

HARTFORD – **Congressman John B. Larson (CT-01)** announced that three of Hartford’s major historical attractions will receive over \$700,000 in combined grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH). The Harriet Beecher Stowe Center, Mark Twain House and Wadsworth Atheneum all met the NEH’s highly competitive criteria of cultivating humanities research, education and preservation.

“Hartford’s incredible history of contributing to the American story is one of the major features that attract tourists to our city every year,” Congressman Larson said. “I am so happy to see the NEH acknowledge the terrific work that the Stowe Center, Twain House and Wadsworth Atheneum do for our community and country every day. Today’s announcement and subsequent grant funding will help ensure that current and future generations understand the role that their community has played in shaping American history.”

The three institutions competed for grant funding with facilities from all over the country.

The breakdown of grant money by institution is:

- Harriet Beecher Stowe Center - \$235,000

- Mark Twain House - \$179,683

- Wadsworth Atheneum - \$325,000

Last month Congressman Larson hosted members of the Congressional Black Caucus at each of the sites during the course of a weekend celebration of Harriet Beecher Stowe’s 200th birthday.

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