

FAQ and Grant Terminology

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

What is a humanities scholar?

A humanities scholar is an individual who specializes in a humanities discipline. Scholars have advanced education (designated by a masters or doctoral degree) in the subject addressed in the program. Scholars can play many roles in the program such as lecturing, planning, or evaluating.

What is cost-share? What is an in-kind donation?

Cost-share occurs when a portion of the program costs are not paid by the grant award but paid using resources outside of the award. Cost-share can include payments made in cash or in-kind donations. In-kind donations are goods and/or services provided at no cost to the grant recipient but have a monetary value (i.e. printing needs provided by a third party worth \$250 but not charged to organization, or venue allowing use of conference room for program at no cost but normally charges a rate for use, etc.)

What are matching funds?

Grant recipients are required, per our grant guidelines, to provide matching funds for their total grant award in cost-share funds. For instance, if the award was approved for \$2000 then it is required to provide at minimum of \$2000 in cost-share funds. It is acceptable for the grant recipient to exceed the award amount in matching funds.

If awarded, when can the program start?

Funded programs cannot start within 60 days of being awarded (i.e. if the award is granted on May 30 the program cannot start until after July 30). Applicants are usually notified of award approval within 60 days of the grant deadline.

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Humanities

The humanities are the academic disciplines involved in the study of human culture. They explore how people understand and express the human experience, and include literature, history, the arts, music, language, ethics, philosophy, and much more.

Humanities program

A humanities program brings people together for discussion to exchange ideas about a humanities discipline. While the arts may be the subject of a humanities program, a performance in itself is not a humanities program.

Project director

The project director is the person responsible for overseeing the grant program and completing the final report.

Financial officer

The financial officer is the person responsible for receiving grant award payments.

Authorizing official

The authorizing official is the person within the organization with the authority to bind the organization to a contract. This person may be a board chair, director, or president.