



Project Planning Grant - Request for Proposals

North Carolina Humanities has been a leading humanities funder in North Carolina since 1972. Our Project Planning grant funding opportunity provides up to \$2,000 to support the planning, incubation, or development of a public humanities project. Projects are expected to connect the public to quality humanities content that respond to community interest, encourage dialogue, and stimulate audiences to think critically about a broad range of humanities topics.

One Project Planning grant cycle is offered this year with the following deadline. To be eligible for consideration, the activities for which you are requesting funding cannot begin until AT LEAST eight weeks AFTER the submission deadline.

- **Application Opens: 11/30/23**
- **Application Submission Deadline: Rolling until September 30th 2024**
- **Award Notification:** Decisions are typically announced a month after submission. Notifications are sent electronically via our online application management system.

NC Humanities expects all grant proposals to utilize a humanities discipline or practice to advance one or more of the following areas of our Mission and Vision:

- Deepen human connections by broadening perspectives
- Equip communities with empathy, understanding, and respect
- Inspire community and connect North Carolinians across difference

Eligible proposals which meet one or more of the following are given special consideration:

- Applicant organizations in rural communities
- Applicant 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).

ELIGIBILITY

Please see our 2024 Grant Guidelines for detailed instructions on NC Humanities' expectations for proposals, FAQs, restrictions and policies governing NC Humanities grantmaking, review criteria and a full list of ineligible grant activities and expenses.

Organization Eligibility

- Activities for which you are requesting funding must take place in North Carolina.
- Organization must be a 501(c)(3) non-profit humanities organization OR a tax-exempt government entity.
- Organization must be registered in the System for Award Management (www.sam.gov).
- Organization must not be presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from receiving federal grants.

Project Eligibility

- Please see our Grant Guidelines for a sample list of project formats and a list of eligible/ineligible grant expenses
- Projects activities **must be** deeply grounded, and within scope of, the humanities disciplines,



- o Language (both modern and classical)
- o Literature
- o History
- o Jurisprudence (law)
- o Philosophy
- o Archeology
- o Comparative religion
- o Ethics
- o The history, criticism and theory of the arts
- o Social sciences which have humanistic content and/or employ humanistic methods

Please note: NC Humanities is not able to support activities which fall outside the scope of the humanities.

- Grantees will be required to provide matching investment toward the project expenses. Generally, applicants will be required to match their grant 2-1 in any combination of cash and in-kind investment.

Restrictions

- Organizations that have an open NC Humanities grant are not eligible to apply for a new grant (with the exception of different departments/branches of large organizations with multiple locations such as the library system, YMCA, or college/university).
- Organizations that have delinquent paperwork for a prior NC Humanities grant are not eligible to apply.
- Organizations can only receive three grants for the same program/project, then must take a 1 year break or apply for funding for a different program/project.
- Projects that are religious in nature or which only serve a specific membership or faculty/student body are not eligible.
- Projects that engage in the promotion of political parties, candidates, or policies (including lobbying activities) are not eligible.

SUBMISSION

1. Please review NC Humanities' **2024 Grant Guidelines** before applying.
2. [Watch this video tutorial](#) on setting up your account in our application portal.
3. Get started on your application in our [online application system](#).
 - 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 opportunities. Please bookmark the login page for ease of access.
4. Schedule a phone consultation with NC Humanities staff as you prepare your proposal. [Click here to schedule](#).
5. **Submit your grant proposal for a review by the posted deadline.** *Incomplete or ineligible applications will not be reviewed. Submission of an application does not guarantee approval.*
Please note: While our staff are always available for questions, a full review of an applicant's draft proposal is only available upon request until 3 weeks PRIOR TO a submission deadline.

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 grant-making, 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.