

**Kansas Humanities Council**  
**GOALS**  
**2005 - 2008**

**PROGRAM**

**Develop and support humanities program that encourage reflects and engage Kansans in discussions of ideas that strengthen community and bring greater meaning to their lives.**

*Exploring Our Lives Through History*

**STRATEGY 1**

Offer opportunities for museums to meet professional standards in preservation and interpretation of local history.

**STRATEGY 2**

Encourage recognition of the impact on Kansas history and culture of its historic and present day ethnic and immigrant communities.

**STRATEGY 3**

Develop heritage tourism product creating 4 to 6 "model museums" that will increase visibility and interest in Kansas history and serve as destination museums.

**STRATEGY 4**

Maintain quality, history-based, council-managed programs, such as Speakers Bureau, History Alive!, Chautauquas, Smithsonian Traveling Exhibitions.

*Exchanging Ideas Through Literature*

**STRATEGY 1**

Continue TALK, Talk About Literature in Kansas, facilitated book discussions for public libraries and traditional audiences.

**STRATEGY 2**

Introduce PRIME TIME, a family centered reading program for adult low-level readers and their children. Include a Spanish language series.

**STRATEGY 3**

Serve selected at-risk populations with facilitated book discussions developed to address their needs and life experiences.

*Building Community through Program Grants*

**STRATEGY 1**

Continue offering Humanities Program Grants at various dollar levels.

**STRATEGY 2**

Research need for new grant categories that support annual humanities events, extend partnerships, or foster civic engagement

## **FINANCIAL DEVELOPMENT**

**Assure a strong and diverse financial base that effectively supports the work of the Council and the delivery of programs and services.**

### **STRATEGY 1**

Seek to increase the amount of unrestricted giving contributed to the Council on an annual basis.

### **STRATEGY 2**

Seek to increase the amount of restricted funds going in support of specific program areas.

### **STRATEGY 3**

Request an annual appropriation from the State of Kansas and to research other avenues of state support.

### **STRATEGY 4**

Work to secure adequate funding for the State and Federal Partnership Division at the National Endowment for the Humanities.

## **GOVERNANCE AND OPERATIONS**

**Pursue accepted "best practices" standards for nonprofit management in the conduct of Council business that will enhance KHC's mission and better serve constituencies.**

### **STRATEGY 1**

Maintain a board of directors that represents the people of Kansas, brings expertise in needed areas, and is committed to the Council's mission.

### **STRATEGY 2**

Provide opportunity for board development and service that is consistent with Council mission and goals.

### **STRATEGY 3**

Review regularly Council governing documents and practices.

### **STRATEGY 4**

Provide professional development opportunities for staff and conduct annual review.

## **LEADERSHIP**

**Increase public awareness of the value and importance of the humanities in the lives of individuals and in the state's cultural and community life.**

### **STRATEGY 1**

Council members serve as spokespersons and advocates for the humanities.

### **STRATEGY 2**

Advocate the value of the humanities before state and national governing bodies and in contacts with elected officials and government representatives.

### **STRATEGY 3**

Seek partnerships that offer opportunities for extending influence and raising visibility for the humanities.