



“...gather, share and document Filipino American History...”
“Know history, know self. No History, no self.”
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Re: FANHS Wikimedia Grant Final Report

Dear Ms. Funkola Odeleye,

Thank you for the extension to provide this final report to you. We are very grateful for the Wikimedia Foundation grant that allowed us to continue to grow the legacy of FANHS.

- a) Supporting scholarship, free knowledge and equity to establish the truth and counter distorted and effaced ethnic history

Continuing Archives Improvement and Preparation for Relocation With the consultant report, the Archives Committee (3 professional archivists from Hawaii, Virginia, Seattle and 1 technology expert from Houston) conducted a one-week onsite review of the archives, collections and library and an onsite review of the new facility and potential archival partner to determine materials organization, a move plan and materials protection plan (conversion from file cabinets to stacking shelves for fire, water damage and other recovery needs, and conversion to non-acidic file boxes.) Their work continues with the anticipated FANHS move to the new location in early 2025.

Staff Transition We continue the transition from our beloved founder 40 + years pro bono Executive Director Dr. Dorothy Laigo Cordova aka Auntie Dorothy to a paid FANHS National Director. We have completed the design of the recruitment and selection tools, completed the recruitment and are now in the middle of interviewing in hopes of hiring in October 2025. To date, we have not spent the Wikimedia \$70K grant that is dedicated to supporting this staff position. The staff will have a robust cross -training period with Dr. Cordova so they will be able to continue supporting research, stimulating and supporting chapters conducting primary research and publishing books, and supporting students, postgraduates and authors navigate and access FANHS extensive archives and collections (research papers, photos, oral histories).

Youth Internships We are also investing in the scholarship of our youth. With half of Tabasa bequest, FANHS has invested in 3 paid youth internships to train them to archive, conduct limited research, create limited installations and be part of panels. FANHS provided scholarships to 9 youth (which included the 3 interns) who presented in two panels at the 2024 FANHS National Conference in Houston TX. The bequest has provided for 2 more years of similar programming.

Research Partnerships FANHS is completing the Washington State Historic Sites Project (20 western WA sites, 10 Eastern WA sites, 2 national historic sites nomination and one statewide Fil AM historic context statement.) The project is funded by US Parks Underserved Communities Grant via the WA Dept of Archaeology and Historic Preservation. FANHS is also working on a Filipino Americans on the waterfront

project with WA Trust for Historic Preservation Maritime WA National Heritage Area. The traveling installation is start early 2025.

b) Investing in non-traditional records of knowledge such as oral histories

Zoom History Classes & Convenings With FANHS success with Filipino American History 101 that gathered participants (oral) histories and had a surprising robust attendance of 571 people, Dr. Cordova is assembling 2 panels in September on zoom to discuss democracy – what motivates people to impact government, how they have done it, and what are the results – to further stimulate civic discussions. Again, this is an excellent way to gather the oral histories of the panelists – civic leaders, activists and staff of elected officials.

There is so much more oral histories to be gathered. Dor. Cordova spending part of her time stimulating FANHS chapters and trustees and friends to writer their histories.

c) Improving digital literacy skills that impeded access to knowledge

Organizing our Digital Files and Processes. As FANHS is improving its audience digital literacy by distributing knowledge not just through the web and social media, but with zoom, it is also improving its own digital capacity to retain and make its archives, collections and materials more easily accessible. FAHNS us a community partner for 3 years with University of Washington Masters in Library Science Program that provides paid graduate school interns to partner community archives. The 3 year PhD candidate intern has started gathering the digitized data in many media (audiotapes, CDs, DVDs, hard drives of old computers). The intent to develop a plan to be able to make the materials easy accessible, inventoried/documented, stored in a common safe platform and develop system for easy retrieval. As a community archive and collection with Dr. Cordova knowing all its contents, besides intensive knowledge transfer with the new National Director, this digital knowledge mapping project is the key to FANHS sustainability as a knowledge source.

Increasing user Digital Knowledge Our President Dr. Kevin Nadal has been a strong advocate and steward of spreading Filipino American history through social media to stimulate interest in longer engagement e.g. reading, discourse, conducting research. Our ten-year record shows flat growth with Facebook but continuing grown with Instagram.

Facebook: FANHS “Followers”

<u>2014</u>	<u>1620</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<u>2015</u>	<u>3620</u>	<u>+2000</u>	<u>56% increase</u>
<u>2016</u>	<u>7969</u>	<u>+4349</u>	<u>55% increase</u>
<u>2017</u>	<u>11,880</u>	<u>+3911</u>	<u>49% increase</u>
<u>2018</u>	<u>13,601</u>	<u>+1721</u>	<u>14% increase</u>
<u>2019</u>	<u>17,683</u>	<u>+4082</u>	<u>23% increase</u>
<u>2020</u>	<u>20,750</u>	<u>+3067</u>	<u>17% increase</u>
<u>2021</u>	<u>21,161</u>	<u>+411</u>	<u>2% increase</u>
<u>2022</u>	<u>22,581</u>	<u>+1420</u>	<u>7% increase</u>
<u>2023</u>	<u>22,825</u>	<u>+244</u>	<u>1% increase</u>
<u>2024</u>	<u>22,980</u>	<u>+155</u>	<u>1% increase</u>

Instagram:FANHS “Followers”

<u>2015</u>	<u>337</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
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<u>2016</u>	<u>640</u>	<u>+305</u>	<u>48% increase</u>
<u>2017</u>	<u>1034</u>	<u>+394</u>	<u>62% increase</u>
<u>2019</u>	<u>2164</u>	<u>+1130</u>	<u>100% increase</u>
<u>2020</u>	<u>3565</u>	<u>+1401</u>	<u>65% increase</u>
<u>2021</u>	<u>4823</u>	<u>+1258</u>	<u>35% increase</u>
<u>2022</u>	<u>6731</u>	<u>+1908</u>	<u>40% increase</u>
<u>2023</u>	<u>8544</u>	<u>+1813</u>	<u>27% increase</u>
<u>2024</u>	<u>10934</u>	<u>+2390</u>	<u>21.9% increase</u>

In closing, with the crisis of displacement and organizational leadership transition, we have taken the opportunity to grow tremendously in confidence that we can transcend the changes and make them work to the good of FANHS for our communities. The \$70,000 Wikimedia grant gave us confidence that we can sustain the legacies of our community leaders Dr. Dorothy and Dr. Fred Cordova. For that, we will always be grateful to your Wikimedia Foundation.

Respectfully,

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