Appendix Item V: Evaluation related projects previously funded by NEH

Energizing Humanities builds upon a burgeoning effort to capture oral histories focusing on the diverse and untold aspects of the farm labor movement in California’s Central Valley. At Bakersfield College, the American Library Association in partnership with the NEH, as well as California Humanities have funded two small projects, both incorporating seed funding for oral history interviews and digital technologies to capture untold stories of labor and civil rights activism. The rationale of Energizing Humanities is to build upon the success of these previously funded projects, but on a larger scale and with direct support for faculty and curricular development. The first project, “Latino Americans: 500 Years of History,” funded by the American Library Association-National Endowment for the Humanities, awarded Bakersfield College $10,000.00 to host community screenings of the new PBS Latino Americans documentary series along with public programming events. The Project Director for this grant was Dr. Oliver Rosales. A partnership with Public History Institute of CSU Bakersfield, Bakersfield College hosted several screenings and public lectures associated with Latino History during the 2015-2016 Academic Year. A second grant, “Beyond the Fields: Untold Stories of Civil Rights and Social Justice in California’s Central Valley,” was funded by California Humanities Community Stories program in the amount of $10,000.00. Dr. Oliver Rosales was again Project Director for this project. The life of this grant remains through June 2017. These two programs have raised awareness of the importance of Latina/o history as well as the region’s multicultural civil rights past.