



New Hampshire Humanities SHARP Grants

New Hampshire Humanities (NHH) invites all New Hampshire-based humanities organizations, cultural institutions, and other eligible non-profits to apply for SHARP grants, which provide operational and programmatic support to help organizations recover from the COVID-19 pandemic.

The 2021 American Rescue Plan Act (ARP) allocated significant funds to the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) to assist organizations impacted by the pandemic. The NEH subsequently apportioned \$51.6 million to the nation's state humanities councils through its Sustaining the Humanities through the American Rescue Plan (SHARP) program, with the intention that the councils would disseminate the funds to humanities and cultural organizations across their respective states.

NHH SHARP grants can be used to cover general operating or programmatic expenses for eligible humanities and cultural organizations. Applicants may request up to \$20,000; there is no match or cost-share requirement.

Applications are due by **5:00 pm on Friday, August 6, 2021**. All grant funded expenses or activities must begin no later than December 1, 2021, and end before November 30, 2022.

For more information and to access the application materials, refer to the SHARP Grant page on the NHH Website. If you have any additional questions, please contact NHH Community Project Grant Program Manager, Agnes Burt (aburt@nhhumanities.org).

Award Information:

Eligibility. Applicant organizations must meet the following criteria to be eligible for funding:

- be a humanities or cultural non-profit;
- have been a registered non-profit for at least one year;
- have an active DUNS Number. The Federal Government requires all organizations that receive federal money obtain a Unique Entity Identifier, currently a valid Dun and Bradstreet Data Universal Numbering System (D-U-N-S®) number. Register for your DUNS number at <https://fedgov.dnb.com/webform>. There is no cost to register.

Award Amount: up to \$20,000.00

Organizations may request up to \$20,000. Applicants may not receive the full amount requested and are unlikely to receive more than 10% of their annual operating budget.

Matching funds: None

Application Deadline: 5:00 pm, August 6, 2021

Required Materials:

- Completed and signed [SHARP Application](#) uploaded to the online portal.
- Organization W-9

Award Period: The grant period will begin the day the application is submitted and must conclude on or before November 30, 2022. All grant-funded expenses and activities must occur within these dates.

Final Reports: Award recipients will be required to submit a Final Report to New Hampshire Humanities within thirty days of the end of its use of grant funds or no later than December 30, 2022.

Submission Process

1. Download the SHARP Application from the NHH SHARP Grant webpage: <https://www.nhhumanities.org/nhsharp>.
2. Complete and sign the application form.
3. Save a copy of the application to your computer.
4. Upload the signed application and your organization's W-9 to the NHH SHARP Grant [online portal](#).
5. Click "Submit." You will receive a confirmation that your application has been received.

Applicants are welcome to submit their application at any point prior to the application deadline. All proposals will be reviewed after the application deadline.

Award Criteria and Evaluation

Applicants must demonstrate how their use of SHARP grants will fulfill the goals of the American Rescue Plan Act: to help organizations "prevent, prepare for, respond to, and recover from the coronavirus" pandemic.

NHH staff will evaluate proposals and fund in accordance with the following criteria:

- whether the applicant organization is a qualified humanities or cultural non-profit
- whether the applicant organization has been impacted by the pandemic
- whether the applicant's proposed use of funds aligns with the goals of the American Rescue Plan Act and will help them "prevent, prepare for, respond to, and recover from the coronavirus" pandemic

Eligible Expenses:

SHARP Grants may support, among other activities:

- general operating expenses
- humanities programming
- activities, strategic planning and/or capacity building efforts that align with the intent of the ARP appropriation, which is to “prevent, prepare for, respond to, and recover from the coronavirus” pandemic
- technical/consultant needs related to a digital transition or in support of preservation and access programs (equipment costs cannot exceed 20% of the proposed budget)
- expansion, because of the coronavirus, of outdoor and virtual humanities programming and activities, from traditional environments to those that are more accessible
- equity assessments and planning related to coronavirus and the economic crisis

Restrictions on Funds:

SHARP Grants cannot be used for any of the following purposes:

- to meet a NHH Community Project Grant cost-share requirement
- to provide operational support to an organization whose mission is not primarily humanistic
- for projects that fall 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)
- 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
- regrants, prizes, awards, or scholarships
- cancellation costs
- contributions to an endowment
- pre-award costs prior to 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
- 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

NHH SHARP Grants: Guidelines

- advocacy of a particular program of social or political action
- support of specific public policies or legislation
- lobbying
- Unallowable expenses as defined in [2 CFR 200 Subpart E–Cost principles](#).