

Grants awarded during calendar year 2007

1/4/2007	Liberty University	Discretionary	Christianity and American History Conference	\$1,500.00	A two-day scholarly and public conference on Christianity and American history, with a particular focus on how Virginians (Jefferson and others) helped to determine the role of Christianity in the U.S. during the Founding period, and subsequently.
1/4/2007	National D-Day Memorial Foundation	Discretionary	The USS MASON	\$1,250.00	Funds will support the fourth in an annual series of public programs on the contributions of African American soldiers and support personnel during World War II. The program this year focuses on the crew of the USS Mason.
1/8/2007	Library of Virginia Foundation	Discretionary	2007 Virginia Women in History	\$2,500.00	Funds to support the cost of printing an interpretive poster honoring eight Virginia women-- past and present--who have made important contributions to Virginia and America.
3/8/2007	Contemporary Art Center of Virginia	Discretionary	Individual Freedom in the 21st Century	\$2,000.00	Funds to support a public forum on "Individual Rights in the 21st Century," presented in conjunction with an exhibit in which several of the original documents (including the Magna Carta) that created the foundations of individual rights and democracy will be on display.
3/9/2007	American Shakespeare Center	Open	"Shakespear" and How to Cure It: A Teaching Intensive on Romeo and Juliet	\$5,000.00	A one-week teachers' institute focusing on the teaching of Shakespeare and his use of language in relation to Virginia's English standards of learning.
3/9/2007	Association of American Geographers	Open	Geography and the Humanities Symposium	\$5,000.00	A three-day public symposium exploring the growing reciprocal influence between geography and the humanities, focusing on issues such as globalization, space and place, and the increasing use of tools such as GPS in humanities research.
3/9/2007	Barrier Islands Center	Open	Stories From the Barrier Islands of Virginia: An Oral History	\$9,650.00	Funds to support the first phase of a long-term oral history project focusing on the former residents of Virginia's Barrier Islands and their descendants.
3/9/2007	Bath County Historical Society	Open	Connecting with the Past: Historical Inquiry in Bath County Classrooms	\$5,000.00	Funds to support a long-term initiative in which Bath County teachers will develop local history curricula and resource materials based on their own research into primary documents related to the history of Bath County. The project was developed as a collaborative effort between the local historical society and the public schools.
3/9/2007	Black History Museum and Cultural Center of Virginia	Open	African American Trailblazers: Commemorating 400 Years of the Black Experience in Virginia	\$8,000.00	Production of a traveling exhibit on African American history in Virginia, focusing on the lives of twelve exemplary figures from the fields of politics, finance, literature, music and sports.

3/9/2007	Carver-Price Alumni Association, Inc.	We The People	Carver-Price School Oral History Project	\$3,000.00	An oral history project focusing on interviews with former students, teachers, and staff of the Carver-Price High School in Appomattox County, a series of DVDs based on these interviews.
3/9/2007	Chincoteague Island Library	Open	Chincoteague Island Community Heritage Project	\$8,600.00	An oral history project designed to document the disappearing cultural traditions of Chincoteague Island.
3/9/2007	Christiansburg Institute	We The People	The Rosenwald-CI Connection: Revising an On-Line History	\$3,000.00	Funds to support revisions and additions to an existing website on the history of Christiansburg Institute, focusing on extensive connections between Christiansburg Institute and the beginnings of the Rosenwald School movements in Virginia and nationwide.
3/9/2007	Fluvanna County Historical Society	We The People	Fluvanna County Rosenwald Schools Project	\$3,000.00	Funds to support development of a strategic plan to preserve and interpret the history of Fluvanna County's five remaining Rosenwald schools.
3/9/2007	Halifax County Historical Society	Open	The Crossing of the Dan--The American Revolution in VA	\$6,000.00	Production of an interpretative exhibit that tells the story of a significant Revolutionary War event in Halifax County – General Nathaniel Greene's crossing of the Dan River in 1781.
3/9/2007	Hampton University	We The People	Literature and the Black Author-2007	\$3,000.00	Funds to support two new programs in an ongoing "Literary Reading Series," featuring discussion with leading African American authors.
3/9/2007	Isle of Wight County Museum Foundation, Inc.	Open	Educators' Ethnohistory Institute	\$5,700.00	A nine-day Institute for Teachers in southeastern Virginia, focusing on Virginia Indian – specifically Nansemond – history and culture. Members of the Nansemond tribe are active participants and partners in this project.
3/9/2007	Pamplin Historical Park	Open	Teacher Institute -- Diverging Americas: Antecedents of the Civil War	\$8,000.00	A one-week Institute for middle and high school teachers focusing on the causes of the American Civil War.
3/9/2007	The Blue Ridge Music Center	Open	Restoring a Sense of Place	\$7,500.00	A series of interpretative programs, to be presented weekly from June-September 2007, focusing on the cultural history and musical traditions native to the communities of Virginia's southern Blue Ridge and Appalachian mountains.
3/9/2007	The Montpelier Foundation	Open	Slave Descendant Reunion and Conference at James Madison's Montpelier	\$5,000.00	A reunion and conference bringing together the descendants of African Americans enslaved at Montpelier and neighboring plantations in Orange County, with leading historians, African American scholars and the broader public.
3/9/2007	Virginia Arts Festival	Open	The Crooked Road Project - Williamsburg	\$5,000.00	Funds to support the contributions of traditional artisans from Virginia's "Crooked Road" region to a new one-day folklife festival in Williamsburg.
3/9/2007	Virginia Tech	We The People	African American Schools in Virginia during the Depression: A Teaching Resource for History and the Social Studies	\$3,000.00	Funds to support development of a website devoted to the subject of African American schools and education in Virginia during the Great Depression.

3/9/2007	Virginia University of Lynchburg	We The People	Ota Benga, Lynchburg and the Pygmies: an International Conference	\$3,000.00	A three-day conference on the life of Ota Benga, an African Pygmy who was brought to the U.S. in 1904, exhibited as a curiosity at the St. Louis World's Fair and the Bronx Zoo, and subsequently brought to Virginia Baptist Seminary (now Virginia University of Lynchburg) where he died in 1916.
5/23/2007	Friends of the Eastern Shore Public Library	Discretionary	Chesapeake Bay: The End of an Era	\$1,500.00	A five-part library-based book discussion series on the past, present, and future of the Chesapeake Bay Region, presented as a part of the larger "DelMarVa Discussions" series.
6/5/2007	Southern Education Foundation	Discretionary	Jeanes Supervisors and African American Education in the Jim Crow South	\$3,000.00	Research leading to the creation of a monograph-length article on the history of Jeanes teachers and their influence on African American education in Virginia.
6/5/2007	Virginia Museum of Natural History	Discretionary / Virginia Indian Heritage Program	Beyond Jamestown: Virginia Indians Yesterday and Today	\$2,500.00	Funds to support an exhibit and lecture series on the history and culture of Virginia Indians, past and present.
6/5/2007	Virginia State University	Discretionary	African American Agriculture Education in Virginia	\$3,000.00	Funds to support research focusing on the contributions of two of Virginia's historically black colleges--Hampton University and Virginia State--to agricultural training programs that served blacks farmers.
6/6/2007	Arlington County	Discretionary	Roots of Virginia	\$2,500.00	A one-week institute in which ten Arlington elementary school teachers will document the "Roots of Virginia" portion of the 2007 Smithsonian Folklife Festival, working with folklorists and technical advisors to produce curriculum units, podcasts, and other resources for distribution state and nationwide.
6/8/2007	Arlington County Cultural Affairs Division	Open	Nauck Community Heritage Project DVD and Book	\$8,000.00	Funds to support production of a DVD and accompanying print publication documenting the history of Nauck, an African American neighborhood in Arlington.
6/8/2007	Arts Center In Orange	Open	Orange County's African-American Schools: A Sense of Place in Education - Oral History Documentary	\$3,000.00	Funds to support production and promotion of a 45-minute DVD (video documentary) on African-American schools and education in Orange County.
6/8/2007	Augusta County Historical Society	Open	In the Presence of Mine Enemies	\$5,000.00	Funds to support research and script development for a one-hour documentary film on the Civil War, focusing on two communities, Augusta County, Virginia and Franklin County, Pennsylvania.
6/8/2007	Berryville Main Street	Open	Roots of American Music	\$2,500.00	A five-part lecture and performance-discussion series exploring the origins and evolution of American music.
6/8/2007	Blue Cow Arts	Open	Workshop Porch at FloydFest	\$4,200.00	A series of interpretative performances focusing on Applachian gospel traditions, presented as part of the 2007 FloydFest music festival.

6/8/2007	Brownsburg Community Association	Open	Brownsburg Museum Oral History Project	\$5,000.00	Funds to support an oral history project focusing on the Brownsburg community in Rockbridge County.
6/8/2007	Ferrum College	Open	Virginia Rockabilly Research Project	\$8,500.00	Research leading to an exhibit and related programs, including a music CD with interpretative liner notes, on the history of "Rockabilly" music in Virginia.
6/8/2007	Journey Through Hallowed Ground	Open	African American Historic Sites Publication	\$10,000.00	Funds to support publication of a book containing information on one hundred African American historic sites within the region covered the "Journey Through Hallowed Ground" project. Research on these sites was supported by an earlier VFH grant.
6/8/2007	Longs Chapel Preservation Society	Open	Zenda: A History of a Rockingham County Black Settlement	\$7,500.00	Funds to support publication of a book on the history of Zenda, an African American community in Rockingham County.
6/8/2007	Mary Ball Washington Museum and Library	Open	A Portrait of African Americans in Lancaster County, VA 1830-1870	\$8,900.00	A community research project, resulting in a searchable database, that focuses on the history of enslaved families in Lancaster County, Virginia, during the period 1830-1865.
6/8/2007	New York Foundation for the Arts	Open	The Road to Civil War	\$8,000.00	Research and script development for a three-part PBS television series on the coming of the Civil War, focusing in particular on events in Virginia.
6/8/2007	Radford University	Open	Sharing History: Documenting the Life of African Americans in Southwest Virginia from 1865 to 1965	\$4,000.00	Funds to support publication of a book on the history of five African American communities whose ancestors are buried in Mountain View Cemetery, near Radford.
6/8/2007	Research Foundation of SUNY at Binghamton	Open	Early Modern Virginia	\$5,000.00	Funds to support a two-day conference on the history of Early Modern Virginia.
6/8/2007	Southern Documentary Fund	Open	Flagship: William Francis Gibbs and the SS United States	\$5,000.00	Research and script development for a two-part series of documentary films on the history of the ocean liner the SS United States, her designer Williams Francis Gibbs, and the role of Virginia (Newport News) in the rise of American sea power in the 20th century.
6/8/2007	Steamboat Era Museum	Open	Doorway to the Past	\$7,500.00	Funds to support continuation of an oral history project to document the Steamboat Era in Virginia on the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries.
6/8/2007	The Rose Group for Cross-Cultural Understanding	Open	China-America Festival of Film and Culture	\$8,000.00	Funds to support the third annual China-American Festival of Film and Culture, a four-day event exploring various aspects of Chinese history and culture and changes currently underway in China.
6/8/07	Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance	Open	The Art of Surviving: Violence and Expression (Phase 2)	\$6,000.00	Funds to support development of a traveling exhibit and website exploring the aftermath of sexual and domestic violence and the contributions the humanities can make to the "art" of surviving it.

6/8/2007	Virginia University of Lynchburg	Open	Ota Benga Conference	\$6,000.00	A three-day conference on the life of Ota Benga, an African Pygmy who was brought to the U.S. in 1904 and exhibited as a curiosity at the St. Louis World's Fair and the Bronx Zoo before being rescued by a group of black ministers and brought to Lynchburg, where he died in 1916.
6/8/2007	Visual Arts Center of Richmond	Open	When Janey Comes Marching Home: Portraits of Wounded Women Veterans	\$9,900.00	Funds to support the creation of an exhibit including photographic portraits and oral histories of women soldiers who have been wounded during their military service in Iraq and Afghanistan.
6/16/2007	Sweet Briar College	Discretionary / Virginia Indian Heritage Program	Family Portraits	\$2,300.00	Funds to support a photographic exhibit titled "Family Portraits: Virginia Indians at the Turn of the Twentieth Century," and a related public discussion featuring representatives of the tribes depicted in the exhibits.
6/18/2007	Eastern Shore's Own	Discretionary	Wachapreague Carnival Documentary	\$2,500.00	Funds to support a documentary film on the Wachapreague Carnival, an annual event that is a focus of local culture and community life on Virginia's Eastern Shore.
6/18/2007	Virginia Commonwealth University	Discretionary	Our Long, Strange Trip: Drugs, Society and the Law	\$1,000.00	Funds to support a four-part series of public discussions on issues surrounding drug use and drug policy in the U.S.
6/25/2007	Presence Center for Applied Theatre Arts	Discretionary	McGuffey School Oral History Project	\$2,500.00	Funds to support the first phase of an oral history project focusing on the history of Charlottesville's McGuffey Elementary School and its role in the larger history of school desegregation in Central Virginia.
7/7/2007	University of Mary Washington	Discretionary	The Making of A Revolutionary	\$1,200.00	Funds to support printing costs for a book to accompany a new exhibit on James Monroe's childhood and formative years, titled "The Making of a Revolutionary."
8/13/2007	Newport News Public Library System	Discretionary	How Imagination Leads to Truth	\$1,500.00	Funds to support a lecture/reading by the novelist Amy Tan.
8/31/2007	Northampton County	Discretionary	Courthouse Records Publication	\$2,500.00	Funds to support printing costs for a book designed to acquaint local residents and visitors to Northampton County with the resources held in the local courthouse; and to encourage the use of these resources. Northampton has the oldest continuous set of public records in the U.S., dating from 1632.
9/6/2007	Blue Ridge Irish Music School	Discretionary	Tommy Sands lecture	\$1,000.00	Funds to support an interpretative performance by the Irish singer/songwriter Tommy Sands, focusing on traditional Irish and Irish-American music and world peace.
9/18/2007	World Affairs Council of Greater Richmond	Discretionary	China's Futures	\$2,500.00	Funds to support a four-part series of lecture/panel discussions focusing on "China's futures."
9/20/2007	Barrier Islands Center	Discretionary	Barrier Island Vignettes	\$2,500.00	Funds to support production of a series of video documentary "vignettes" depicting life on Virginia's Barrier Islands and involving excerpts from oral history interviews with former Barrier Island residents and their families conducted under a previous VFH grant.

9/26/2007	Historic Polegreen Church Foundation	Discretionary	Preserving the First Freedom in Virginia	\$2,500.00	Funds to support a panel discussion on religious pluralism in Virginia, focusing on the history of religious freedom, including Jefferson's "Virginia Statute," and on current issues.
10/18/2007	City of Petersburg	Discretionary	Centre Hill Mansion: Clothing from the 1820s to the Early 1900s	\$2,000.00	A two-part lecture series, exhibit guide, and fabrication of an exhibit on clothing in the City of Petersburg from the 1820s to the Early 1900s.
12/7/2007	Belle Grove Plantation	Open	Architecture History Research at Harmony Hall	\$7,500.00	Funds to support research on the history and architectural significance of Harmony Hall in Shenandoah County.
12/7/2007	College of William and Mary	Open	The Serpentine Wall	\$9,000.00	Funds to support the development of essays, teacher resources, and other humanities content for a permanent web-based "Resource Center" devoted to exploring the principle of separation of church and state from a historical, philosophical, political and legal perspective.
12/7/2007	Eastern Shore Center for Black History and Culture, Inc.	Open	"Life for Me Ain't Been No Crystal Stair"	\$11,500.00	Funds to support publication of a book of biographies profiling African American residents of Virginia's Eastern Shore who made significant contributions in the fields of civil rights, business, education, the military, law, politics, and religion. The book is designed as a companion to a volume on Eastern Shore African American historic sites, published in early 2007, also with funding from the VFH.
12/7/2007	Harrisonburg Downtown Renaissance	Open	Court Days Festival 2008	\$3,100.00	Funds to support a series of workshops designed to enhance the interpretive aspects of Downtown Harrisonburg's annual Court Days Festival.
12/7/2007	Legacy Museum of African American History	Open	For Our Own Good: African American Civic and Social Groups in Central Virginia	\$10,000.00	Funds to support an interpretive exhibit and accompanying brochure on the history of African American social groups and their influence in Central Virginia, the Lynchburg area in particular.
12/7/2007	Mary Ball Washington Museum and Library	Open	An Expanded Portrait of African Americans in Lancaster County, Virginia 1830-1865: Culture, Economics and Family.	\$10,000.00	Funds to support Phase II of a three-part project focusing on the history of slave families in Lancaster County during the period 1830 -1865.
12/7/2007	Museum of the Confederacy	Open	Davis and Lincoln: Reflections of a Divided Nation	\$5,300.00	Funds to support a one-week teachers' institute focusing on the lives, political views and presidencies of Jefferson Davis and Abraham Lincoln.
12/7/2007	Regent University	Open	African American Pentacostalism Colloquium	\$5,000.00	Funds to support a public symposium on the subject of African American Pentacostalism, its history, current status, and influence within African American communities and beyond.

12/7/2007	The Montpelier Foundation	Open	The Montpelier Slave Community	\$3,500.00	Funds to support the development of new interpretive materials focusing on the lives and experiences of Montpelier's enslaved community.
12/7/2007	University of Virginia	Open	Virginia and Liberia	\$6,500.00	Funds to support development of a website devoted to the emigration of African Americans from Virginia to Liberia between 1820 and 1865.
12/7/2007	Visual Arts Center of Richmond	Open	When Janey Comes Marching Home	\$7,300.00	Funds to support a panel discussion and publication of an interpretive gallery guide to accompany a large-scale photographic exhibit on the experience of women combat veterans in Afghanistan and Iraq that was funded in part by a previous VFH grant.