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## The History Center in Tompkins County awarded \$10,000 by the New York State Council on the Arts

**ITHACA NY –** The History Center announced today a grant award totaling \$10,000 from the New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA) to support the recovery of the nonprofit arts and culture sector. Following New York State's \$105 million investment in the arts for FY2022, NYSCA has awarded more than \$80 million since June 2021

**Governor Kathy Hochul Quote:** "The arts have long been a critical sector in our economy, and as we continue to rebuild a stronger New York, it's essential we do all we can help this industry thrive once again," Governor Hochul said. "These awardees represent the best of what New York's vibrant communities have to offer and with this funding in hand, they will be able to not only continue their creative and inspiring work, but help spur revitalization in their own backyard as well."

Mara Manus Quote: "NYSCA applauds Governor Kathy Hochul and the New York State Legislature for their responsive investment of \$105 million for the nonprofit arts and culture sector. 2022 will continue to bring change and The History Center will play a vital role in the renewal of our state's economy and creative ecosystem," said Mara Manus, Executive Director, NYSCA. "On behalf of the entire NYSCA Team, we wish to extend our sincere congratulations on your award."

**Katherine Nicholls Quote:** "Council congratulates The History Center in Tompkins County on their grant award! New York State arts and culture organizations inspire New Yorkers and cultivate community in every region," said Katherine Nicholls, Chair, NYSCA. "Arts and culture are crucial to our state's health, and Council recognizes the dynamic impact of NYSCA grantees on the well-being of all New Yorkers."

You can read Governor Hochul's press release here:

https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/governor-hochul-announces-45-million-critical-fundingpropel-recovery-nonprofit-arts-and

The History Center will use these funds to support the research and exhibit design for *reCOUNT: Facing Our Census*, an exhibit by The History Center in Tompkins County (THC), opening on April 1st, 2022, in celebration of the historic release of the manuscript records of the 1950 U.S. Census by the National Archives. Using themes informed by the decennial U.S. Census such as education, family origins, employment, race, and census taking, *reCOUNT* will explore and expand on the history presented in the manuscript census records for Tompkins County through six interactive exhibits at The History Center Exhibit Hall on the Ithaca Commons. Learn more at thehistorycenter.net/reCOUNT

## **About The History Center in Tompkins County:**

The History Center in Tompkins County is a generation-to-generation education and research center focused on engaging the public with the history of Tompkins County (located in the ancestral and contemporary lands of the Gayogohó:nọ' Nation) and the Finger Lakes region. The History Center helps people use the tools of history to understand the past, gain perspective on the present, and play an informed role in shaping the future. The History Center is located within the Tompkins Center for History & Culture, a collaborative visitor center and event space on the Ithaca Commons. Learn more at thehistorycenter.net and follow @TompkinsHistory on any platform.

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