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NEH Funding Opportunities: Division of Education Programs

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Museums, Libraries, and Cultural Organizations in Hawaii, Guam, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands: [NEH provides emergency grant funding for disaster response and recovery activities.](#)



NEH Awards \$33.8 Million in New Grants

Funding will support 260 new humanities projects nationwide, including programs at small museums, conservation research and training, education initiatives, scholarly research



Screenshot of the NEH homepage with a box around the word "Grants" to highlight where to find NEH grant programs.

Match Your Project to a Grant Program 1

I want to host a program for faculty, scholars, or practitioners to expand their knowledge of a topic or method.



I want to build the capacity of an institution of higher education to support humanities activities, including developing or refining courses or curricula.



I am organizing a scholarly conference.



I am a scholar affiliated with an institution seeking support for my research.



I am an independent scholar seeking support for my research.



I am seeking support for an archaeological project.



I want to preserve, digitize, and/or make a collection accessible.



I want to investigate or advance methods for the preservation and access of physical or digital collections.



[https://www.neh.gov/
grants/match-your-
project](https://www.neh.gov/grants/match-your-project)

Match Your Project to a Grant Program 2

I want to develop or put on an exhibition or cultural program. 

- [Public Humanities Projects](#)
- [Digital Projects for the Public](#)

I want to interpret a historic place. 

- [Public Humanities Projects](#)
- [Digital Projects for the Public](#)
- [Landmarks of American History and Culture](#)

<https://www.neh.gov/grants/match-your-project>

Grant Program Resource Page

Landmarks of American History and Culture for Higher Education

[Division of Education Programs](#)

If you receive a "Bad Request" message when you apply, it is possible that your assigned role in Grants.gov does not give you the correct permission. See [Grants Management Policy and Guidance for Awards to Organizations | The National Endowment for the Humanities \(neh.gov\)](#) for more information.

Landmarks of American History and Culture programs for higher education, advanced graduate students, and humanities professionals situate the study of topics and themes in the humanities within sites, areas, or regions of historic and cultural significance to expand participants' knowledge of and approaches to teaching diverse histories, cultures, and perspectives in the United States and its jurisdictions.

NOFO Webinar Recordings: The three videos below offer examples and recommendations for completing a Landmarks application. **Video One** provides an overview of what Landmarks programs offer and how they are organized. **Video Two** addresses each section of the application requirements and includes specific examples from past projects. **Video Three** covers budget requirements and what to know about submitting your application.



Grant Snapshot

Maximum award amount: \$190,000

Funding Opportunity for: Organizations

Expected output: Faculty Development; Teaching

Resources

Period of performance: 15 months

Application available: October 18, 2023

Optional draft due: January 5, 2024

Deadline: February 14, 2024

Expected notification date: August 15, 2024

Project start date: October 1, 2024

Contact the Division of Education Programs Team
202-606-8500
landmarks@neh.gov

If you are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability, please dial 7-1-1 to access telecommunications relay services.

Everything you need:

- Notice of Funding Opportunity = guidelines
- Link to Application on Grants.gov
- Deadlines
- Contact info
- Webinar recording
- Sample materials

Help and Available Resources



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Consultation by
telephone, video,
or email

Commenting on
draft applications
in many, but not
all, programs

Sample
applications and
resources on
program pages

Webinars and how-
to videos

Highlighting
funded projects

Reviewer
comments



—Maria Biernik/NEH

How Program Officers Help You

- Answer questions about grant programs
- Offer advice on preparing applications
- Provide feedback on draft proposals (for *some* grant programs)

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Funding Program
Divisions &
Offices

- *Challenge Programs

- *Digital Humanities

- *Education Programs

Federal/State Partnership

Preservation and Access

Public Programs

- *Research Programs

NEH Grant Programs by Division

Education Programs	Institutes	Landmarks of American History and Culture	Dialogues on the Experience of War	Humanities Initiatives	Humanities Connections	
Challenge Programs	Infrastructure and Capacity Building Challenge Grants					
Public Programs	Media Projects	Short Documentaries	Public Humanities Projects	Digital Projects for the Public		
Preservation & Access	Dynamic Language Infrastructure	Humanities and Reference Resources	Sustaining Cultural Heritage Collections	Preservation and Access Education and Training	Preservation Assistance Grants	Research and Development
	National Digital Newspaper Program					

NEH Grant Programs by Division, cont'd

Federal-State Partnership	State & Jurisdictional Humanities Councils ONLY					
Research Programs	Archaeological & Ethnographic Field Research	Documenting Endangered Language Fellowships	Awards for Faculty	Public Scholars	Fellowships	Collaborative Research
	Fellowships for Advanced Social Science Research on Japan	Summer Stipends	Scholarly Editions & Translations	NEH-Mellon Fellowships for Digital Publication	Fellowship Programs at Independent Research Institutions	
Digital Humanities	Institutes for Advanced Topics in the Digital Humanities	Fellowships Open Book Program	NEH-Mellon Fellowships for Digital Publication	Digital Humanities Advancement Grants		

New Funding Opportunities



Challenge Programs	Climate Smart Humanities Organizations
Digital Humanities	Dangers and Opportunities of Technology: Perspectives from the Humanities
Education Programs	Spotlight on Humanities in Higher Education
Preservation & Access	Cultural and Community Resilience
Public Programs	Public Impact Projects at Smaller Organizations

What we don't support

- Humanitarian work
- Creating or performing works of art, including autobiography, fiction, or poetry
- Tuition remission or replacement faculty
- Advocacy or policy work
- Science research
- Quantitative social sciences



NEH Application Review Process

Award
notification

Chair's decision

National Council review

Staff recommendations

Review panels

Panel sort

Submission
through
grants.gov

**The National Council on the
Humanities convenes three
times a year:
March, July, and November.**

QUESTIONS?

- What does NEH do?
- Review process?
- Availability of NEH staff?
- What else?



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DIVISION OF EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Supports humanities education through program and curriculum development projects and through professional development opportunities for K-12, higher education faculty, and humanities professionals.

Contact us:

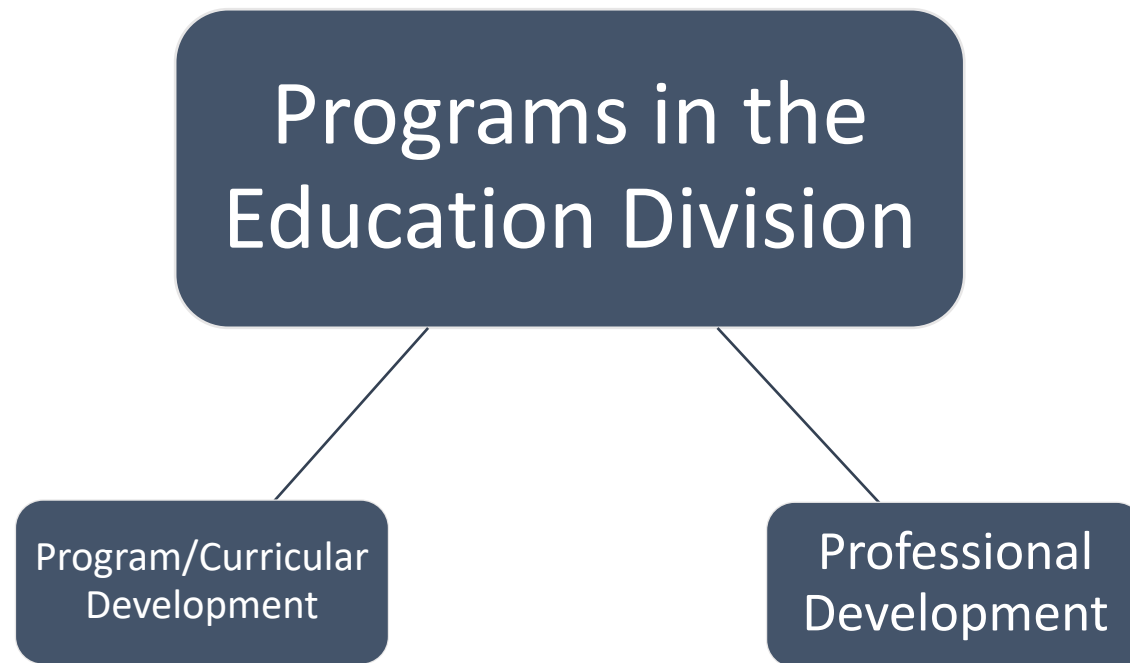
education@neh.gov

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NEH Division of Education Grant Programs

- Are you looking to develop a new curricular program, resource, or course?
- Are you interested in developing professional development opportunities for faculty and/or educators?



Introduction of the Division of Research programs

Division of Education Programs

Grants for Institutions

- Humanities Initiatives
- Humanities Connections
 - Planning
 - Implementation
- Landmarks of American History and Culture
- Institutes for K-12 and Higher Education
- Dialogues on the Experience of War
- Spotlight on Humanities in Higher Education



Image of teachers working together at a table.

Division of Education Programs

Humanities Initiatives



*"Embedding Place-
Based Humanities in Curriculum"*

*(St. John Fisher College,
Humanities Initiatives, 2020)*

Colleges and Universities strengthen the teaching and study of the humanities at institutions of higher education by developing new humanities programs, resources (including those in digital format), or courses, or by enhancing existing ones.

Award period: From 12 to 36 months

Maximum Award: \$150,000

Award periods must be continuous and full-time.

Deadline: May 2024

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Humanities Connections



"Developing a Humanities-Focused
Food Studies Minor"

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and
State University (Planning Grant)

Seeks to expand the role of the humanities in undergraduate education at two- and four-year institutions. Awards support innovative curricular approaches that foster partnerships among humanities faculty and their counterparts in the social and natural sciences and in pre-service or professional programs.

Planning: \$35,000 for 12 months

Implementation: Up to \$150,000 for
18-36 months

Deadline: September 2024

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Spotlight on the Humanities in Higher Education



Image of an illuminated light bulb on a wooden table.

Supports the exploration and development of small projects that would benefit underserved populations through the teaching and study of the humanities at small to medium sized institutions of higher education.

Eligibility

- two- and four-year institutions of higher education
- nonprofit organizations whose work advances the humanities at these institutions and among their faculty and students

Funding levels

- Exploration up to \$25,000 / up to 1 year
- Development up to \$60,000 / up to 2 years

Deadline: October 2024

Division of Education Programs

Dialogues on the Experience of War



Supports the study and discussion of humanities sources that address the experiences of military service and war from a wide variety of perspectives.

Award Period: 12-24 months

Maximum Award: \$100,000

Applications open: June 2024

Applications close: September 2024

Contact us: dialogues@neh.gov

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Landmarks of American History and Culture for K-12 and Higher Education



#NEHWhyHere

Supports a series of one-week residential, virtual, and combined format workshops across the nation to enhance and strengthen how K-12, higher education faculty, and humanities professionals incorporate place-based teaching and learning in the humanities.

Award Period: 15 months

Maximum Award: \$190,000

Applications to lead in 2026:
November 2024-February 2025

Applications to attend in 2024:
December 15, 2023-March 5, 2024

Contact us: landmarks@neh.gov

Division of Education Programs

Institutes for K-12 and Higher Education



Image of Frederick Douglass and books.

Supports professional development programs that convene K-12 educators and higher education faculty from across the nation to deepen and enrich their understanding of significant topics in the humanities and enhance their capacity for effective teaching and scholarship.

Award Period: 15 months

Maximum Award: \$220,000

Applications to lead in 2026:
November 2024-February 2025

Applications to attend in 2024:
December 15, 2023-March 5, 2024

Contact us: institutes@neh.gov

PROGRAMS QUESTIONS?

- Humanities Initiatives
- Humanities Connections
- Spotlight
- Dialogues on the Experience of War
- Institutes
- Landmarks of American History and Culture



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Tips for Applying

Prepare early

- Find the right program
- Grants.gov
- Read the guidelines and samples
- Contact a program officer





Make your case

- Start with the review criteria
- Demonstrate your project's intellectual significance
- Provide context
- Make it sound interesting
- Develop a clear and realistic work plan

Photo of four people sitting in semi-circle having a conversation. Credit: Maria Biernik/NEH



Budget Advice

Consult budget guidelines and samples

Know what is and isn't allowed

Talk to a program officer

Talk to your sponsored research office about the budget!

Image of a man holding a pencil while looking out a window.

grants.gov

You must have accounts with:

- Grants.gov
- SAM.gov
- Login.gov

The screenshot displays the grants.gov homepage with a dark blue header. The header includes the Grants.gov logo, a search bar, and navigation links. The main content area is titled "APPLY FOR GRANTS" and features a sidebar with "APPLICANT ACTIONS" and "APPLICANT RESOURCES". The central part of the page contains a flowchart for the application process, starting with "FIND" (Search Grants) and "APPLY" (two parallel paths: Download Application Package or Create Workspace Package, followed by Complete Application Package or Complete Workspace Package, and Submit Application Package or Submit Workspace Package). Both paths converge at "SUCCEED" (Track Application Package Submission). To the right of the flowchart, there are links for "Get Application Package", "Grants.gov Online User Guide", and "Reach Out and Get Help". The footer contains social media links, accessibility information, and contact details for Grants.gov Applicant Support.

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HELP | MANAGE SUBSCRIPTIONS | REGISTER | LOGIN

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GRANTS.GOV > Applicants > Apply For Grants

APPLY FOR GRANTS

APPLICANT ACTIONS

- » Apply for Grants
- » Track My Application

APPLICANT RESOURCES

- » Applicant Eligibility
- » Individual Registration
- » Organization Applicant Registration
- » Workspace Overview
- » Applicant Tools & Tips
- » Applicant FAQs
- » Adobe Software Compatibility
- » Submitting UTF-8 Special Characters
- » Encountering Error Messages

Apply for Grants

Applying for a grant is an exciting but resource-intensive process. Below is an overview of the application process in Grants.gov. For more specific instructions on applying in Grants.gov, click on one of the steps below. If you are interested in more context and information about the grants lifecycle, visit [Grants 101](#).

Before you apply, make sure you found a funding opportunity **you are eligible for** and registered to apply through Grants.gov as **an individual or an organization**. If you would like more time to plan before applying, search for **forecasts of grant opportunities** in Search Grants.

If a funding opportunity is compatible, you may choose to create a workspace in order to collaborate and apply with colleagues [using Workspace](#).

Get Application Package

If you know the specific CFDA Number, Funding Opportunity Number, or Funding Opportunity Competition ID, quickly search for the package:

[Get Application Package »](#)

Grants.gov Online User Guide

Find registration, login, and search instructions for all users in the [Grants.gov Online User Guide](#).

For detailed applicant information, review the Applicants section of the online user guide.

Reach Out and Get Help

Contact the Grants.gov Support Center to get help from a Contact Center Representative.

Email us at support@grants.gov or visit our [Support page](#).

FIND

Search Grants

APPLY

STEP 1: Download Application Package

STEP 2: Complete Application Package

STEP 3: Submit Application Package

OR

STEP 1: Create Workspace Package

STEP 2: Complete Workspace Package

STEP 3: Submit Workspace Package

SUCCEED

STEP 4: Track Application Package Submission

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GRANTS.GOV Applicant Support
1-800-518-4726
support@grants.gov

Image of the grants.gov homepage

APPLICATION QUESTIONS?

- Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) guidelines
- Drafting an application
- Submitting an application
- Anything else discussed today?



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■ Do you want to be a reviewer?



<https://securegrants.neh.gov/signup/>



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