

CARES Act Humanities Relief Grants

Guidelines

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

Grant Type	Amount	Deadlines
CARES Act Funds	Up to \$5,000	Applications open May 1-October 1 or until funds are expended

[Humanities Montana grant applications](#) are electronic. The CARES Act Humanities Relief application will take about 30 minutes to complete. You may address questions to Humanities Montana staff at any time, at 406-546-0304, or via email to info@humanitiesmontana.org.

FUNDS

- Grants are available for general operating expenses or specific projects
- No funding match is required. However, we welcome cash or in-kind cost share in final reporting to help us meet our ongoing federal reporting requirements

ELIGIBILITY

- Nonprofit organizations who provide humanities programming, including those affiliated with tribal organizations
- Cultural 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
- All applicants must have a [DUNS number](#) in order to receive funds. Applicants are not required to have the DUNS number at time of application, but we strongly urge early submission for this free registration number
- We will prioritize organizations serving and led by members of communities traditionally under-resourced in the humanities. 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. (Please note this is not an exhaustive list.)

- Not eligible: individuals; for-profit organizations; organizations solely focused on the arts (please contact the Montana Arts Council for information on their relief grants); political or advocacy organizations; or government agencies, universities, colleges, academic departments, or entities with significant public funding.

FUNDING RESTRICTIONS

Funds may not be used for the following purposes:

- 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
- Purchase of land or facilities, construction, or renovation
- Project costs that overlap with any other pending or approved application(s) for federal funding
- Projects that fall outside of the humanities (including the creation or performance of art; creative writing, autobiographies, memoirs, and creative nonfiction; and empirically based social science research or policy studies).

APPLICATION REVIEW

- Applications will be evaluated biweekly by a review panel comprised of Humanities Montana trustees and staff.
- Applications will be accepted on an ongoing basis from May 1 through October 1 or until CARES Act funds have been expended.
- Applications will be evaluated based on demonstrated need rather than a polished application.
- Grant decisions or requests for additional information will be made within two weeks of submission. Early awards will be made based on most-immediate need so early submission is encouraged.
- Applications that are not initially funded will remain under consideration for the duration of the open application period. Humanities Montana staff will inform applicants of the decision to either approve or hold applications for further consideration. There will be no need to reapply during the time.