transitions from coal to nuclear energy.			
Meeteetse Museum District	Programming	Big Horn County, Park County, Washakie County	\$13,721
Funds will be used to support various programming for the Meeteetse area from Memorial Day to Labor Day 2022 titled <i>Perspectives of the Past</i> . Activities include a lecture series, a workshop series including genealogy and quilting workshops, and rancher-led ranch tours.			
The Bossert Collective	Programming	Fremont County	\$3,800
Funds will be used for interpretive materials and event speaker fees for the unveiling of a new downtown mural in Lander, Wyoming. The mural features both Northern Arapaho and Eastern Shoshone artists and the event will highlight both tribes.			
Burning Torch Productions	Programming	Albany County, Campbell County, Fremont County, Natrona County, Park County, Sheridan County, Sublette County, Teton County, Statewide	\$20,000
Funds will be used to support a statewide tour of the documentary <i>Dear Sirs</i> , to eight Wyoming communities. The tour is also supported by WyomingPBS. Each showing will include a panel discussion and Q&A with local veterans and the filmmakers.			

Heart Mountain Wyoming Foundation	Digital Media	Statewide	\$19,940
A digital storytelling workshop for three Japanese American youth and three Apsáalooke youth, exploring their historical and cultural connections to Heart Mountain. The program will culminate in an intensive in-person three-day workshop in Park County, where participants will shoot final footage for 3-5 minute video shorts at the Heart Mountain site, work closely with mentors in the editing and post-production process, and finally screen their films at a free public event and remain available on the Foundation's YouTube page..			
Eastern Shoshone Cultural Center	Preservation	Fremont County, Hot Springs County, Statewide	\$10,000
A second community Rapid Word Collection event to gather about 5,000 more Eastern Shoshone words and recordings to complete our Eastern Shoshone Online Dictionary. During this process, Eastern Shoshone Elders and speakers gather as a community to share language knowledge in small groups. The online dictionary is designed specifically for community members to easily update, revise, and expand content. The digital nature of this dictionary also makes this knowledge available to scholars and members of the general public who would like to learn more about Eastern Shoshone language and culture.			
Teton Science School	Programming	Teton County	\$8,950
Sharing Olaus and Mardy Murie's story through docent tours for Grand Teton National Park visitors and field education experiences for Teton Science School students of all ages, and Front Porch Conversations to draw in members of the local community to thoughtfully engage in conversations about our connection to the natural world.			
Moorcroft Historical Society	Preservation	Crook County	\$8,340
This project is a collaboration between the Moorcroft Historical Society, history educators and students at Moorcroft High School, and regional historians. This project will engage students in the humanities, think critically, and develop an appreciation for local history and those that pioneered the West Texas Trail. The project culminates in a digital and permanent exhibit at the West Texas Trail Museum.			
True Troupe	Programming	Albany, Fremont, Laramie, Natrona, Niobrara, Platte	\$8,350
Travel to rural communities and larger communities in Wyoming to present Classics in the Park: Macbeth. The perspective of Macbeth explores ideas of modern feminism, non-conforming gender roles, and the idea of how these gender roles play to each character. Each performance includes a discussion with humanities scholars.			
Relative Theatrics	Programming	Albany County	\$8,500
Implement the Play/Write literacy education program in the 5th grade classrooms of two Albany County schools, Linford and Slade elementary. Participants write 8 short plays and expand one into a fully developed 10-minute play. The culmination will be a community celebration of the creative endeavors of young writers and the community of artists and audiences that have gathered together to bring the writing to life.			