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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Humanities New York awards HNY CARES Emergency Relief Grant to The History Center in Tompkins County.

**ITHACA, NY. June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020** - The History Center in Tompkins County was awarded a Humanities New York (HNY) relief grant in response to the ongoing public health and economic crisis. This support from New York State is critical for The History Center as they navigate the ongoing public health and economic crisis. The successful application for the year July 2020 – June 2021 designates funds for ongoing archival work and developing new methods for engaging the public with archival materials. The total award of \$10,000 is designated primarily for staff expenses, occupancy, and programmatic costs.

Humanities New York has supported The History Center in Tompkins County for many years. Recently, HNY provided financial support for the collaborative *Sisters of Change: Dorothy Cotton and Unsung Heroines for Racial Justice* exhibit and programs developed by the Dorothy Cotton Institute and The History Center in Tompkins County. Their funding also made the James Baldwin's America Reading and Discussion series possible. The CARES award from Humanities New York builds on their investment in Tompkins County, and their commitment to building community engagement with the humanities. The History Center in Tompkins County is incredibly thankful for their continued, especially during the current moment of deep economic uncertainty.

Once again, the economic impact of COVID-19 has decimated arts and culture institutions across America. At a time when our work is more important and relevant than ever, every source of income is being negatively impacted. As the current crisis wears on, the need for help far exceeds the currently available relief funds. If you are in a position to do so, please reach out with a gift to a local arts and culture institution that impacts your life. It's going to require everybody working together in order to ensure that our museums, stages, studios, and performers are still with us on the other side. The entire family at The History Center in Tompkins County is deeply grateful to the Humanities New York for their support in our local community.

*The History Center in Tompkins County helps communities use the tools of history to understand the past, gain perspective on the present, and play an informed role in shaping the future.*

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