

FAQ.



1 What is the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE)?

The president established DOGE to reduce federal waste and regulations.

2 What is the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)?

Founded in 1965, the NEH is an independent federal agency that supports the humanities in every state and jurisdiction.

3 What cuts did DOGE make to the NEH?

DOGE terminated millions of dollars in grants, including general operating grants for each state humanities council, including Oklahoma Humanities. The state councils shepherd federal funds directly to their communities, locally controlling and leveraging the funds.

At least 65% of the 180 NEH employees have received termination notices. State councils, however, employ another 600 and most of those positions are now at risk.

4 Did the NEH have a large budget?

No. The NEH budget is less than 1/100th of 1% of the total, federal budget. Terminating these grants is not about saving money.

5 Is this termination of operating grants legal?

No. Our general operating grant was part of an appropriation approved by Congress. Contractual agreements cannot be canceled overnight without reason and reasonable notice.

6 Why can't Oklahoma Humanities just offset the loss of funds with donations?

Americans want these funds to come to Oklahoma because the public private partnership model of Oklahoma Humanities matching federal funds catalyzes economic growth and investment in the humanities statewide.

7 What happens if I make a donation to Oklahoma Humanities now?

Oklahoma Humanities remains a 501(c)(3) independent nonprofit and your donations are still tax deductible! Even in the loss of any federal affiliate status, your donation would still be used for either general support, or your favorite program as designated.