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BIG SKY READS

OVERVIEW

Humanities Montana's Big Sky Reads stipends support book clubs in communities across the state. The Big Sky Reads program is situated within the **Montana Center for the Book**, the state affiliate of the Center for the Book in the **Library of Congress**. The Montana Center for the Book supports programs that engage in thought-provoking discussions about literature and promote awareness of books, writing, reading, the book arts, publishing, and literacy in Montana.

The $500 stipend is available once per year for eligible organizations, as long as funds are available. Organizations may apply once every 12 months. The stipend may be used for costs such as trained discussion leaders, book kits, author visits in person or virtual, advertising, and shipping. It cannot be used for refreshments, staff costs, or venue rental.

Big Sky Reads is also a **Facebook group**! This is a great resource to find new books, new participants, discussion questions, and facilitators. It is also a place to build our statewide community of readers. Jump into the conversation.

STIPEND AWARD

$500

ELIGIBILITY

Big Sky Reads provides $500 subawards to eligible Montana organizations supporting community-based reading and discussion programs. Eligible applicants include public libraries, schools, nonprofit organizations, and other community-based organizations and third spaces, including eligible unincorporated nonprofit associations.

Because Big Sky Reads is supported by federal funding through the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), all applicant organizations must have a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) before receiving an award. A UEI is free to obtain through **SAM.gov**, and full SAM.gov registration is not required.

Individuals and informal book clubs without an organizational UEI are not eligible to receive Big Sky Reads subawards directly. However, they are encouraged to collaborate with an eligible organization that will assume responsibility for the project and its federal award requirements.

DEADLINES

Rolling Submission Deadline (dependent on funding availability)
Applications can be submitted anytime, and are reviewed monthly

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HOW TO APPLY

The **Big Sky Reads application** is easy!

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QUESTIONS

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