



HISTORICAL SOCIETY RECEIVES GRANT FROM THE CONNECTICUT HUMANITIES COUNCIL FOR STRATEGIC PLANNING

The Bristol Historical Society recently received a \$5,000 grant from the Connecticut Humanities Council's Heritage Revitalization Fund to fund facilitated strategic planning.

With this funding the BHS Board of Directors has contracted with the National Executive Service Corp. NESC provides highly experience non-profit managers to facilitate the planning process and provide further training and enrichment to the BHS Board of Directors. The result will be a comprehensive written 3 year plan completed this fall. This plan will be utilized to improve programming, financial management and development efforts.

One of the largest humanities councils in the nation, the Connecticut Humanities Council nurtures thoughtful exploration of history and literature along with the cultural benefits of both. The Council's Heritage Revitalization Initiative seeks to strengthen Connecticut's heritage organizations and position them for success while bringing the state's past directly to the public through an online encyclopedia of Connecticut history, the teaching of Connecticut history in the classroom and the creation of new media materials on our past. This year, the CHC will produce or fund more than \$2 million in cultural programming and enrich the lives of residents and visitors statewide.