Large Grant – Request for Proposals

The North Carolina Humanities Council (NCHC) has been a leading humanities funder in North Carolina since 1972. Our Large Grant funding opportunity provides up to $20,000 to support public humanities projects of a wide or extended scope. Projects are expected to connect the public to quality humanities scholarship through programs that respond to community interest, encourage dialogue, and stimulate audiences to think critically about a broad range of humanities topics.

One Large Grant cycle is offered this year with the following deadlines. The Large Grant application process consists of two phases, a Letter of Intent and an Application. To be eligible for consideration, projects must begin AFTER 11/1/21.

- Application Opens: 1/1/20
- Letter of Intent (mandatory): April 22, 2021 by 11:59 PM (this is an online form)
- Final Proposals (by invitation): July 12, 2021 by 11:59 PM (this is an online form)
- Award Notification: Final proposals will be reviewed at the Board of Trustees’ meeting and awards will be announced in mid-September 2021.

We strongly recommend that you begin your online form 3 weeks prior to the Letter of Intent due date. For technical assistance with your application please call 704.687.1521.

The North Carolina Humanities Council expects all grant proposals to utilize a humanities discipline or practice to advance one or more of the following areas of our Mission and Vision:

- Deepen human connections by broadening perspectives
- Equip communities with empathy, understanding, and respect
- Inspire community and connect North Carolinians across difference

Eligible proposals which meet one or more of the following are given special consideration:

- Applicant organizations in rural communities
- Applicant organizations primarily serving traditionally under-resourced groups including communities of color or other marginalized groups (Seniors, ALAANA (those of African, Latinx, Asian, Arab, and/or Native American descent), People with Disabilities, New Americans (Immigrants, Refugees, First Generation Americans), Low-Income, and LGBTQIA).

ELIGIBILITY

Please see our Grant Guidelines for detailed instructions on NCHC’s expectations for proposals, FAQs, restrictions and policies governing NCHC grantmaking, review criteria and a full list of ineligible grant expenses.

Organization Eligibility

- Activities for which you are requesting funding must take place in North Carolina.
- Organization must be a 501(c)(3) non-profit humanities organization OR a tax-exempt government entity with a significant humanities focus.
- Organization must have a DUNs number and registered in the System for Award Management (www.sam.gov).
- Organization must not be presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from receiving federal grants.
Project Eligibility
- Projects must be deeply grounded in the humanities disciplines. NCHC is not able to support activities which fall outside the scope of the humanities.
  - Language (both modern and classical)
  - Literature
  - History
  - Jurisprudence (law)
  - Philosophy
  - Archeology
  - Comparative religion
  - Ethics
  - The history, criticism and theory of the arts
  - Social sciences which have humanistic content and/or employ humanistic methods

- Please see our Grant Guidelines for a sample list of project formats and a list of eligible/ineligible grant expenses.
- Grantees will be required to provide matching investment toward the project expenses. Generally, applicants will be required to match their grant 2-1 in a combination of cash and in-kind investment.

Restrictions
- Organizations that have an open NCHC grant are not eligible to apply for a new grant (with the exception of large organizations with multiple locations such as the library system, YMCA, or college/university).
- Organizations that have delinquent paperwork for a previously funded NCHC grant are not eligible to apply.
- Projects that are religious in nature or specifically serve only church membership or faculty/student body are not eligible.
- Projects that engage in the promotion of political parties, candidates, or policies (including lobbying activities) are not eligible.

Submission Instructions
1. Please review NCHC’s 2021 Grant Guidelines before applying.
2. Review the application instructions and FAQs then watch this video tutorial on the application process.
3. Get started on your application in our online application system.
   A. If you are new to the online system, please create an account prior to applying. Once you have created your account and are logged in to your Applicant Dashboard, click "Apply" in the upper left-hand corner to view an alphabetical list of all open Council opportunities. Please bookmark the login page for ease of access.
   B. If you have previously created an account, please click here to login. Once on your Applicant Dashboard click "Apply" in the upper left-hand corner to view an alphabetical list of all open opportunities. Please bookmark the login page for ease of access.
4. Schedule a phone consultation with Council staff as you prepare your proposal. Click here to schedule.
5. Submit your grant proposal for a review cycle by the posted deadline. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed. Submission of an application does not guarantee approval. Please note: While our staff are always available for questions, a full review of an applicant's draft proposal is only available upon request until 3 weeks PRIOR TO a submission deadline.

About North Carolina Humanities Council: The North Carolina Humanities Council is a statewide nonprofit and affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities. Through grant-making and public humanities programs, the Council serves as an advocate for lifelong learning and thoughtful dialogue about our shared human experience. The Council operates the North Carolina Center for the Book, an affiliate program of the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress.

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