



American Rescue Plan Humanities Project Support Grants

Application Opens: June 16th 2021
Application Deadline: July 15th 2021 at 11:59 PM
Request Range: \$5,000-\$20,000
Grant Period of Performance Deadline: August 31, 2022¹

North Carolina Humanities is providing project/program grant funding to help humanities organizations respond to the impacts of the coronavirus pandemic. This grant funding is available via the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) as part of the federal American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act to prevent, prepare for, respond to, and recover from the coronavirus.

This funding opportunity supports humanities-based program activities which innovate, adapt, and strengthen access to humanities programming/services during the COVID-19 pandemic. Eligible project/program activities include but are not limited to:

- Staff salaries directly tied to a humanities program/project.
- Costs directly associated with a digital or virtual humanities program/project.
- Costs directly associated with digitizing collections and make them available online.
- Costs directly associated with humanities program/project adaptations required to support COVID-19 public safety practices (i.e. social distancing, sanitization).
- Costs directly associated with humanities program/project which make visible the experiences of North Carolinians during the COVID-19 pandemic and highlight stories of community resiliency throughout the state.

Please see our [Grant Guidelines](#) for detailed instructions on NC Humanities' expectations for proposals, Restrictions and Policies Governing NC Humanities grant funds, review criteria, a full list of ineligible grant expenses, and FAQs.

Eligibility

- Organization must be located in North Carolina.
- Organization must have a DUNS number.
- Organization must not be presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from receiving federal grants.
- Organization must demonstrate hardship due to the pandemic.
- Organization must have an EIN and be either a nonprofit organization or tax-exempt government entity with a significant humanities focus.
- Grant cost share match is not required but is welcome.
- **ELIGIBLE:** Organizations with a track record of a commitment to humanities programming - including, but not limited to, archives, cultural centers, community cultural heritage organizations, historic sites, historic preservation organizations, historical societies, literature organizations that provide public humanities programming, museums, humanities media/film organizations public libraries, colleges/universities, K-12 schools, etc.

INELIGIBLE: For-profits, foreign entities, individuals, organizations focused exclusively on visual/performance/literary arts organizations, political or advocacy organizations, social science research or policy study organizations, organizations that do not have a stated commitment to humanities programming, or organizations which provide programs or services limited solely to

¹ All grant activities must be concluded by this date.



the members of a particular religious group. *Note: a religiously affiliated organization may be granted funds, but only if the humanities program is not religion-based and grant funds are clearly not used for religious activities.*

Priorities

Applications that meet one or more of the following criteria will be given priority:

- Organizations who do not receive significant public support,
- Organizations in rural communities,
- Organizations primarily serving traditionally under-resourced groups including communities of color or other marginalized groups (Seniors, ALAANA (those of African, Latinx, Asian, Arab, and/or Native American descent), People with Disabilities, New Americans (Immigrants, Refugees, First Generation Americans), Low-Income, and LGBTQIA).

How to Apply

1. Please review NC Humanities' [Grant Guidelines \(ARP grant specific\)](#) before applying.
2. [Watch this video tutorial](#) on the application process.
3. Get started on your application by clicking "Login/Create Account" in the upper right-hand corner of the screen. We regret that feedback cannot be given on draft applications.
 - **A. If you are new to the online system, [please create an account prior to applying](#).** Once you have created your account and are logged in to your Applicant Dashboard, click "Apply" in the upper left-hand corner to view an alphabetical list of all open funding opportunities. **Please bookmark the login page for ease of access.**
 - **B. If you have previously created an account, [please click here to login](#).** Once on your Applicant Dashboard click "Apply" in the upper left-hand corner to view an alphabetical list of all open funding opportunities. **Please bookmark the login page for ease of access.**
4. We anticipate that decisions will be announced 6-8 weeks after submission following the submission deadline, however this is subject to the volume of applications received. All decisions will be announced via our online application management system.
 - Incomplete applications will not be reviewed. Submission of an application does not guarantee approval. Due to the high volume of applications, we will not be able to provide comments on award decisions.
 - If you do not have internet access, please call our office at 704.687.1520

Questions? Register to attend one of our grant webinars at www.nchumanities.org or contact Caitlin Patton Stanley, Director of Grants and Compliance, at cpatton@nchumanities.org or (704) 687-1521

About North Carolina Humanities: North Carolina Humanities is a statewide nonprofit and affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities. Through public humanities programs and grantmaking, NC Humanities serves to connect North Carolinians with cultural experiences that spur dialogue, deepen human connections, and inspire community. To learn more, visit www.nchumanities.org.