New Hampshire Humanities Major Project Grants

New Hampshire Humanities Major Project Grants provide funds to eligible organizations to support public humanities programs across the state. NHH welcomes applications proposing creative and engaging public humanities programs that advance NH's rich cultural networks and provide opportunities for NH residents of all ages to learn about the world in which they live.

Proposed projects may focus on any topic but must explore the subject matter through a humanities discipline or framework.

Applicants may request up to $10,000 in grant funds; all Major Grants have a 1:1 cost share requirement. Applications are accepted quarterly.

For more information and to access the application materials, refer to the NHH website. If you have any additional questions or would like to discuss your program idea, please email grants@nhhumanities.org. A member of the NHH program staff will contact you to set up a meeting.

Award Information

Award Amount: up to $10,000.00

Budget: applicants must be able to fulfil a 1:1 cost-share. 10% of the applicant's match must come from cash contributions.

Award Period: all project expenses must occur within the grant period defined by the applicant in their project proposal. NHH cannot retroactively fund projects.

Application Deadlines:

Draft Proposal and Budget Due	Final Application Due
December 15	January 15
March 15	April 15
June 15	July 15
September 15	October 15

Notification: 6-8 weeks following the application deadline.

Reporting: Major grant recipients are required to submit two reports: an interim report will be due mid-way through the project; a final project report and final budget will be due no later than 90 days following the conclusion of the grant period. Failure to submit timely and accurate reports could impact an organization's ability to receive future grants from NHH.

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
- Subject Matter Expert Letter of support
- Evidence of an organization's status as an eligible organization
- Federal EIN
- Organization's Unique Entity Identifier (SAM)
- Resumes or CVs for the Subject Matter Expert, Project Director, and any individual paid with NHH grant funds.

***Unique Entity Identifier (SAM)**:* 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

- **The program must qualify as a humanities program**. Public humanities programs bring the insights and methods of the humanities disciplines – for example, history, literature, philosophy, or cultural studies – to analytically explore a topic. Successful applicants will demonstrate how their program's design will interpret or explore a chosen topic or issue to encourage participants to learn more about the subject.

- **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 organization intends to charge admission or request donations at a grant-supported event, we highly encourage you to speak with a member of the NHH Program staff before submitting your proposal.
- Organizations must be able to meet a 1:1 cost share requirement. For every dollar NHH awards, the applicant must contribute an equal value of goods or services to the project, either as cash or in-kind contributions, or a combination of both. ****10% of an organization's cost share must come from cash contributions.**
  - Cash: from donations, an organization's operating budgets, other grants, partner organizations' contributions, etc.

- o In-Kind contributions: the value of a service, good, or labor donated to the project. Ex: a donated room rental, volunteer time, the discount on a speaker fee....

- **Grant Period:** All expenses and events must occur with the grant period. The grant period should begin on the first day of the month that project-related work or activities will begin once the grant has been awarded and conclude on the last day of the month in which project-related work will occur. NHH cannot retroactively fund projects.

Restrictions on Funds:

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

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

Evaluation and Notification

Major grant proposals are evaluated by the NHH Program Committee. When evaluating a proposal, they consider the following criteria:
- the degree to which the proposed project will result in a high-quality humanities program.
- the degree to which the proposed program will contribute to NH residents' understanding of a topic, theme, or area of debate.
- the degree to which the proposed project aligns with NHH's mission or goals.
- the degree to which the applicant identifies their target audience and whether the program appears likely to engage this audience.
- the degree to which the applicant is prepared to evaluate their project's impact.
- the degree to which the SME is qualified to participate in the project.
- the degree to which the SME will make an active and positive contribution to the project.
- the degree to which the applicant is prepared to successfully execute their project.
- the degree to which the budget affirms the applicant's preparedness to complete the proposed project; the budget details how NHH grant funds will be used and how the applicant will meet their match contribution.
- the degree to which the applicant articulates a clear plan for publicizing their program.

Reporting

Major grant award recipients will be required to submit two reports to NHH.

- An interim report and revised budget, if applicable, will be due mid-way through the grant period.
- A final report and final budget are due no later than 90 days after the grant period concludes.