

# Indiana Humanities CARES Grants Scoring Rubric

Applicant Name:

## Does this proposal meet the minimum guidelines?

- The organization is tax-exempt
- The organization is based in Indiana and serves the residents of Indiana
- The organization provides humanities programming to the public (*below you'll assess to what degree*)
- The organization has not been deemed ineligible (e.g., it is not purely an arts group, a religious group, a social-services agency, a government entity, a K-12 school or a college/university)

Proceed to scoring only if you have checked all the boxes.

Question	1 to 2 points	3 points	4 to 5 points	Points Awarded
<i>How strongly does the organization's core work focus on humanities topics?</i>	The organization provides some humanities programming, but it's not a significant part of the core mission.	While the organization may focus much of its programming in areas other than the humanities (e.g., the arts), a good portion of its work still centers on traditional humanities subjects.	The key focus of the organization's work is in traditional humanities fields as defined by the National Endowment for the Humanities.	out of 5
<i>How much does the organization directly serve the public with humanities programming?</i>	The organization's service to the public is not significant. It may provide some public programming, but otherwise outreach is minimal.	While the organization may carry out humanities work that's internally focused (e.g., research institute), it does devote a good portion of its efforts toward public outreach.	The public is at the heart of the organization's work; providing programming and resources for the public benefit is fundamental to its mission.	out of 5
<i>How well does the organization help Indiana Humanities extend its reach across the state and to underserved audiences (consider demographics such as race, ethnicity, gender, age, socioeconomic status, rural/suburban/urban status, sexual/gender identity, etc.)?</i>	The organization operates in a community in which humanities programming is abundant, and it focuses its efforts on audiences that have traditionally benefited from the humanities; it does not appear to have made significant effort at reaching out to new and/or underserved groups.	While the organization may be in a community that's well served by the humanities, it's at least making an effort to improve its outreach and expand its audiences, so that a wider range of people benefit from its programming.	The organization works in a community that's in need of humanities programming (it may be the area's only cultural provider), and/or it's making significant effort to ensure that its activities are reaching a broad group of constituents, including underserved audiences.	out of 5
<i>How much has the COVID-19 crisis impacted the organization's operations (consider revenues, staffing, ability to pay rent/mortgage/other expenses)?</i>	While the organization may be affected by the crisis, the impact appears minimal to staffing and programs; it's likely that the organization will continue to operate with little disruption.	The organization faces a number of negative consequences as a result of the crisis; while it will likely recover, in the short term it's dealing with revenue losses that may lead to reduction in staffing and programs.	The organization has been especially hard hit by the crisis, suffering significant loss of revenue; it has cut staff and programs and will likely require emergency funding to continue operating.	out of 5
<i>How clearly has the organization demonstrated need?</i>	The organization has not done an adequate job of stating its need, and it's difficult to assess whether a grant will provide much benefit.	The organization has shown that it has been hurt from the crisis, and it's clear that a grant will provide some needed assistance for its operations.	The organization has demonstrated without question that it has suffered because of the crisis, and it's obvious that a grant (however small) will provide it with much-needed relief.	out of 5
<b>Add together the points you assigned for each of questions listed above and enter the total to the right. This is your final score.</b>				<b>out of 25</b>

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