

# Sustaining the Humanities through the American Rescue Plan (SHARP) Grants

## Basic Application Information

Humanities North Dakota (HND) is an independent, nonprofit organization dedicated to lifelong learning in the humanities.

Humanities North Dakota is providing recovery funding to museums, archives, historic sites, and other humanities-based nonprofits impacted by the pandemic. Awards ranging from \$5,000 to \$75,000 will be awarded to prevent, prepare for, respond to, and recover from the coronavirus. The North Dakota SHARP Grants initiative funding was made available by the \$1.9 trillion American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP) approved by the U.S. Congress and signed into law by President Joseph R. Biden. Humanities North Dakota is responsible for the distribution of federal funding allocated to the state of North Dakota from the National Endowment for the Humanities Federal and State Partnership Division.

If you have any questions regarding this funding opportunity or technical difficulties, please email Associate Director Ken Glass at [kglass@humanitiesnd.org](mailto:kglass@humanitiesnd.org).

There is no matching or cost share requirement tied to these funds.

### Grant Applicant Requirements:

- Organizations must serve and have headquarters in North Dakota. Organizations outside of North Dakota should contact the State Humanities Council in their area.
- Humanities North Dakota is federally required to limit funding eligibility to U.S. nonprofit organizations with 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status, state and local governmental agencies, and federally recognized Native American tribal governments. Individuals, foreign, and for-profit entities are not eligible to receive funding.
- Organizations must have a D-U-N-S® number.
- Organizations must agree to use the federal funding in a way that does not violate federal funding requirements.
- Applicants must not have been federally suspended or debarred.
- Applicants must not be delinquent on federal debt .

### Grant Funding May Support:

- Humanities programming
- General operating costs of humanities focused organizations
- Strategic planning and capacity building efforts related to preparing, responding to, and recovering from COVID
- Technical / consultant needs related to a digital transition or in support of preservation and access programs (equipment costs cannot exceed 20% of the award, equipment is defined as individual items costing \$5,000 or more with a useful life exceeding one year)
- Expansion, due to the effects of COVID, of outdoor and virtual humanities programming and engagement or similar activities to transition from traditional environments to those that are more accessible
- Equity assessments and planning related to COVID and the economic crisis

**Organizations whose mission falls outside of the humanities and the humanistic social sciences (including the creation or performance of art; creative writing, autobiographies, memoirs, and creative nonfiction; and quantitative social science research or policy studies) are not eligible to specifically receive funding for general operating costs.**

Grant Funding May NOT Support:

- Unallowable expenses as defined in 2CFR 200 Subpart E-Cost Principles
- Overlapping project costs with any other pending or approved application(s) for federal funding and/or approved federal awards
- Funds for activities supported by other non-NEH federal funds
- Competitive regranting
- Cancellation costs
- Pre-award costs dating to before March 15, 2021
- Equipment costs in excess of 20% of total project costs
- Travel (both foreign and domestic)
- Construction, purchase of real property, major alteration and renovation

- Environmental sustainability
- Collections acquisition
- The preservation, organization, or description of materials that are not regularly accessible for research, education, or public programming
- 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
- Projects that fall outside of the humanities and the humanistic social sciences

What are the humanities?

"The term 'humanities' includes, but is not limited to, the study and interpretation of the following: language, both modern and classical; linguistics; literature; history; jurisprudence; philosophy; archaeology; comparative religion; ethics; the history, criticism and theory of the arts; those aspects of the social sciences which have humanistic content and employ humanistic methods; and the study and application of the humanities to the human environment with particular attention to reflecting our diverse heritage, traditions, and history and to the relevance of the humanities to the current conditions of national life."

--National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities Act, 1965, as amended

## Organization Contact Info

### DUNS Number\*

Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number refers to the nine-digit number established and assigned by Dun and Bradstreet, Inc. (D&B) which uniquely identifies business entities. A DUNS number may be obtained from D&B by telephone at 866.705.5711 or register online at <https://fedgov.dnb.com/webform/index.jsp>

## Certifications

### Guidelines Certification\*

Please certify that you have read the above guidelines including those relating to allowable costs, approved funding activities, unallowable costs, and the definition of the humanities.

#### Choices

Yes, I have read the above guidelines.

### North Dakota Headquarters Certification\*

Please certify that your organization serves and has headquarters in North Dakota.

#### Choices

Yes

### Nonprofit Status\*

Humanities North Dakota is federally required to limit funding eligibility to U.S. nonprofit organizations with 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status, state and local governmental agencies, and federally recognized Native American tribal governments. Individuals, foreign, and for-profit entities are not eligible to receive funding.

Please certify your organization's nonprofit status.

#### Choices

My organization is a U.S. nonprofit organization with 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status.

My organization is a state or local governmental agency.

My organization is a federally recognized Native American tribal government.

### Public Library, Arts Organization, or Public Broadcasting Affiliate Certification\*

The American Rescue Plan (ARP) included federal funding for numerous agencies across North Dakota including the State Arts Council and North Dakota State Library. To ensure that this funding is distributed equitably, public libraries, public broadcasting, and arts-specific groups should consider applying directly to those respective state agencies or the Corporation for Public Broadcasting for SHARP funds.

#### Choices

My organization is not an arts group, a public library, or a Corporation for Public Broadcasting affiliate.

## Organization Contact Info

### Organization Mission\*

Please enter your organization's mission statement.

Please note, organizations whose mission falls outside of the humanities and the humanistic social sciences (including the creation or performance of art; creative writing, autobiographies, memoirs, and creative nonfiction; and quantitative social science research or policy studies) are not eligible to receive funding for general operating costs.

### Humanities Programming and Focus\*

Please provide examples of past humanities-based programming (exhibits, book discussions, classes, etc.), including the humanities disciplines your organization focus on (i.e. history, literature, philosophy, civics, ethics, etc.).

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### Annual Operating Budget\*

Please tell us your organization's annual operating budget for 2019.

### Estimated Financial Loss\*

How would you estimate the total financial impact on your organization of COVID-19? We recognize this is a tentative approximation. Please quantify your losses from the date first affected by the virus to today.

## Budget

### Requested Amount\*

Please select which amount you are applying for based on your 2019 annual budget.

Choices

\$5,000 – Organizations with operating budgets under \$200,000  
\$10,000 – Organizations with operating budgets over \$200,000

\$75,000 - Organizations providing state-wide humanities programming through an established network or group of partners (ex. State Historical Society, North Dakota Newspaper Association Foundation) **Please check with the staff to assure you qualify if you plan to seek this funding request.**

### Funding Activities to be Supported\*

Please select which federally approved activities this funding request will support. (You may select multiple activities.)

#### Choices

General operating costs for humanities-focused organizations

COVID related strategic planning and capacity building

Humanities-based programming

Digitization, preservation, or access to technical / consultant needs

Strategic planning related to COVID and the economic crisis

Expansion of outdoor and virtual humanities programming and engagement

### Funding Justification and COVID Impact\*

Please explain how your organization will use the funds requested to prevent, prepare for, respond to, and recover from the coronavirus. Include, the financial impacts of the coronavirus on your organization.

Examples of financial impacts:

- Lost Revenue: Significant revenue was lost because of canceled programs or reduced attendance.
- Lost Space: We are about to lose our space because we cannot make our monthly rent, mortgage, or utility payments.
- Staff Layoff: We are about to lay off one or more staff members because we cannot make payroll.
- Risk of Permanent Closure: We are considering or are planning to permanently close our organization as a result of the financial impacts of COVID-19.

### Budget Form\*

Upload your completed SHARP funding request budget form.

## Project Director Signature

The applicant organization assumes all responsibilities as grantee and may not operate simply as the fiscal agent for the project. In signing and submitting a Grant application, the authorizing official certifies that the applicant organization will ensure that the acceptance paperwork and required reports are submitted on time and will comply with the certifications listed below.

Humanities North Dakota is required to ask each applicant for certification of compliance with nondiscrimination statutes, debarment, and suspension. By signing and submitting this form, the organization's authorizing official is providing these certifications.

### Nondiscrimination Statutes and Regulations:

(a.) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000 et seq.), which provides that no person shall, on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity for which the applicant received federal financial assistance;

(b.) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. 794), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicap in programs and activities receiving federal financial assistance;

(c.) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended (20 U.S.C. 1681 et seq.), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in education programs and activities receiving federal financial assistance;

(d.) The Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. 6106 et seq.), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age in programs and activities receiving federal financial assistance, except that actions which reasonably take age into account as a factor necessary for the normal operation or achievement of any statutory objective of the project or activity shall not violate this statute; and

(e.) The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990.

### Certification regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility, and Voluntary Exclusion (45 CFR 1169):

(a.) The applicant organization certifies, by submission of this proposal, that neither it nor its principals are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any federal department or agency;

(b.) Where the applicant is unable to certify to any of the statements in the certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

