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ICOMOS-USA to Receive \$20,000 Award from the National Endowment for the Arts for World Heritage USA Monuments Toolkit Project

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ICOMOS-USA is pleased to announce it has been approved by the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) for a Research Grants in the Arts award of \$20,000. This grant will support the Monuments Toolkit Project.

In total, the NEA will award 18 Research Grants in the Arts for a total of \$1,045,000 in funding to support a broad range of research studies that investigate the value and/or impact of the arts. NEA Director of Research & Analysis Sunil Iyengar said, "The research undertaken by these NEA grant recipients, including World Heritage USA Monuments Toolkit Project, covers a compelling array of fields and topics. The studies will contribute to a formidable body of research that is strengthening public knowledge about the arts' benefits to our lives and communities."

"The arts have a unique quality and potential to serve as a balsam to soothe wounds and to help us see our common humanity. Despite the fraught history regarding the monument landscape, this grant can help foster connections that unite us as a whole," said Cequyna Moore, Monuments Toolkit Program Director, World Heritage USA.

In September 2021, the [Andrew W. Mellon Foundation](#) awarded the United States Committee of the International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS-USA) a grant to support the development of the Monuments Toolkit, a website and app aimed at addressing monuments of oppression. [World Heritage USA](#), ICOMOS-USA's supporting organization, now carries out this program on ICOMOS-USA's behalf.

The project will help continue to examine the impact of placemaking activities around monuments that tell undertold and untold stories on community healing.

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For more information on other projects included in the NEA's grant announcement, visit [arts.gov/news](https://www.arts.gov/news). Visit [arts.gov/impact/research](https://www.arts.gov/impact/research) to explore more of the NEA's work in research and analysis, including the agency's five-year research agenda; in-depth reports and analyses of research topics in the arts; collections of statistics, graphics, and summary results from data-mining about the arts; and more.

About ICOMOS-USA and World Heritage USA

The U.S. National Committee of the International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS-USA) is part of the worldwide ICOMOS network of people, institutions, government agencies, and private corporations who support the conservation of the world's heritage. As the only U.S. professional preservation organization with a global focus, ICOMOS-USA is the gateway for U.S. professionals to participate in worldwide heritage conservation. World Heritage USA, the supporting organization of ICOMOS-USA, oversees the Monument Relocation, Removal, and Reinterpretation Toolkit program (Monuments Toolkit); and organizes an annual international scientific symposium, an international intern exchange program, bimonthly World Heritage webinars, and occasional publications.

ICOMOS-USA is a private, non-profit, non-governmental organization with 501(c)(3) status.

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