ATALM NEH Grant Funding

Sustaining the Humanities through the American Rescue Plan
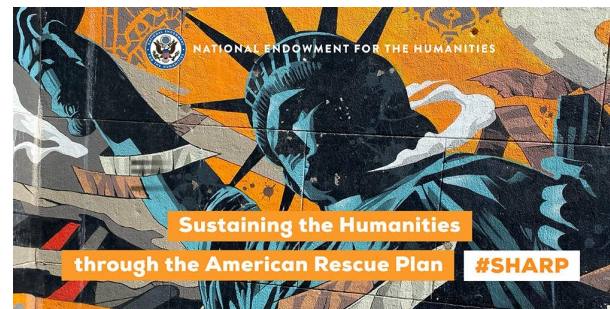
Pre-Application Webinar

Sustaining the Humanities through the American Rescue Plan, an NEH sub-grant program

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Association of Tribal Archives, Libraries, & Museums

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Sustaining the Humanities through the American Rescue Plan   #SHARP

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Agenda

- ATALM Background
- Project Purpose
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ATALM Background

- Incorporated in 2010 as a non-profit, Native-led organization
- Maintains a network of support for indigenous cultural institutions
- Provides culturally relevant programming and services
- Encourages collaboration among tribal and non-tribal cultural institutions
- Advocates for developing and sustaining the cultural sovereignty of Native Nations
- Go to www.atalm.org to learn about ATALM's programs

Project Overview

- ATALM Received $3.6 million from National Endowment for the Humanities

- One of seven organizations to receive funding through the SHARP Program

- 175 grants, ranging from $5,000 - $50,000

- 12-month grant period: March 1, 2022 – February 28, 2023

- No matching funds required

Project Background & Design

-   Nation-wide survey circulated in January 2021 assessing needs of archives, libraries, and museums

-   Top priorities identified:
    -   Rehiring furloughed staff
    -   Ensuring the safety of tribal members
    -   Reengaging visitors through new programs

Project Purpose

- Support cultural organizations that provide humanities programming and who are facing hardships due to closures and economic impacts related to the COVID-19 pandemic

- May be used for:
  - Operating expenses
  - Salaries
  - Staff retention
  - In-person humanities programs
  - Online humanities programs

Project Timeline

- Drafts and consultations: October 20- Dec 9

- Application deadline: December 13

- Award Notification: January 31, 2022

- Program start date: March 1, 2022

- Six-month progress report due: October 1, 2022

- Project completion: (no later than) February 28, 2023

- Final report: April 1, 2023

Eligible Applicants

- Tribal governments operating cultural facilities such as archives, libraries, museums, community centers, arts councils, historical societies, or other types of organizations providing humanities and cultural programming

- Native cultural institutions with 501(c)3 status

- Non-native cultural institutions with 501(c)3 status working in partnership with a state or federally recognized tribal entity

- Higher education institutions working in partnership with a state or federally recognized tribal entity

Other Eligibility Requirements

- Open only to USA-based entities

- Have at least one paid staff member

- Must have a DUNS number

    - If you don't, go here: https://www.dnb.com/duns-number/get-a-duns.html and select the last option on the drop-down menu, "I am a U.S. Contractor or Grantee" and follow the steps. It's free & you should not have to pay for this. Avoid scams.

- Cannot have received funds from the NEH's American Rescue Plan programs.

    - To check if you have received these funds, look at ATALM's program website, under Resources, "NEH Sustaining the Humanities through the American Rescue Plan Grant Awards as of October 2021

Other Eligibility Requirements

- Project/program activities must fall within one of the following categories:
  - Operating expenses
  - Rehiring furloughed employees,
  - Retaining current staff
  - In-person humanities-based programs
  - Virtual humanities-based programs

Allowable Activities

- The purpose of this program is to help tribal museums, archives, and libraries that have been economically impacted by the pandemic to safely re-open or re-engage the public with humanities-based content.

- Matching funds are NOT required!

Allowable Activities for Tribal Cultural Institutions

- Continuing core functions and activities

- Conducting community outreach programs in following humanities subjects:

  - History
  - Religion
  - Language
  - Philosophy

  - Literature
  - Art
  - Politics
  - Unsure? Just ask!

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Allowable Activities for Non-tribal Institutions

- Creating humanities-based public programming in partnership with tribal cultural institutions
- Must demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of the rich cultural heritage, knowledge, and contributions of indigenous peoples and understand the historical and contemporary issues affecting indigenous peoples.

Examples of Allowable Activities

- Operations, including rehiring furloughed employees

- Controlled entry systems, sanitation stations, signage, and other health measures

- Documenting cultural practice

- New exhibits and programs as a way of reengaging the community

- Online programming and exhibits

- Questions about eligible projects? Email grants@atalm.org

Examples of Funding Restrictions

- Overlapping project costs with any other pending or approved application(s) for federal funding and/or approved federal awards

- Pre-award costs incurred more than 90 days before the subrecipient's period of performance.

- Equipment costs in excess of 20% of total project costs
  - "Equipment" is considered any single item that is $5,000 or more. "Supplies" includes items that are under $5,000 and are not held to this restriction

Examples of Funding Restrictions (continued)

- Travel

- Construction, purchase of real property, major alteration and renovation

- Collections acquisition

- The preservation, organization, or description of materials that are not regularly accessible for research, education, or public programming

- Other restrictions may be found at

  https://www.atalm.org/node/534

Grantee Responsibilities

- Complete project within the approved timeframe

- Communicate major changes or difficulties to ATALM

- No extensions can be granted under any circumstances

- Attend virtual grantee meetings

- Participate in program evaluation

- Submit interim (10/1/22) and final (4/1/23) reports

- Retain documentation and receipts for three years

Navigating the website & application

<http://www.atalm.org/>

Question & Answer

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