



Grant terminology

Humanities

The humanities are the academic disciplines involved in the study of human culture. Simply put, 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 and an exchange of 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. For example, a lecture on the history of ballet in America would qualify as a humanities program, but a performance of *Swan Lake* would not.

Humanities scholar

A humanities scholar is a content specialist in a humanities discipline. Scholars have advanced educations (designated by M.A. or Ph.D. degrees) in the subject addressed in the program. Scholars can play many roles in a program, and may be involved in planning, lecturing, and/or evaluating.

Project director

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

Financial officer

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

Authorizing official

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

Cost-share

This term applies to other sources of support for the program, such as cash or in-kind donations (goods or services).