Indiana Humanities
A More Perfect Union
Grant Program

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Welcome!

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Agenda

- About Indiana Humanities
- AMPU Grants Overview
- How to Apply
- Timeline
- Questions?
About Indiana Humanities

• Statewide nonprofit dedicated to promoting the public humanities
• Connect people, open minds and enrich lives by creating and facilitating programs that encourage Hoosiers to think, read and talk
• Founded in 1972
• Partner to the National Endowment for the Humanities and recipient of NEH funding
• One of 56 councils in each of the 50 states and 6 U.S. territories
What Are the Humanities?

- Literature
- Language
- History
- Philosophy
- Archaeology
- Comparative religion
- Jurisprudence
- Ethics
- Theory, history and criticism of the arts
- Social sciences that include humanistic content/methods
PROGRAMS

• Two-year thematic initiatives

• Current theme: Unearthed
  - Campfires
  - One State/One Story
  - Speakers Bureau
  - Water/Ways exhibition
  - Films
  - Podcast
PROGRAMS

- Novel Conversations
- Indiana Authors Awards
- Bookmark Indy
Ongoing Grants

Our 2021 grant offerings include:

• Action Grants
• Historic Preservation Education Grants
• INcommon Grants
• Innovation Grants
• Collaboration Grants

Visit www.indianahumanities.org/grants to learn more about our grant opportunities
# AMPU Grants Overview

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<td>Approximately November 15, 2021</td>
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<td>Project work must be completed by September 30, 2022; a final report is due December 31, 2022</td>
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| Additional details | • We plan to award 9 to 12 grants.  
• The National Endowment for the Humanities provided funding for the A More Perfect Union Grants. |
AMPU Goals

- Explore, reflect on and tell the stories of our quest for a more just, inclusive and sustainable society throughout our history
- Bring the perspectives of the humanities to questions of racial justice, gender equality, the evolution of the American landscape and America’s place in the world
- Strengthen Americans’ knowledge of our principles of constitutional governance and democracy
- Address the experiences of Native Americans and other underrepresented communities
- Develop innovative approaches to sustaining the nation’s humanities infrastructure and preserving its historical record
Guiding Questions

• How have Hoosiers worked to build a more just, inclusive or sustainable society?

• How does America’s constitutional democracy work? What is the individual’s role in this process?

• How have historically underrepresented communities been included or excluded from the democratic process? What does this mean to our understanding of American democracy today?

• What are the untold stories of Hoosiers’ civic involvements? What is the history of civic-mindedness in our state? What does civic engagement look like in Indiana?
Who Is Eligible?

• Tax-exempt Indiana-based organizations
• Organizations that are seeking funds for humanities-based programs/activities (which could include):
  - Historical societies/heritage groups
  - Museums
  - Historical homes and sites
  - Libraries
  - Cultural centers
  - Colleges and universities
  - K-12 schools
  - Government entities
  - Civic organizations
Funding Levels

• You may request up to $5,000 for programming (or less if you need less).

• You must complete an expense-based budget and submit it with your application, showing how you’ll use grant funds. (We’ve included a template with our application materials and a sample in the grant guidelines.)

• You do not need to match the funds.
What Can Funds Be Used For?

Project expenses related to programs such as…

• Reading-and-discussion programs or community conversations
• Educational resources, including but not limited to curriculum or media projects (film, podcasts, etc.)
• Speakers or panel presentations on relevant topics
• Exhibitions aiming to inform and engage audiences on relevant topics
• Oral-history projects
• And more!
Requirements

• Address civics with a strong focus on the humanities
• Include humanities scholars in planning and implementation
• Be intended for a public audience (includes school / prison audiences)
• Be presented at a site or in a manner that is accessible
• Begin no sooner than Nov. 15, 2021
• Be completed by Sept. 30, 2022
What Are Nonallowable Uses?

Funds **cannot** be used for any of the following purposes:

- General operating expenses
- Activities that promote a particular political, religious or ideological point of view
- Advocacy of a particular program of social or political action
- Support of specific public policies or legislation
- Lobbying
- Fundraising
- Endowment contributions
- Regranting of funds

- Purchase of land or facilities, construction or renovation
- Property or major equipment purchases
- Archival acquisitions
- Creation or performance of art
- Social services
- Prizes, awards or scholarships
- Publication of books
- Foreign travel
- Alcoholic beverages
- Entertainment
How to Apply for AMPU Grants

• Head to https://indianahumanities.org/grant/ampu-grant/ and review the materials (note the various tabs under the Grant Details section). You’ll find guidelines and more. Guidelines include a list of the questions you’ll need to answer and a scoring rubric.

• Click on the Apply button (make sure you choose the correct grant).

• You'll be asked to provide:
  − Info about your organization, including your DUNS number
  − Explanation of how you serve the public and a description of your project
  − Answers to a number of narrative questions
  − Contact info for e-payment
Timeline

• Applications for AMPU grants are due at 11:30 p.m. EST on Oct. 31, 2021.

• Committees of Indiana Humanities staff, board members and outside reviewers will evaluate grant applications.

• We hope to notify recipients by Nov. 15, 2021.

• If awarded, you'll receive a project director kit with an agreement and guidelines for administering the grant.

• Funded activities must not start later than the date of notification, and must end by Sept. 30, 2022. Final reporting is due to Indiana Humanities by December 31, 2022.
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