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“Chesapeake is proud to support the Oklahoma Humanities Council and help promote cultural experiences and appreciation of the humanities across our state,” McClendon added. “Thanks to their tremendous efforts and dedication to the humanities, Oklahoma will continue to grow and be a unique, stimulating, and impressive place to live.”

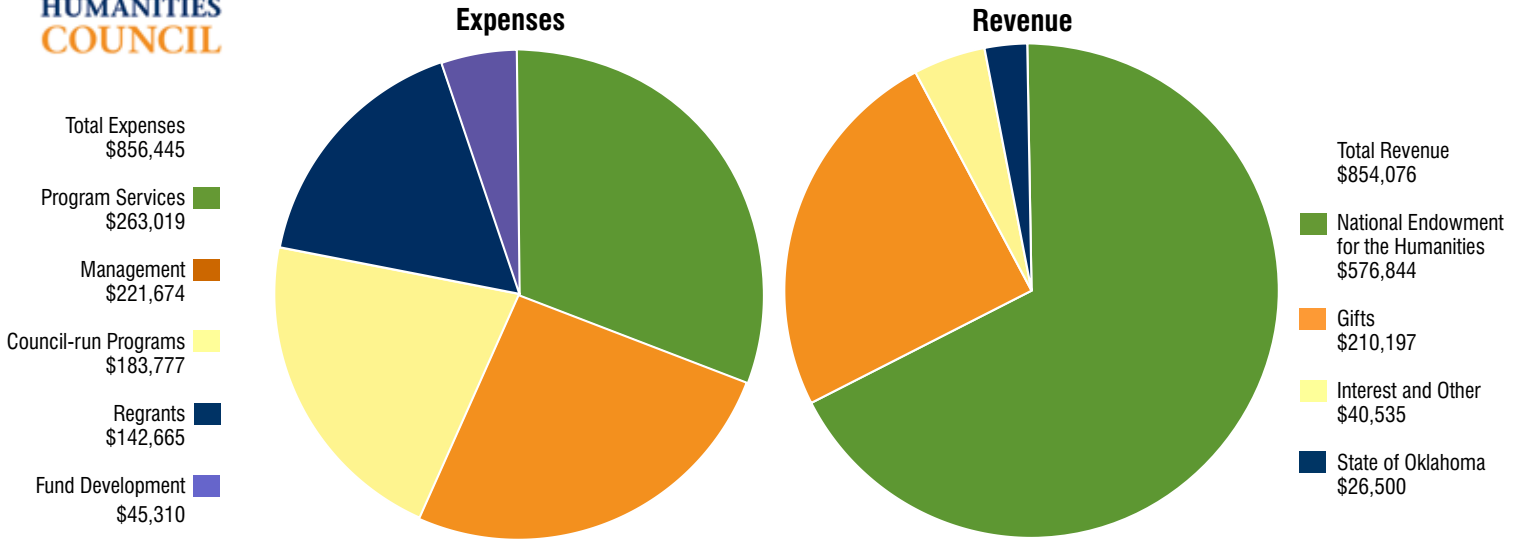
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SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDING OCTOBER 31, 2008



Note: These figures are from the audited financial statements for the time period of November 1, 2007 through October 31, 2008.

Summary of Grants Awarded

Major Grants	\$109,487
Let's Talk About It, Oklahoma	\$ 31,122
Opportunity Grants	\$ 18,636
Chautauqua Grants	\$ 17,000
Research Grants	\$ 9,000
Oklahoma Connections	\$ 3,134
Total grants awarded	\$188,379

In fiscal year 2008, the Oklahoma Humanities Council funded 852 programs across the state. These programs served 172,671 Oklahomans who participated in cultural events, lectures, reading and discussion groups, exhibits, teacher training, classroom competitions, and much more.

For a complete listing of grants awarded, visit www.okhumanitiescouncil.org/grants

What our audiences have to say:

Community Grants

It gives seniors a cultural, encouraging, educational outing and fellowship. This is a gift to seniors who made Lawton what it is today!
—*Golden Girls & Guys Day Out, Lawton Public Library*

We drove 60 miles each way to attend and it was well worth it.
—*4th Annual McBride Lecture with Bill McKibben, Oklahoma Christian University*

Sharing times like this, especially talking about matters as important as poetry, are great community builders. —*Conversations with Poet Jimmy Santiago Baca, Oklahoma City University*

Many communities came together for this presentation. New friendships and contacts were formed. Everyone present was able to take away something that could be used to improve personal or professional lives. —*Anna Myers, Oklahoma Juvenile Historical Author, Friends of the Margaret Carder Library, Mangum*

Let's Talk About It, Oklahoma!

I never did much reading when I was young—my reason for joining this group. Having lived most of my 80+ years in Oklahoma, this book [*Tour of the Prairies*] takes me back to my Oklahoma history class in high school. —*The Oklahoma Experience: From Wilderness to Metropolis, Newkirk Public Library*

I love to read and programs like this broaden my variety of reading materials. —*Invisibility and Identity, Stillwater Public Library*

Oklahoma Chautauqua

The authenticity of the portrayal of Malcolm X spanning his personal growth and development was effectively accomplished therefore allowing the truth to spark discussion, exchange, and positive change. —*A Time for Every Purpose: America in the 1960s, Lawton Public Library*