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**Name of organization awarded funds to host “Frankenfest”** *Name of community will be part of statewide* One State / One Story: Frankenstein *program*

NAME OF CITY (MONTH X, 2017)—Organization Name has been awarded a $1,000 grant from Indiana Humanities to hold a read-a-thon and festival celebrating the book “Frankenstein” in conjunction with a statewide read of the classic novel in 2018. Nine other communities have been selected to receive this competitive grant and more than 50 communities across the state will be reading the book together as part of *One State / One Story: Frankenstein*.

Organization Name will host its event in [month, season, etc.] 2018 and it will include [insert special activities]. In addition to monetary support, the organization will receive a “starter kit” of promotional materials, and will participate in a hands-on training workshop to plan, communicate about and host their own event.

### Written by teenage Mary Shelley in 1818, “Frankenstein” tells the story of a young scientist who created a grotesque living creature through a scientific experiment and was horrified by what he had made.

### “‘Frankenstein’ is a powerful book that raises big questions about right and wrong, how we treat other people and the relationship between science and society,” said Keira Amstutz, president and CEO of Indiana Humanities. “That’s what makes it such an important book to read as a community and as a state. We want to catalyze those serious conversations, but we want Hoosiers to have a little fun with the book, too.”

Quote from your own organization on the importance of receiving these funds, what you’re excited about, etc.

Include any additional details that you know about events, dates or programs, or where to go online for more info.

*One State / One Story: Frankenstein* is an initiative designed by Indiana Humanities, in partnership with the Indiana State Library and Indiana Center for the Book, to encourage Hoosiers to read the classic novel as it turns 200 in 2018. More than a dozen programs—including a digital gaming workshop, a sci-fi and horror writing festival for teens, community reads and read-a-thons, and college and university partnerships—will bring *Frankenstein* to life all over the state. *One State / One Story: Frankenstein* has been made possible in part by a major grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities. Learn more at [www.IndianaHumanities.org/Frankenstein](http://www.IndianaHumanities.org/Frankenstein).

**About Your Organization**Info here

**About Indiana Humanities**Indiana Humanities connects people, opens minds and enriches lives by creating and facilitating programs that encourage Hoosiers to think, read and talk. Indiana Humanities is funded in part by the National Endowment for the Humanities and Lilly Endowment, Inc. Learn more at [www.indianahumanities.org](http://www.indianahumanities.org).

**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: [www.neh.gov](http://www.neh.gov).

**About Indiana Center for the Book**The Indiana Center for the Book is a program of the Indiana State Library and an affiliate of the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress. It promotes interest in reading, writing, literacy, libraries, and Indiana's literary heritage by sponsoring events and serving as an information resource at the state and local level. Learn more at [www.in.gov/library/icb.htm](http://www.in.gov/library/icb.htm).

**About Indiana State Library**The Indiana State Library serves Indiana residents with a variety of needs including; genealogy, Indiana history, preservation, rare books and manuscripts, reference and government services, Talking Books and Braille library, as well as the State Data Center. The State Library also leads and supports the greater Indiana library community and is a magnificent limestone building to visit. Learn more at: [www.in.gov/library/index.htm](http://www.in.gov/library/index.htm).

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