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The Foundation of the American Institute for Conservation (FAIC) Receives Grant Award from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)

WASHINGTON, D.C.— The Foundation of the American Institute for Conservation (FAIC) is pleased to announce that the organization has been awarded a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) for activities to take place in 2019 and 2020. NEH is an independent federal agency created in 1965 and is one of the largest funders of humanities programs in the United States. A Preservation and Access Education and Training grant (one of six awarded) will support the project “Training for Emergency Preparation and Response for Humanities Collections.” The grant provides \$200,000 in outright funding.

This grant represents NEH’s continued support of the national Alliance for Response (AFR) initiative. Begun in 2003, AFR aims to connect cultural heritage institutions with their local emergency professionals. The grant will support the efforts of the existing 32 networks through online resources and webinar programming, encouraging new network activities and sustained relationships with emergency personnel.

The project will launch a new network in Oklahoma City, OK, a region with a wealth of cultural resources threatened by tornados, flooding, and other natural disasters. The project will also train a regional response team in Georgia, working with the existing AFR networks in Atlanta and Savannah. A new training portal will be developed to deliver response team training components online, providing resources to support immediate response for cultural institutions.

Updates on the progress of the project will be posted on the FAIC website: www.conservation-us.org/foundation

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