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SCAAHF Awarded Bridge Grant from SC Humanities

Columbia -- The South Carolina African American Heritage Foundation received a Bridge Grant from South Carolina Humanities, www.schumanities.org. Funding for the Bridge Grants has been provided by the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) as part of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act stabilization plan.

The \$3,500 grant helps recover revenue lost after the cancellation of major SCAAHF fundraising projects in the spring due to stay-at-home/work orders issued by the state of South Carolina to mitigate the spread of the Coronavirus. The fundraisers usually net \$5,000 to \$10,00 for the organization and are used to cover operational expenses.

The SCAAHF supports the efforts of the South Carolina African American Heritage Commission, which are to identify and promote the preservation of historic sites, structures, buildings and culture of the African American experience in South Carolina, and to assist and enhance the efforts of the South Carolina Department of Archives and History. The SCAAHC publishes the [African American Historic Places in South Carolina](#) guide; the curriculum-based [Teacher's Guide to African American Historic Places in South Carolina](#), and its art supplement [Integrating the Arts into Classroom Instruction; How Did we Get to Now?](#), which identifies and documents historic schools built for African Americans in South Carolina, and [The Business of Rural Heritage, Culture and Art](#), a resource guide for entrepreneurs in rural communities.

The SCAAHC also produced the [GreenBookofSC](#), an online travel guide to more than 400 African American history and cultural sites in South Carolina.

Currently, the SCAAHC is capturing African American expressions in South Carolina related to the Coronavirus through its online portal "[Black Carolinians Speak: Portraits of a Pandemic](#)." Material submitted through this project will become part of the SCAAHC public collection and permanent record at the South Carolina Department of Archives and History.

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