Grants to Sustain and Advance the Work of Historical Organizations

Pre-Application Webinar November 5, 2021



### Agenda

- Introduction to AHA
- Overview: AHA Grants to Sustain and Advance the Work of Historical Organizations Program
- Eligibility and Criteria
- Submitting an Application
- Q&A (Please type questions in the Q&A Section rather than the Chat)



### American Historical Association

- AHA advocates for the discipline, advances scholarship, teaching, and learning, and promotes the centrality of history in public life
- Founded in 1884 and Chartered by Congress in 1889
- 11,500 individual and 550 institutional members
- 21 staff

# The American Rescue Plan: Humanities Grantmaking



- Supported by the National Endowment for the Humanities program "Sustaining the Humanities through the American Rescue Plan (SHARP): Humanities Grantmaking for Organizations"
- One of 7 programs funded:
  - American Council of Learned Societies
  - American Historical Association
  - American Library Association
  - Association of Tribal Archives, Libraries, and Museums
  - National Trust For Historic Preservation
  - National Writing Project
  - Social Science Research Council
- https://www.neh.gov/sharp/grantmaking

A \$2.5 million funding program for small history-related organizations adversely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic

Solve Problems

Explore New Opportunities

# AHA Grants to Sustain and Advance the Work of Historical Organizations

### Purpose and Terms

- Purpose: To mobilize public resources for the promotion of historical work, historical thinking, and/or the presence of history in public life
- Number of Awards: Approximately 65
- Award Amount: Grants ranging from \$10,000 to \$75,000
- Grant Period: Not to exceed one year;
   May start as early as April 1, 2022, and must conclude by July 31, 2023

Organizations must have annual budgets of \$750,000 or less and fall into one of three categories:

- membership associations
- site- or location-based institutions, including online entities
- history and humanities
   departments at historically Black
   and tribally controlled colleges
   and universities (HBCUs and
   TCCUs)

### Eligibility

Organizations that received American Rescue Plan funds directly from NEH (through the American Rescue Plan: Humanities Organizations program) are **NOT** eligible.

Organizations that received ARP funding through State Humanities Councils or CARES Act funding from the NEH or other agency **ARE** eligible provided there is no overlap between projects or activities.

### Eligibility

### Criteria

#### **Addressing the Effects of the Covid Pandemic**

 How well do the proposed activities address the challenges or opportunities created by the covid pandemic?

#### Impact and Sustainability of the Proposed Activities

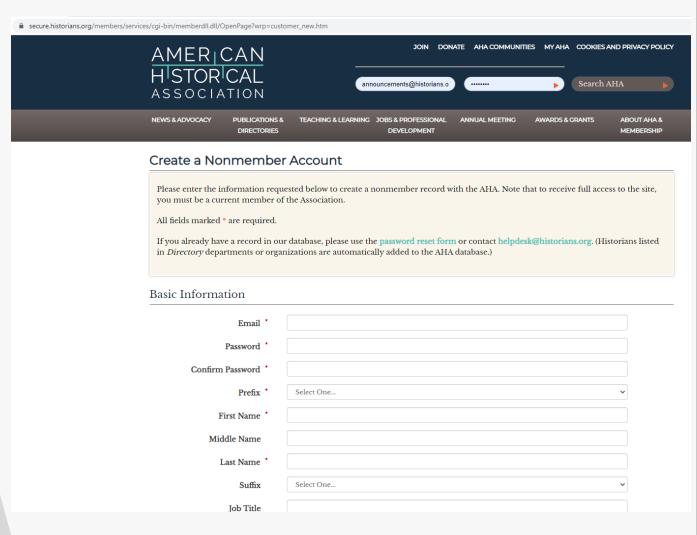
- How effectively will this grant enhance the applicant's ability to promote historical work, historical thinking, and/or the presence of history in public life to its constituencies?
- Does the proposal make a strong case for the significance of the organization's work going forward?
- How effectively will the proposed activities enhance the ability of the grantee to do historical work that contributes to the interests of under-served populations?

#### Ability of the Applicant to Implement the Proposal

 Does the organization have the capacity to do what it proposes to do with the additional resources provided?

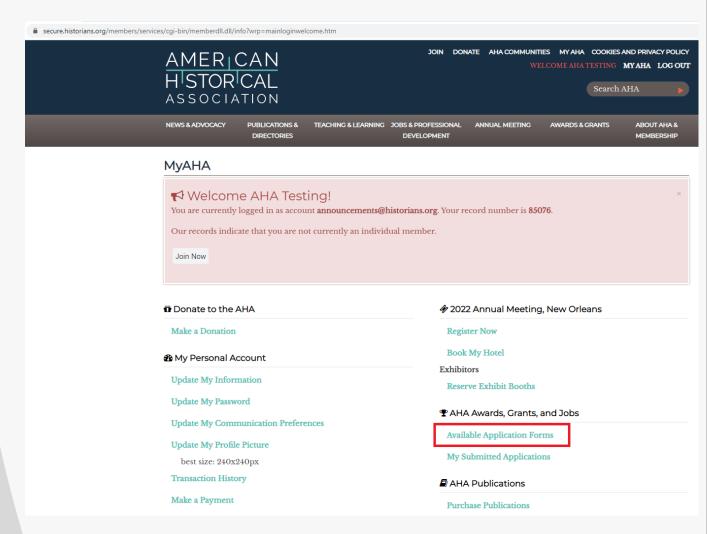
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Create a free account at historians.org/createaccount.
 AHA membership is NOT required to apply for or receive a SHARP Grant.



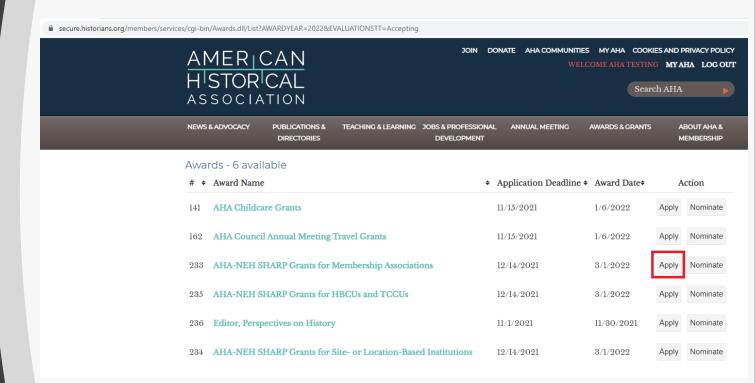
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 Log into your MY AHA account at historians.org/myaha and click "Available Application Forms" in the AHA Awards, Grants, and Jobs section.



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 Select the applicable grant based on your organization type and click Apply.



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- Fill in the application form, which includes your contact information.
- Upload an Application Packet. Please assemble the requested materials in advance and combine them into a single PDF.

| (i.e. Perspectives, AHA website, Fort   | nightiy News, Twitter, etc.)  |
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| 3. Supporting Documents   |   |
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| <ol> <li>Work Plan (1 page)</li> <li>Resumes of Key Personnel (up to</li> <li>Project Budget (click here to down</li> </ol> | 2 pages each)<br>nload and complete the Excel file and then convert to a PDF)   |
| 6. Project Budget Justification (1–2 p<br>7. Indirect Costs Agreement (if claim   | pages)  |
| Additional letters of recommendati  | on are NOT required.  |
| Supporting Documents  |   |
| You may submit the basic application  | n form and upload Supporting Documents later by selecting My Submitted Applications.  |
| Application Pa  | Choose File   |
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| Letter(s) of Recommendat  | ion   |
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### Details about the items in the Application Packet can be found at historians.org/sharp-grants.

An Application Packet Should Include:

- Application Cover Sheet
- Narrative (3–6 pages total).
  - Summary Statement (1 page)
  - Impact of COVID-19 (1–2 pages).
  - Description of Proposed Project (1–3 pages)
- Work Plan (1 page)
- Resumes or Bios of Key Personnel. (2 pages each).
- Project Budget
- Project Budget Justification (1–2 pages).
- Indirect Costs Agreement (if claiming indirect costs).

Q&A

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