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Preservation Assistance Grant

(University Center, MI) -- The Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Museum has been awarded a \$5,935 grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities for a collection environment study. The award was one of 78 projects totaling \$441,537 funded by the NEH for preservation activities.

The grant funding will support the purchase of data loggers to monitor temperature and relative humidity in the Museum and its storage areas. The Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Museum will be working with SmithGroupJJR, Inc., an integrated architecture, engineering and planning firm with extensive experience in collection environment studies, to develop the most effective and efficient planning and implementation process for long term improvements and establishment of a high quality conservation environment for the Museum.

The NEH's Preservation Assistance Grants help small and mid-sized institutions improve their ability to preserve and care for their significant humanities collections. "The humanities help us study our past, understand our present, and prepare for our future," said NEH Chairman William D. Adams. "The National Endowment for the Humanities is proud to support projects that will benefit all Americans and remind us of our shared human experience."

## **About the National Endowment for the Humanities**

Created in 1965 as an independent federal agency, the National Endowment for the Humanities supports research and learning in history, literature, philosophy, and other areas of the humanities by funding selected, peer-reviewed proposals from around the nation. Additional information about the National Endowment for the Humanities and its grant programs is available at: <a href="www.neh.gov">www.neh.gov</a>.

For more information, call (989) 964-7125 or visit the Museum's website at www.marshallfredericks.org.

The Museum is on the campus of Saginaw Valley State University. It is open Monday-Friday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday noon to 5 p.m. Admission is free.