



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





Novel Conversations

Think. Read. Talk.



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

Award amount	Up to \$5,000
Application deadline	October 31, 2021 (11:30 p.m. Eastern)
Notification	Approximately November 15, 2021
Date projects may begin	Upon notification
Date projects must be completed	Project work must be completed by September 30, 2022; a final report is due December 31, 2022
Additional details	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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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