

Humanities Montana
Grants committee
September 20, 2022
Zoom, 10:00 AM

Present: Lynda Grande (chair); Jennifer Corning; Francine Spang-Willis. Ramey Growing Thunder, Susan Hughes and Carol Bradley were absent. Staff: Randi Tanglen (executive director) and Megan Sundry (grants manager).

Because only three out of six committee members were present throughout the meeting and Francine recused herself from voting, there was not a quorum and the committee was unable to vote on grant award recommendations. Grant funding recommendations will be presented to the full board and a motion will need to be made at the board meeting to approve these recommendations.

Lynda Grande asked Megan Sundry for a grants management report. The grants report slides will be shared with the full board at the next board meeting.

The committee considered the following applications:

Film + Video grant applications (*10 received, \$90,000 requested*)

- A Different, Deadly Beast: The 1918 Influenza in Montana, Dance River Productions, \$10,000
- Unearthed: Native Peoples' Ancient Lives Revealed in the Greater Yellowstone, Wild Excellence Films, \$8,000
- Ryan Zahn Goes Pro (Working Title), Spyrock Film, \$8,000
- Mary MacLane Short Film Production, Circle Arrow Productions, \$10,000
- Supporting Traditional Cowboy Artisans and Cultural Sustainability Through the Humanities, Vista 360° Inc, \$8,000
- GOING TO THE SUN, Sun Dog Cinema, \$10,000
- One in Five Hundred, Montana State University, \$8,000
- 406 Masters on Film, Bozeman Art Museum, \$10,000
- Memorial's Undoing: Horror without Monsters, Ari Laskin, \$8,000
- BLONDE INSTINCT; A Cultural Diversity Clash, MT Target Films, \$10,000

Regular grant applications (*13 received, \$104,746 requested*)

- The Crazy Mountains Oral History Project (CMOHP): A Layered History of Place, Park County Environmental Council, \$10,000
- Reframing Rural Season Three, MT History Foundation, \$5,600
- Native Filmmaker Initiative Programs: NFI Film Club and Native Voices Programming, Big Sky Film Institute, \$10,000
- Montana Kid Lit Festival (2023), Rocky Mountain College, \$3,500
- Crow Level 2 Media Player Integration Project, Crow Language Consortium, \$10,000
- Heat, Drought, Fire and Floods: Montana Climate Stories Traveling Exhibit and Events, Families for a Livable Climate, \$10,000
- Montana Free Press Presents: "Storm Lake" Documentary Screening and Panel Discussion, Montana Free Press, \$4,685
- Cultivating Wisdom, a series of conversations re-examining our relationship to the Natural World, Faith and Climate Action Montana & Emmaus Campus Ministry, \$7,500
- Through the World's Lens; Evenings Dedicated to Community & Culture, World Language Initiative-Montana, \$8,500
- Symposium: "Ruminations on the Prairie", Tinworks Art, \$8,839
- Down the Road, Missoula Community Access Television, \$8,122
- Showing Kids the Soul and Culture Behind Video Games! Add-A-Tudez Entertainment // Team KAIZZEN, \$8,000
- The Write Question-A Montana Public Radio Program/Podcast, University of Montana, \$10,000

Total Requested: \$194,746

Seven board members read and commented on 9 grant applications, six board members read and commented on 11 grant applications, and five board members read and commented on 2 applications. The average number of board member evaluations per application for this grant cycle is 6.3.

Francine Spang-Willis was listed as a consultant for the Crazy Mountains Oral History Project and the "Ruminations on the Prairie" proposal. To address a potential conflict of interest, Francine was not assigned these applications to evaluate in Foundant and she will recuse herself from discussing and voting on both proposals in the grants committee and full board meeting.

Francine joined the meeting at 11:02 AM and Randi provided a recap of the conversation up to that point.

Funding was recommended for the following to be approved by the full board:

- A Different, Deadly Beast: The 1918 Influenza in Montana, Dance River Productions, \$10,000
- Ryan Zahn Goes Pro (Working Title), Spyrock Film, \$2,000
- The Crazy Mountains Oral History Project (CMOHP): A Layered History of Place, Park County Environmental Council, \$5,000
- Reframing Rural Season Three, \$5,600
- Native Filmmaker Initiative Programs: NFI Film Club and Native Voices Programming, \$5,000
- Montana Kid Lit Festival (2023), \$3,500
- Crow Level 2 Media Player Integration Project, Crow Language Consortium, \$10,000

TOTAL RECOMMENDED AWARD: \$41,100

The Zoom call ended at 12:01 PM