Illinois Humanities
2021 COVID-19
Emergency Relief and Recovery Grant Info Session
June 9, 2021

The meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m.
If you have any questions throughout the program, please use the chat function.
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Today’s Agenda

Topic

Welcome and Introductions

Speakers:
- Peter Vega, Chicago Cultural Alliance
- Dave Oberg, Illinois Association of Museums
- Diane Foote, Illinois Library Association

COVID-19 Emergency Relief and Recovery Grants Info

Q&A Session

Upcoming Dates
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Deadline: July 15, 5 p.m. CST
Awarded: September 1
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ILA's index to ARPA funding opportunities for Illinois libraries:
ila.org/advocacy/covid-19-resources/arpa-funding-for-illinois-libraries
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General Operating Grants

Illinois Humanities will provide emergency relief general operating support for humanities-based nonprofit organizations with budgets of up to $2 million.

There are two funding pools: one designated for organizations based within Cook County and one designated for organizations based outside Cook County.

These grants are specifically for humanities-based nonprofits, which includes:

- cultural and ethnic organizations;
- history organizations;
- humanities museums;
- literature organizations;
- humanities education organizations;
- media, journalism, and documentary organizations;
- libraries and archives; and
- consortiums, alliances, and collectives of these groups.

For more information, visit: ilhumanities.org/reliefgrants
Gen Ops | Guidelines

- Grants will range from $5,000 to $10,000 (depending on organizational budget size). No matching funds are required.

- Please use the location-specific application. Choose the location based on whether your organization is located within (or outside of) Cook County, regardless of where programming takes place. Illinois Humanities is committed to geographic diversity and equitably serving the entire state.

- These grants are general operating, or unrestricted, in nature. This means that organizations can use the funds for organizational expenditures as leadership sees fit (as opposed to project-specific grants). However, since these are federal funds, there are restrictions on how organizations can use general operating support; for example, organizations cannot use these funds for alcohol, lobbying, or international travel. A full list of restrictions will be included in the grant award agreement.

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Gen Ops | Eligibility

- These general operating, or unrestricted, grants are available to tax-exempt humanities-based organizations located in Illinois with an expressed and demonstrated commitment to the public humanities.

- Tax-exempt organizations with annual budgets of $2 million or less. Groups with a fiscal sponsor or agent can also apply.

- As required by the National Endowment for the Humanities, organizations must have a Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number in order to receive funding. A DUNS number is not required to apply, however, funds cannot be awarded to organizations not registered. If you do not have a DUNS number, please register for one here. There is no cost to register. Please note that it can take up to two weeks to receive a DUNS number.

- The following types of organizations are ineligible for general operating support: organizations that do not have an explicit commitment to the humanities in their mission and programming; K-12 schools; universities, colleges, and academic departments; chapters of national organizations; for-profit organizations; religious organizations; and individuals.

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Humanities Project Grants

Illinois Humanities will provide support for emergency relief and recovery to Illinois-based nonprofits to develop or continue humanities-based projects in 2021.

These grants will support organizations that may not have an explicit humanities-based mission or scope but incorporate humanities-based programs or projects as part of their work. Examples include performing arts groups that include audience-based discussions of the work; park districts that host seminars or workshops on history, literature, or other humanities disciplines; visual arts groups or art museums that incorporate art history discussions or seminars; community-based organizations that host discussions with community members that promote civic engagement; etc.

There are two funding pools: one designated for organizations based within Cook County and one designated for organizations based outside Cook County.

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Project Grants | Guidelines

• The Humanities Project Grants will be for $5,000.

• These grants are project grants, meant to provide support to tax-exempt organizations intent on carrying out humanities-based projects that aim to help strengthen their community’s recovery and resilience during COVID-19. No matching funds are required.

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Project Grants | Eligibility

• These project grants are eligible to the following types of organizations: Tax-exempt organizations in Illinois; public libraries; K-12 schools; universities, colleges, and academic departments; and organizations focused on the arts.

• For-profit organizations and individuals are ineligible.

• As required by the National Endowment for the Humanities, organizations must have a Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number in order to receive funding. A DUNS number is not required to apply, however, funds cannot be awarded to organizations not registered. If you do not have a DUNS number, please register for one here. There is no cost to register. Please note that it can take up to two weeks to receive a DUNS number.

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Grants Portal

To apply, visit: https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=ihc
Once logged in, click on “Apply” to access the applications.
Illinois Humanities

• Envisioning Justice Grants opens | June 15
• EJ Rapid Response: Re-ENTRY | July 14
• Emergency Relief & Recovery Grants deadline | July 15
• Museum on Main Street: Edwardsville | July 17 – August 21
• Museum on Main Street: Salem | July 24
• Facilitation Training | August 19 and 20
• Gwendolyn Brooks Ceremony | August 21
• Envisioning Justice Grants deadline | September 1
• Activate History deadline | September 1
• Community Grants (VAMs) deadline | September 15
• Museum on Main Street: Savanna | October 9 – November 13
• Museum on Main Street: Jacksonville | November 20 – December 25
Thank you for attending!
Please fill out our quick post-event survey (link in chat)