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NEH Grant Opportunities

Common Heritage (May/June deadline)

The Common Heritage program supports digitization events organized by community cultural institutions, which members of the public will be invited to attend. At these events experienced staff will digitize the community historical materials brought in by the public including historical photographs, artifacts, documents, family letters, art works, and audiovisual recordings. Projects must also provide community outreach via public events that expand understanding of the community's history or heritage, including lectures, panels, reading and discussion groups, special gallery tours, screening and discussion of relevant films, presentations by a historian, special initiatives for families and children, curator talks, or workshops on preserving heritage materials. Contact preservation@neh.gov and 202-606-8570.

Dialogues on the Experience of War (November deadline)

Dialogues on the Experience of War grants support the study and discussion of humanities sources of war. These sources may draw from history, literature, and film, in addition to testimonials from those who have served. These discussions help U.S. military veterans and others to explore the questions raised by war and military service. The programs can take place on college and university campuses, in veterans' centers, at public libraries and museums, and at other community venues. Contact 202-606-8471 or dew@neh.gov with questions or drafts.

Digital Humanities Advancement Grants (June + Fall/Winter deadlines)

Digital Humanities Advancement Grants (DHAG) support digital projects throughout their lifecycles, from early start-up phases through implementation and long-term sustainability. Experimentation, reuse, and extensibility are hallmarks of this grant category, leading to innovative work that can scale to enhance research, teaching, and public programming in the humanities. Contact odh@neh.gov.

Fellowships and Awards for Faculty at Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Tribal Colleges and Universities, and Hispanic-Serving Institutions (April deadline)

Fellowship grants support individual faculty members' research projects from any type of institution. Awards for Faculty support individual faculty or staff members from HBCUs, TCUs, and HSIs pursuing research of value to humanities scholars, students, or general audiences. Eligible projects include pursuing research in primary and secondary materials; producing articles, monographs, books, digital materials, archaeological site reports, or other scholarly resources; and conducting research to revise an undergraduate course or the achievement of institutional or community research goals. Contact 202-606-8200 or FacultyAwards@neh.gov with questions. HBCU, TCU, and HSI faculty may also apply to the [Fellowships program](#), which also has an April deadline.

Humanities Collections and Reference Resources (July deadline)

The Humanities Collections and Reference Resources program supports projects to preserve humanities resources and make them more accessible. This program seeks to help institutions such as libraries, archives, and museums maintain collections of books and manuscripts, photographs, sound recordings and moving images, archaeological and ethnographic artifacts, art and material culture, and digital objects. Awards are given to help extend the life of these materials, make their content widely accessible, and to create reference resources. Contact 202-606-8570 or preservation@neh.gov with questions or drafts.

Humanities Initiatives at [Community Colleges](#), [Hispanic-Serving Institutions](#), [Historically Black Colleges and Universities](#), and [Tribal Colleges and Universities](#) (June deadline)

Humanities Initiatives seek to strengthen the teaching and study of the humanities at specific types of institutions. These grants may be used to enhance existing humanities programs, resources, or courses, or to develop new ones. Contact 202-606-8471 and hi@neh.gov with questions or drafts.

[Preservation Assistance Grants for Smaller Institutions](#) (May deadline)

Preservation Assistance Grants for Smaller Institutions support small and mid-sized institutions—including museums, libraries, and archives—to improve their ability to preserve and care for their humanities collections. These collections might include things like archives and manuscripts, prints and photographs, or decorative and fine art objects. The program encourages applications from small and mid-sized institutions that have never received an NEH grant, as well as presidentially designated institutions (Hispanic-serving institutions, Historically Black Colleges and Universities, and Tribal Colleges and Universities), and from Native American tribes and Native Alaskan and Native Hawaiian organizations with significant humanities collections. Contact 202-606-8570 or preservation@neh.gov with questions or drafts.

[Public Humanities Projects](#) (August and January deadlines)

Public Humanities Projects support projects that create ways for the general public to engage with the humanities. This can take place in the format of an exhibition, a community discussion, or engagement at a historic place—for example, a historic home that offers guided tours. The purpose of these projects is to connect people with topics in the humanities, like history, literature, or ethics. Contact 202-606-8269 or publicpgms@neh.gov with questions or drafts.

[Summer Stipends](#) (September deadline)

Summer Stipends support individuals pursuing research related to the humanities over the period of two consecutive months. The research done as part of a Summer Stipend typically results in an article, book, or some other type of scholarly resource. Summer Stipends support research at any stage of development. Contact 202-606-8200 or stipends@neh.gov with questions or drafts.

Non-grant Opportunities

[Find Your State Humanities Council](#)

NEH supports a state humanities council in every state and U.S. territory. Councils create public programming, award grants, and organize state-wide initiatives. Find your council [here](#).

[NEH on the Road](#)

NEH on the Road is a traveling exhibition program that seeks to bring exhibitions to every corner of the country. These exhibits require only 2,000 feet of space, meaning that small to mid-sized museums, libraries, schools, and universities can host these exhibitions. To bring NEH on the Road to your institution, you should first complete a [grant application](#).

Tips from Past Grantees

NEH grantees have great insights about the grant writing process that they want others in the field to know. We collected a few tips from NEH grantees:

- Call NEH staff to ask for advice and to make sure you are applying for the right program.
- Ask a program officer to review a draft application six to eight weeks before the deadline.
- Gain insights on successful applications by signing up to serve on an NEH peer review panel.
- Work with the experts in your field and ask one (or more) to review a draft of your application.
- Ask for comments on previous applications to strengthen your current application.
- Highlight the humanities content throughout your application.
- Make sure your registrations (DUNS, System for Award Management, and Grants.gov) are up to date.