Who is providing funding for the Georgia Humanities CARES grants?
In late March 2020, Congress authorized emergency Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding to provide support for nonprofit humanities organizations that have been negatively impacted by the pandemic, and supplied these funds to the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH). In turn, the NEH allotted funding to the network of nonprofit state humanities councils to disburse these relief funds at the state level. Georgia Humanities is making funds available for operating support to nonprofit organizations offering humanities programming to Georgians.

Is the NEH making other funds available?
Yes. The NEH is offering additional CARES Act relief grants up to $300,000 through its NEH CARES: Cultural Organizations program. Find more information at the [NEH’s website](https://www.neh.gov/grants/help-covid-19-organized).

Who is eligible to receive Georgia Humanities CARES grants?
The CARES grants are meant to provide operating support to organizations that focus on providing humanities programming to the public and that have been adversely impacted by the COVID-19 crisis. Eligible organizations include:
- Civic organizations
- College and university units that support humanities programming for the public
- Government agency units that support humanities programming for the public
- Historic homes and sites
- Historic preservation and archaeological organizations
- Historical societies
- Libraries and archives
- Literary organizations
- Museums

Are arts groups eligible?
Although Georgia Humanities has previously awarded competitive grants to arts organizations to develop and implement humanities-based programming, the CARES funds are designated specifically for humanities organizations. We recommend arts organization look at [Georgia Council for the Arts’ website](https://www.gacac.org) for sources of funding for the arts.

If an organization has an open grant with Georgia Humanities, may it still apply for a CARES grant?
Yes.

Can we apply if we’ve never worked with Georgia Humanities before?
Yes. We welcome new applicants as well as those who have received support from us in the past.
How will the size of awards be determined?
Our reviewers will consider the size of the organization, based on annual operating budget; the severity of need as demonstrated by the organization’s application; and the strength of the organization’s humanities mission. Grants will be awarded in a range from $5,000 to $20,000.

If our organization receives loans from the SBA and PPP programs, or if we apply for funding from other sources, will that hurt our chances of receiving this grant?
No, although we will ask you to list on your application the other sources of funding you’ve already received or are seeking. Federal funds may not be used to cover expenses that are also covered by another funding source.

If our organization receives a grant, what can we use the funds for?
CARES Act grant funds are intended to provide assistance with operating costs, including but not limited to rent or mortgage payments, payroll, utility bills, and other payments that affect the viability of the organization.

Can we use Georgia Humanities CARES Act grants to support upcoming programs?
Georgia Humanities has designated CARES grants for general operating support. If your organization is seeking funding to develop and implement programming (such as exhibitions, speakers, reading/discussion programs, etc.), please apply for a Georgia Humanities programming grant during the fall 2020 or spring 2021 cycle. Learn more on the grants page of our website.