

NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR HISTORY EDUCATION

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A WORD FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

I joined the NCHE team midway through FY23, and what a marvelous six months it has been. After 18 years at the Minnesota Historical Society, I left to lead this organization in a tumultuous time for history educators, and I have loved being part of this work and this amazing team. I am grateful to the NCHE board for trusting me with this role, and to the staff for welcoming me.

We are gifted with an opportunity to support history educators as they face unprecedented restrictions, public scrutiny, and threats to their subject matter. NCHE is uniquely positioned to be a place of sanctuary for educators, to help them find circles of support and access to historical scholars.

We are ready to maintain our tradition of offering relevant professional development and collegiality, while stepping up publicly to ensure that our teachers know that we see them.

JESSICA ELLISON
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



“Every colloquium is an eye-opening experience into a window of history and into new perspectives of this history.” *LEAD participant*

FY23: A YEAR OF TRANSITION

This year, NCHE closed out three grant programs, launched a new one, and continued on with two others. We initiated and completed a nationwide Executive Director search, hired an additional Education Coordinator, and bid farewell to two long-time staff members.

We convened in-person at our annual conference for the first time since 2019, welcoming educators from across the country to Salt Lake City for three days of learning and community-building. It was a beautiful, much-needed gathering of teachers.

Our social media presence and engagement grew. Our collaborations with external organizations continue to change, as funding and staff capacity shifts. Our advocacy increased, in the form of public statements and public shows of support.

Internally, we are taking steps to streamline and strengthen our operations; we moved to a Google Nonprofits platform, began a website redesign, and created structures to better organize our finances. Additionally, with the support of the board, we embarked on a Strategic Visioning process to better understand the needs of our audiences and set goals to guide our next three years.

Throughout this year of significant organizational transition, NCHE continues to hold true to our mission to support history education and educators. Our increased visibility ensures that teachers look to us when they need allies in this historic moment.

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**US DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, AMERICAN
HISTORY AND CIVICS - NATIONAL ACTIVITIES**

Learning and Exploring American Democracy (LEAD)
Osceola and Brevard counties, Florida

Equality and Power in Civics and Histories (EPiC)
Wayne County, Michigan

**LIBRARY OF CONGRESS, TEACHING
WITH PRIMARY SOURCES**

Technology in American History (TIAH)
Nationwide

The Rural Experience in America
Nationwide

**NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE
HUMANITIES, LANDMARKS OF
AMERICAN HISTORY AND CULTURE**

Space Age on the Space Coast
Nationwide

**NCHE served teachers from all
corners of the country, largely
through grant-funded programs.**



The background image shows the interior of a grand, historic library. A large, ornate dome with intricate carvings and painted panels covers the ceiling. Below, rows of wooden study tables are arranged, each with a green lamp. In the background, there are large arched windows with stained glass and bookshelves filled with books. The architecture is classical, with columns and decorative moldings.

1,101

Number of teachers served

115

Hours of online programming delivered

263

Hours of in-person programming delivered

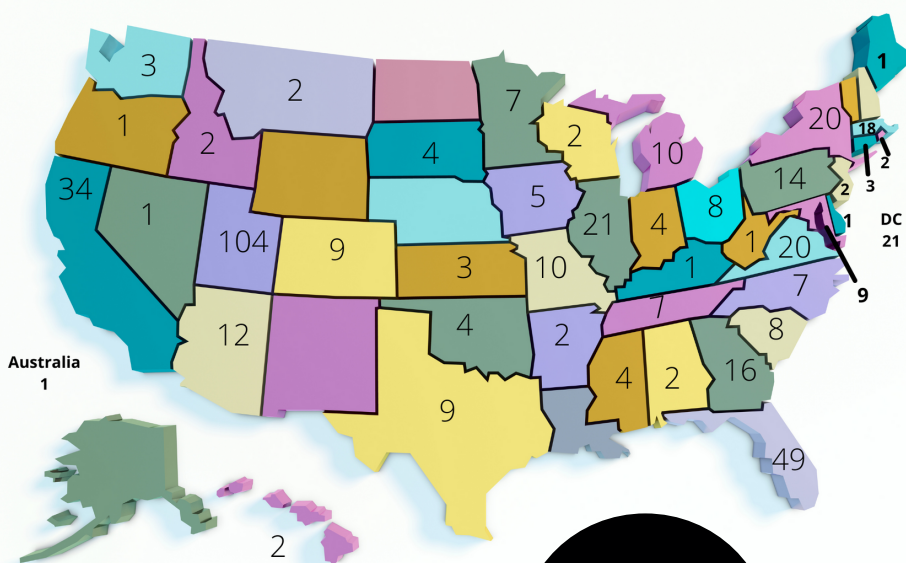
53,000+

Number of students impacted

2023 CONFERENCE: SALT LAKE CITY



"The voices at the conference demonstrated that as professionals, we must continue to do what is best for students. I left the conference with the hope that all of us can teach history with purpose, passion, and scholarship." 2023 conference attendee



**470
attendees**

NCHE gathered in-person at our annual conference for the first time since 2019.

We convened in Salt Lake City, Utah from March 21-23, 2023, welcoming 470 attendees from diverse locations. Our exhibit hall was full, with 36 vendors representing museums, cultural organizations, and educational resources. Keynote speakers included Jeremi Suri (University of Texas, Austin), Luis Martinez-Fernandez (University of Central Florida), and a panel of teachers facing educational restrictions in their home states. Participants visited historic sites such as Topaz Internment Camp and Golden Spike National Historical Park.

The conference atmosphere was welcoming and joyful. We look toward 2024 in Cleveland with great excitement!

VISIBILITY IN DIGITAL SPACES

NCHE continues to increase our presence in online spaces, through our social media channels and videos on YouTube.

Our most successful virtual program is the weekly webcast with Yale professor Joanne Freeman, "History Matters ... and so does coffee!" Each week, viewers gather from around the world to engage with Joanne in a conversation about history and the present. At the 2023 NCHE conference, Joanne conducted a live webcast from Salt Lake City,

At the end of FY2023, NCHE began incorporating more video and reels in our social media posts. We also launched a website refresh -- stay tuned for the new website launch in FY2024!

14,725

Views on YouTube, "History Matters... and so does coffee!"

2,176

Views on YouTube, FY2023 Webinars



6,666



5,399



730



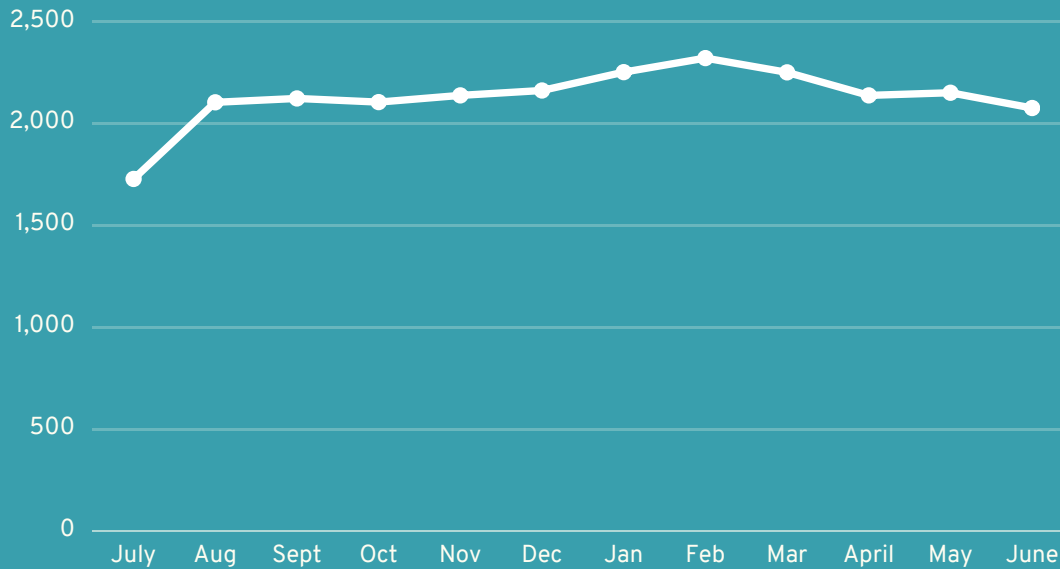
271



Joanne Freeman

Live from Salt Lake City

MEMBERSHIP



1,106

new members
in FY23

NCHE IN MOTION

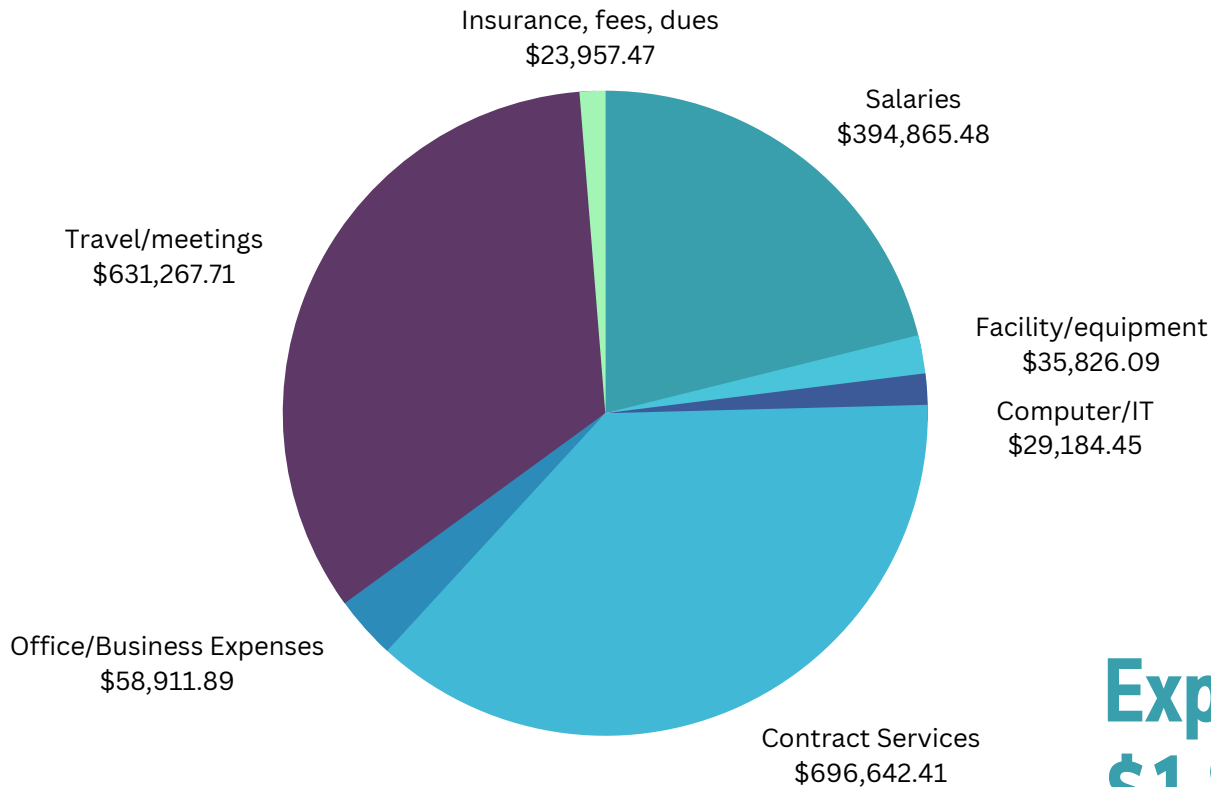
40,974

Miles traveled by staff to NCHE programs in FY23

In-person Program Locations

- Florida (Kennedy Space Center, Kissimmee, St. Augustine)
- Massachusetts (Boston, Concord, Lowell, Plymouth)
- Michigan (Dearborn, Detroit, Hamtramck)
- Oklahoma (Oklahoma City)
- Utah (Salt Lake City)
- Virginia (Arlington)
- Washington DC



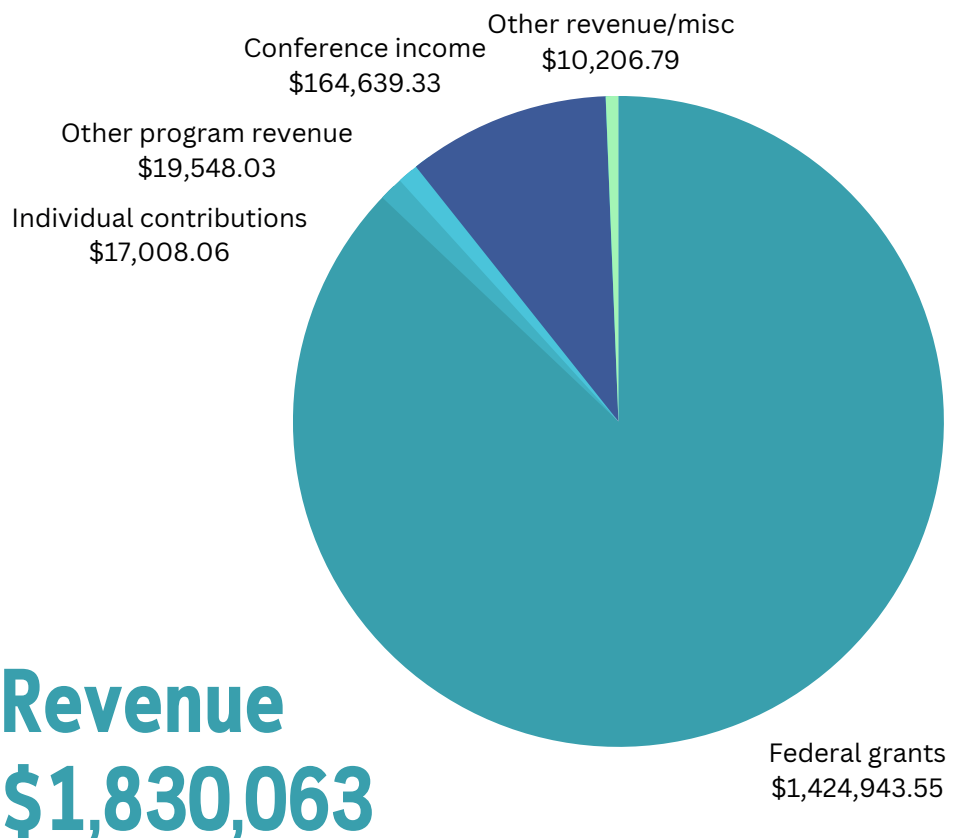


Expenses
\$1,867,256

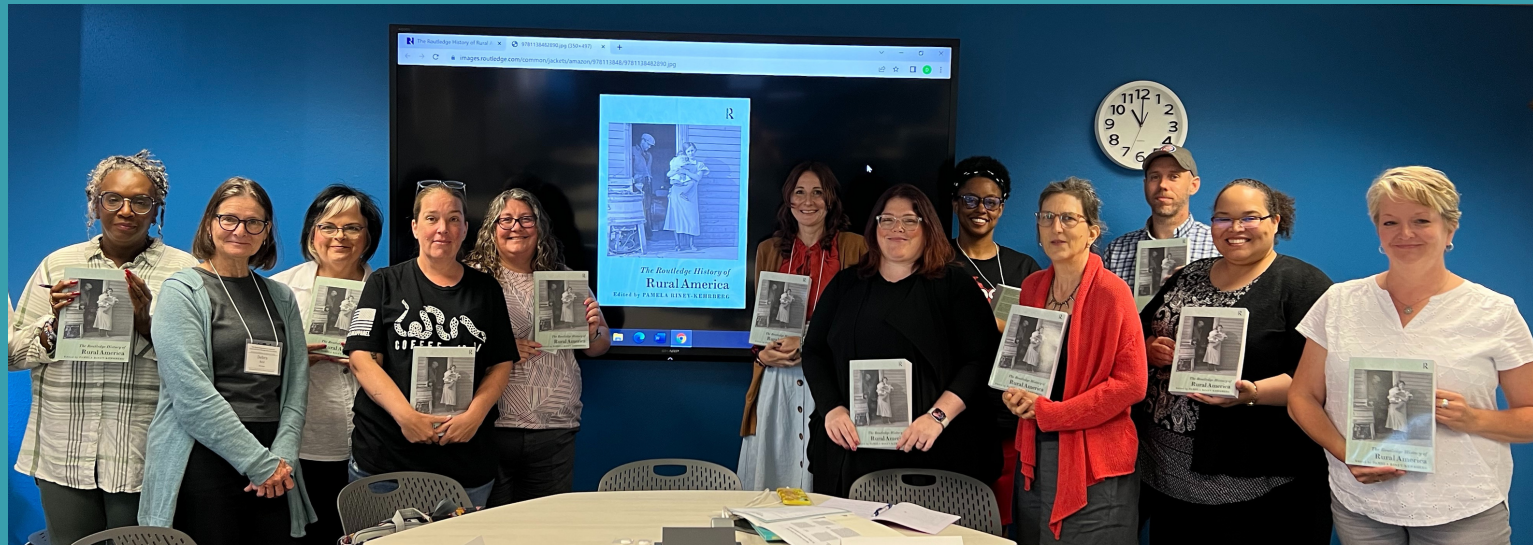
FINANCES

78% of NCHE's revenue is from federal sources. Most of NCHE's expenses, including the majority of salaries, travel, and contract services, are part of these federal programs.

The audit of FY21 and FY22 showed that NCHE is in good financial health. Auditors issued an unmodified opinion.



Revenue
\$1,830,063



"This experience has been a game-changer for me. I feel proud to be a rural teacher."
Rural Experience in America participant



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"Our seminar was simply the single finest professional learning I have ever had in my nearly twenty-year long career. From the bottom of my heart, I thank you ... for your service to this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity."

Space Age on the Space Coast participant

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