



## **CARES Act Humanities Relief Grant Guidelines**

Humanities Washington is honored to provide rapid-response funding to non-profit humanities and cultural organizations that are facing financial hardship resulting from the coronavirus. These grants are funded by the CARES Act via the National Endowment for the Humanities.

### **Funds**

- Grants of up to \$5,000 for non-profit organizations across Washington State who provide humanities and cultural programming and are facing financial hardship due to the coronavirus.
- Grants are available for general operating expenses or specific projects.
- No funding match is required. If organizations are raising additional funds for relief, we may ask for that information in final reports.

### **Priorities**

- Intended to support cultural organizations who provide humanities programming who are facing hardship due to closures and economic impacts related to the coronavirus.
- Organizations serving and led by members of communities traditionally under-resourced in the humanities are encouraged to apply.
  - These groups include people of color, people who identify as LGBTQ+, people who live in rural areas, people with disabilities, people who identify as immigrants or refugees, and people whose first (or only) language is not English. (Please note that this is not an exhaustive list.)

### **Eligibility**

- 501(c)(3) organizations registered in Washington, including those affiliated with tribal organizations.
- Organizations experiencing financial hardship due to the effects of the coronavirus. Hardship includes, but is not limited to:
  - permanent closure
  - loss of paid staff
  - loss of venue or workspace
  - loss of significant revenue

- Not eligible: individuals; for-profit organizations; organizations without paid staff; organizations solely focused on the arts (please contact the Washington State Arts Commission for information on their relief grants); political or advocacy organizations; or government agencies, universities, colleges, academic departments, or entities with significant public funding.

## **Application Review**

- Applications will be evaluated weekly by a review panel comprised of community members from each of Washington's Congressional Districts.
- Applications will be accepted between April 15 and May 31. Applications will be accepted on an ongoing basis between those dates.
- Applications will be evaluated based on demonstrated need rather than a polished application.
- Grant decisions or requests for additional information will be made within 10 business days of submission.
- Applications that are not initially funded will remain under consideration for the duration of the grant period. Humanities Washington staff will inform applicants of the decision to either approve or hold your application for further consideration. There will be no need to reapply during the time. We regret that feedback cannot be given on draft applications or grant decisions.

## **To Apply**

- Applications will be accepted starting **Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>**.
- As required by federal guidelines, applicants must have a **DUNS number** in order to receive funds. Apply for this early, as a DUNS number can take up to two business days to receive. While not required to apply, funds cannot be dispersed this registration.
- Create an account with our grants system: [Instructions to Access Grants](#)
- [Preview the Application](#)
- [Apply here.](#)
  - You will apply through a simple application that will take about 30 minutes to complete. Applications will be reviewed by a panel weekly and we will notify you within 10 business days about the status of your application.

## **Note**

This process may be updated or amended to reflect changing circumstances. For the most up-to-date version, visit [humanities.org/relief](http://humanities.org/relief).