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NEW RELIEF GRANTS AVAILABLE FOR WASHINGTON STATE CULTURAL ORGANIZATIONS AFFECTED BY CORONAVIRUS

GRANTS WILL BE MADE TO MUSEUMS, HISTORICAL SOCIETIES, AND OTHERS THROUGH FUNDING FROM THE NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES

SEATTLE - On **Tuesday, April 14**, nonprofit Humanities Washington will begin accepting applications for [CARES Act Humanities Relief Grants](#). These grants will support Washington State nonprofit cultural organizations that provide humanities programming, and that are facing financial hardship due to the coronavirus. The grants are funded by the CARES Act via the National Endowment for the Humanities.

In what is likely a first, every museum and cultural center in the state has been shut down; empty auditoriums and vacant exhibit spaces mean a devastating loss not only of valuable community gathering places, but of revenue for a sector that already operates on thin margins.

The grants of up to \$5,000 can be used for either general operating support or specific projects, and the application process takes less than 30 minutes. The applications will be reviewed weekly until May 31, and any 501(c)(3) nonprofit is eligible to apply.

"Though a lot of innovative online projects have emerged from the cultural sector as a result of this crisis, we know that there is no silver bullet that will undo the damage these closures have caused," said Julie Ziegler, CEO of Humanities Washington. "But we also know that the cultural sector is resilient and resourceful, and we're honored to be able to provide this important support quickly and with minimal administrative requirements to help see organizations through this crisis."

Questions? [View our relief fund webpage](#) or email us at grants@humanities.org.

ABOUT HUMANITIES WASHINGTON

An independent 501(c)(3) nonprofit, Humanities Washington is Washington State's affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities. Its mission is to open minds and bridge divides by creating spaces to explore different perspectives. For more about Humanities Washington, visit humanities.org.