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
Eligibility

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)
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.
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?
Submitting an Application

Application Deadline:
December 14, 2021

• 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.
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)
  - 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).

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