



## New Hampshire Humanities Spring 2022 Focus Grant: A More Perfect Union

In 2026, the United States will celebrate the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Declaration of Independence's proclamation. In anticipation of this anniversary, New Hampshire Humanities' (NHH) Spring 2022 Focus Grant will fund public humanities projects that explore what it means to "build a more perfect union" or be an "informed citizen" in a democracy.

NHH welcomes applications from non-profit organizations proposing creative and engaging public humanities programs that align with the goals of the [A More Perfect Union](#) initiative: to support community engagement with the history of our nation's quest for a more just, inclusive, and sustainable society; to broaden participation in the documentation and telling of our shared American experience; and to deepen the public's knowledge of and commitment to our nation's principles of constitutional government and democracy.

We encourage proposals that explore any of the following topics:

- ❖ the role of journalism in a democratic society
- ❖ the relationship between journalism and the creation of an informed citizenry
- ❖ civic education and knowledge of our core principles of constitutional government and democracy
- ❖ questions of racial justice and gender equality
- ❖ the American landscape; and the experiences of under-represented communities within American history
- ❖ the United States' quest to become "a more perfect union" and its place in the world

Applicants may request up to \$2,000 in grant funds; there is no matching funds requirement for this grant. All applications are due by March 31, 2022. All grant-supported events must take place before September 30, 2022.

For more information and to access the application materials, refer to the [Focus Grant](#) page on the NHH website. If you have any additional questions or would like to discuss your program idea, please contact Agnes Burt ([grants@nhhumanities.org](mailto:grants@nhhumanities.org)).

### Award Information

**Award Amount:** up to \$2,000.00

**Award Period:** May 1, 2021 – September 30, 2022. All events and program-related expenses must occur within this period.

**Application Deadline:** March 31, 2022

**Notification:** May 1, 2022.

**Reporting:** final reports must be submitted to NHH by November 30, 2022.

**Eligible Applicants:** private nonprofit organizations; institutions of higher education; state, local, and federally recognized Indian tribal governments; institutions of the federal government.

**Required Application Materials:**

- A complete project narrative and budget, submitted via the online application portal
- Evidence of an organization's non-profit status
- Organization's Unique Entity Identifier (SAM)
- A brief biography (maximum 1 page) and CV for the Subject Matter Expert
- Resumes or CVs for any individual paid with NHH grant funds.

**A Note on the Unique Entity Identifier (SAM):** The federal government is phasing out the DUNS number, effective April 4, 2022. All organizations receiving federal awards must obtain a Unique Entity Identifier through SAM.gov. Register for a SAM UEID at <https://sam.gov/content/home>. There is no cost to register. For a list of frequently asked questions, click [here](#).

## Program Criteria

**Successful applications will meet the following criteria:**

### ***Proposed Program***

- **Topic:** The proposed program must clearly align with the goals of [A More Perfect Union](#) or explore the idea of an “informed citizenry.”
- **The program must qualify as a humanities program.** Public humanities programs to draw on the insights of the humanities disciplines – for example, history, literature, philosophy, cultural studies – to explore a topic through an analytical lens. A program's design intends to *interpret* or to *educate* participants about a chosen topic or issue. Successful proposals will demonstrate how their program will encourage participants to *explore or learn* about its subject. Note: NHH cannot fund art or performance-based programs.
- **Expertise:** The project must involve at least one individual with scholarly expertise in the program's subject matter who will play an active role in the project's development or execution. A scholar's expertise may result from an advanced academic degree (MA, ABD, PhD, or J.D.) in a relevant field or come from serving as the keeper of community traditions and knowledge. Examples of scholars include but are not limited to tribal elders or historians, advanced graduate students, or a professor at a university.

### ***Budget:***

- All events should be free and open to the public.
- If your program costs exceed \$2,000, you must demonstrate how you will cover the remaining expenses. If awarded a grant, be prepared to submit financial records confirming any cash or in-kind contributions (volunteer labor, or donated goods and services) made in support of the project.

- **Grant Period:** All expenses and events must occur between May 1, 2022 – September 30, 2022. NHH cannot retroactively fund projects and will not issue any extensions for this award.

### Restrictions on Funds:

#### **NHH grants cannot be used for any of the following purposes:**

- To advocate for a political ideology policy, cause, or party.
- To advocate for a particular religion.
- To fund predominantly art or performance-based programs.
- To provide social services.
- To offer scholarships or prize money.
- To cover an organization's general operating expenses.
- To purchase and supply alcohol, food, or refreshments.

### Evaluation and Notification

#### **NHH Staff will evaluate proposals and fund in accordance with the following criteria:**

- Whether the proposed program aligns with the Focus Grant's stated themes.
- Whether the applicant and associated individuals have the expertise to knowledgeably explore the subject at hand.
- Whether the program will engage audience members in its subject matter.
- Whether the applicant appears able to successfully execute the proposed program.
- Whether the proposed budget is reasonable.

### Reporting

Award recipients will be required to submit a Final Report and Budget to New Hampshire Humanities no later than November 30, 2022.