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## **Loxahatchee River Historical Society Receives Florida Humanities “American Rescue Plan” COVID Relief Funding**

Jupiter, Florida (January 3, 2022) — Florida Humanities, the statewide, nonprofit affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), has awarded Loxahatchee River Historical Society a \$25,000 grant for general operating costs to help recover from the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The American Rescue Plan COVID Relief Funding will be used towards Society’s staff salaries. The impacts of the pandemic have adversely affected the Society’s fundraisers, programming, and general daily attendance.

“Loxahatchee River Historical Society (LRHS) operates the Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse & Museum and serves multi-generational audiences from around the world, connecting them to the diverse cultures of Florida’s history through authentic heritage experiences, engaging exhibits, and exceptional historic preservation at this unique waterfront site. The grant funds will assist us as we recover and move forward,” states LRHS President & CEO, Jamie Stuve.

The NEH received \$135 million from the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021, which was approved by Congress this past spring. The state humanities councils, including Florida Humanities, each received a portion of the NEH award to support museums, archives, historic

sites and other humanities-focused nonprofits. Loxahatchee River Historical Society was one of 129 organizations in Florida that was awarded ARP funding totaling \$1.88 million from Florida Humanities. The grants are intended to meet immediate operational needs in order for organizations to remain viable and maintain delivery of public humanities programming and resources in their communities. Florida Humanities received 188 applications for ARP funding, with nonprofits requesting the most funds for staffing and utilities.

These funds, said Florida Humanities Executive Director Dr. Nashid Madyun, provide a safety net for the organizations so they can focus on other priorities, such as fundraising and creating programming. “For smaller nonprofits, when bills are paid and staff are safe and intact, that type of alleviation is immeasurable,” he said. “Florida Humanities is honored to provide a lifeline to our state’s cultural and historic organizations, ensuring they continue to enrich their local communities, and the Sunshine State at large, for years to come.”

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### **About Loxahatchee River Historical Society**

Loxahatchee River Historical Society, Inc., a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, operates the Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse & Museum and is a managing partner in the Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse Outstanding Natural Area, National Conservation Lands. Visit our website for hours of operation and more information [www.jupiterlighthouse.org](http://www.jupiterlighthouse.org).

### **About Florida Humanities**

Florida Humanities, the statewide, nonprofit affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities, is dedicated to preserving, promoting, and sharing the history, literature, culture, and personal stories that offer Floridians a better understanding of themselves, their communities, and their state. Since 1973, Florida Humanities has awarded more than \$16 million in support of statewide cultural resources and public programs strongly rooted in the humanities. These programs preserve Florida’s diverse history and heritage, promote civic engagement and community dialogue, and provide opportunities to reflect on the future of Florida. Learn more at [www.FloridaHumanities.org](http://www.FloridaHumanities.org).

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