



New Hampshire Humanities CARES Act Funding Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

*This document is New Hampshire Humanities attempt to address **frequently asked questions** related to funding received under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act.*

The [National Endowment for the Humanities](#) received \$75 million in supplemental funding to assist cultural institutions and humanists affected by the coronavirus. Approximately 40 percent of the appropriation, or \$30 million, has been allocated to the 56 state and jurisdictional humanities councils to support grants to eligible entities for humanities programming and general operating support, and fees to humanities scholars and other individuals participating in humanities programming.

The remaining 60 percent, or \$45 million, will be managed by the NEH to support at-risk humanities positions and projects at museums, libraries and archives, historic sites, colleges and universities, and other cultural nonprofits that have been financially impacted by the coronavirus.

What constitutes an appropriate use of CARES Act funding administered by New Hampshire Humanities?

State humanities organizations may only use CARES Act funding to:

1. Support grants to eligible entities for humanities programming and general operating support;
2. Pay fees to humanities scholars and other individuals participating in humanities programming;
3. Cover the reasonable costs associated with issuing and administering related *CARES Act General Operating Support Grants*.

Who's eligible to apply for a CARES Act General Operating Support Grant?

Eligible applicants for CARES Act General Operating Support Grants include U.S. nonprofit organizations with 501 C (3) tax-exempt status, public and 501C (3) accredited institutions of higher education, state and local government agencies and federally recognized Native American tribal governments.



CARES Act General Operating Support Grants are for the general operating support of New Hampshire based humanities and cultural organizations with annual budgets of \$500,000 or less.

Humanities and cultural organizations with annual budgets greater than \$500,000 are encouraged to apply to NEH directly for CARES Act funding. Additional information will be announced by April 30th at www.neh.gov

What are the funding restrictions accompanying New Hampshire Humanities' CARES Act General Operating Support Grants?

Funds may **not** be used for the following purposes:

- *Projects that fall outside of the humanities (including the creation or performance of art; creative writing, autobiographies, memoirs, and creative nonfiction; and empirically based social science research or policy studies);*
- *Promotion of a political, religious, or ideological point of view;*
- *Advocacy of a program of social or political action;*
- *Support of specific public policies or legislation;*
- *Lobbying;*
- *Purchase of land or facilities, construction or renovation;*
- *Organizations that do not have a universal entity identifier (currently a DUNS number).*

Is System for Award Management (SAM) registration required of New Hampshire Humanities' CARES Act General Operating Support Grant Applicants?

No. Organizations funded under CARES Act funding are not required to register in the System for Award Management (SAM).

As a reminder, organizations funded in whole or in part with federal funds must obtain a [unique entity identification number](#) (currently a DUNS number) as a unique identifier for federal financial assistance.

Are New Hampshire Humanities' CARES Act General Operating Support Grants awarded on a competitive basis?

In order to ensure an equitable distribution of funds, state humanities organizations must ensure these grants are selected in open competition based on publicly available established criteria.



When will the New Hampshire Humanities CARES Act General Operating Support Grants application materials be available?

The *CARES Act General Operating Support Grants* application and related materials will be available for download on Friday, May 1, 2020 at www.nhhumanities.org/cares

What size of grant can my organization apply for through New Hampshire Humanities' CARES Act General Operating Support Grants Program?

CARES Act General Operating Support Grants will range from \$2,500 to \$10,000. Awards will be determined, in part, by the applicant's financial need and annual operating budget.

When will applicant organizations receive notice of an award?

New Hampshire Humanities will begin making grant awards on or about Friday, May 15th. Requests will be reviewed internally on a rolling basis and the fund will remain active until all monies have been committed. After an application has been received, an applicant can expect a decision within 10 business days.

All New Hampshire Humanities CARES Act funds must be awarded by October 31, 2020.

If I have a question about New Hampshire's' CARES Act General Operating Support Grants, who do I contact?

Direct all CARES Act grants related questions to Anthony Poore at apoore@nhhumanities.org and visit www.nhhumanities.org/cares.