



SHARP Grant Guidelines for Colleges & Universities

Humanities Washington is honored to provide funding to college and university departments and programs to mount projects that help communities respond to and recover from the effects of the coronavirus. These grants are funded by the American Rescue Plan via the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Grants Summary

- SHARP Project Support Grants provide funding for college and university departments and programs to conduct public-facing humanities projects or programming that are related to pandemic recovery. Five grants of up to \$10,000 will be awarded and no match is required.
- Reviewers from across the state and with expertise in a variety of humanities disciplines will evaluate applications after the application deadline. Applicants will receive decisions approximately one month after the submission deadline.

About the humanities & Humanities Washington

The humanities are our attempt to understand and communicate the human experience through language. It encompasses fields such as history, philosophy and literature, [among others](#). Cultural programming may also be considered humanities-focused if it draws from one or more of these disciplines. Events that primarily center around artistic performance tend to be outside the scope of the humanities and are not eligible for SHARP grants.

Humanities Washington's mission is to open minds and bridge divides by creating spaces to explore different perspectives. Founded in 1973, Humanities Washington is our state's flagship nonprofit for public humanities programming and the state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities. Learn more at humanities.org.

SHARP Project Support Grant Guidelines

Parameters & Priorities

- Grants of up to \$10,000 for college and university departments and programs across Washington State that have been adversely impacted by COVID-19. A total of five grants will be awarded.
- Grants are available for specific public-facing humanities projects that assist a college or university department or program in recovering from the effects of the coronavirus or to use the humanities to help their community recover from the effects of the pandemic.
- A complete list of eligible and ineligible expenses is included below.
- No funding match is required.
- Departments or programs 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.)
- Separate applications from different departments within an institution will be accepted, but given the limited amount of funding, we encourage applicants from the same institution to collaborate as much as possible.
- Funding will be distributed as evenly as possible between Washington's ten congressional districts.

Eligibility

- Accredited public and 501(c)(3) institutions of higher education (as defined in [20 U.S.C. 1001](#)) registered in Washington State.
- Not eligible: individuals, for-profit organizations, organizations solely focused on the arts (please contact the ArtsWA/Washington State Arts Commission for information on their relief grants), political or advocacy organizations, or government agencies.

Eligible SHARP Project Support Grant expenses include:

- Humanities programming and associated costs, including participant honoraria, staff time, marketing and evaluation.
- Technical/consultant needs related to a digital transition or in support of preservation and access programs (please see below for limitations on expenses related to equipment).
- Expansion, due to the effects of the coronavirus, of outdoor and virtual humanities programming and activities, from traditional environments to those that are more accessible.

Ineligible SHARP Project Support Grant expenses include:

- Unallowable expenses as defined in [2 CFR 200 Subpart E - Cost Principles](#)
- Indirect costs on general operating support grants
- Overlapping project costs with any other pending or approved application(s) for federal funding and/or approved federal awards
- Funds for activities supported by other non-NEH federal funds
- Competitive regranteeing
- Cancellation costs

- Pre-award costs prior to March 15, 2021
- Equipment costs in excess of 20% of total project costs
- Travel (both foreign and domestic)
- Construction, purchase of real property, major alteration and renovation
- Environmental sustainability
- Collections acquisition
- The preservation, organization, or description of materials that are not regularly accessible for research, education, or public programming
- Promotion of a particular political, religious, or ideological point of view
- Advocacy of a particular program of social or political action
- Support of specific public policies or legislation
- Lobbying
- Projects that fall outside of the humanities and the humanistic social sciences (including the creation or performance of art; creative writing, autobiographies, memoirs, and creative nonfiction; and quantitative social science research or policy studies)

Application Review

- Reviewers from across the state and with expertise in a variety of humanities disciplines will evaluate applications after the application deadline.
- Applications will be evaluated based on demonstrated need rather than a polished application.
- Unfortunately, due to the volume of applications we will receive, we regret that feedback cannot be given on draft applications or grant decisions.

To Apply

- If you don't already have one, register for a DUNS number. As required by federal guidelines, applicants must have a [DUNS number](#) in order to receive funds. Apply early, as a DUNS number can take up to two business days to receive. While not initially required to apply, funds cannot be disbursed without a DUNS number.
- Create an account with our Foundant grants system: [Instructions to Access Grants](#)
- [Preview the Application](#)
- [Apply here.](#) You will apply through a simple application that will take about 45 minutes to complete.

The table below summarizes key dates in the SHARP Grant application and reporting timeline.

Application Deadline	Notification	Period of Performance Start	Period of Performance End	Final Report Due
Nov 4	Dec 14	March 15, 2021 but no later than Jan 1, 2022	Dec 31, 2022	Mar 31, 2023

Questions? Please email grants@humanities.org.

