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### **FAIC Receives NEH Support to Build Climate Resilience Resources**

WASHINGTON, DC—The Foundation for Advancement in Conservation (FAIC) was recently awarded a \$499,624 supplement to *Held in Trust*, a three-year cooperative agreement between FAIC and the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH). The funding will support creation of an interactive climate risk map, learning modules, and communities of practice to help cultural institutions and heritage sites prepare for and mitigate climate-related environmental hazards.

*Held in Trust* is a project evaluating the state of preservation and conservation of tangible and intangible cultural heritage in the United States and is part of NEH's [A More Perfect Union](#) initiative, commemorating the semiquincentennial of the founding of America. As *Held in Trust* examines areas of urgent need and identifies resource priorities, the climate crisis and environmental impact of the field are key areas of focus.

“The National Endowment for the Humanities is grateful to FAIC for its commitment to safeguarding the nation’s valuable cultural heritage,” said NEH Chair Shelly C. Lowe (Navajo). “This *Held in Trust* project will allow humanities organizations to understand and respond to potential climate-related risks specific to their institution to ensure the preservation of important cultural collections and the stories of the communities they represent.”

While the work of *Held in Trust* continues, the urgency posed by increasing impacts from climate-related events necessitated immediate action. It is imperative that we scale the ability of the cultural heritage sector and its advocates to identify and gauge risk to our cultural heritage and transition to resilient approaches to collections and heritage sites in communities impacted by a changing climate.

This supplement will help FAIC develop an ArcGIS-based mapping application, document existing tools to create on-demand resources across the United States and Territories, and facilitate community-based or region-based resilience planning and practices. This suite of resources will support cultural stewards across the country as they seek to preserve our shared heritage for future generations.

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The [Foundation for Advancement in Conservation's \(FAIC\)](#) mission is to save cultural heritage for future generations, protecting it from decay and destruction. We advance research and education, lead treatment and collection care initiatives, and deploy conservation expertise to where it is most urgently needed. Our work empowers conservation professionals, strengthens cultural institutions, and engages stakeholders, including public audiences, as we work together to protect cultural heritage for humanity.