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NEW GRANTS AVAILABLE FOR ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS AND VOLUNTEER-RUN NONPROFITS AFFECTED BY COVID-19

GRANTS ARE MADE POSSIBLE THANKS TO FUNDING FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN VIA THE NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES

SEATTLE – Nonprofit Humanities Washington, Washington State’s affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities, is accepting another round of applications for a grant program called Sustaining the Humanities through the American Rescue Plan (SHARP). This round of SHARP grants will support colleges, universities, and volunteer-run nonprofit organizations that provide humanities programming, and that are responding to or recovering from the COVID-19 pandemic. These grants are funded by the American Rescue Plan via the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Three categories of support are available:

- Up to $7,500 of general operating support for volunteer-run organizations with a humanities-focused mission
• Up to $7,500 for humanities-based projects from volunteer-run organizations
• Up to $10,000 for college and university departments and programs for public-facing projects that help communities recover from the effects of the pandemic

The application process takes less than 45 minutes to complete, and the deadline to apply is November 4. Any 501(c)(3) nonprofit is eligible to apply, including tribal organizations.

Organizations serving and led by members of communities traditionally under-resourced in the humanities are especially 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.

"The cultural sector in our state has been reeling from the effects of the pandemic, but continues to show resilience, creativity, and strength," said Langston Collin Wilkins, director of the Center for Washington Cultural Traditions and one of the managers of the SHARP grants program. "All-volunteer organizations are especially vulnerable to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, and we're particularly grateful to be able to provide them with support in this latest round."

Interested organizations can apply via Humanities Washington’s website.

Questions? View our relief fund webpage or email us at grants@humanities.org.

ABOUT HUMANITIES WASHINGTON

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