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HBCU Library Alliance Awarded \$365,000 Grant

ATLANTA (August 19, 2019) — The HBCU Library Alliance was recently awarded a \$365,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH).

The grant will fund the alliance’s project, *Building Capacity for Humanities Special Collections at Historically Black Colleges and Universities*. In partnership with the Conservation Center for Art and Historic Artifacts, this project will create the delivery of collections care services and training opportunities for members of the HBCU Library Alliance, in order to strengthen stewardship of special collections documenting the African American experience.

“We are overjoyed to have received this grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities,” said Executive Director Sandra Phoenix. “To have our work validated on this level means so much to the HBCU Library Alliance.”

“This grant will strengthen our indispensable role of serving as the gatekeepers of history, culture and the African American experience. We look forward to continuing the work that benefits and tells the stories of HBCUs,” Board Chair Monika Rhue said.

The HBCU Library Alliance’s grant was awarded through NEH’s new Infrastructure and Capacity-Building Challenge Grants program. According to NEH’s website, the program “seeks to strengthen the institutional base of the humanities in the United States through matching grants to libraries, museums, archives, colleges and universities, historic sites, scholarly associations, and other cultural institutions for efforts that build institutional capacity or infrastructure for long-term sustainability.”

The award will be released over a five-year period, pending the HBCU Library Alliance’s ability to match funds, dollar for dollar, in new nonfederal contributions.

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About the HBCU Library Alliance

The HBCU Library Alliance is a consortium that supports the collaboration of information professionals dedicated to providing an array of resources designed to strengthen Historically Black Colleges and Universities and their constituents. Additional information about the HBCU Library Alliance is available at hbculibraries.org.