



GEORGIA HUMANITIES ARP GRANT GUIDELINES

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OVERVIEW

The purpose of Georgia Humanities ARP Grants is to help cultural organizations working in the humanities to prevent, prepare for, recover from, and respond to the coronavirus pandemic. Funds are intended to reach a diverse network of urban, rural, small, medium, and large nonprofit organizations whose primary work is humanities-based.

As part of the \$1.9 trillion American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Georgia Humanities and other state and regional humanities councils are distributing funding from the National Endowment for the Humanities. This legislation recognizes both the financial realities of the ongoing pandemic recovery and the vital importance of the humanities to economic and civic life.

Georgia Humanities will provide **up to \$20,000** in flexible funding to support the growth and recovery of the humanities in Georgia. This is an opportunity to reimagine, reinvent, and reenvision humanities work through planning, capacity building, and creative programming. Grants will be awarded for 1) **General Operations** and **Capacity Building**, and 2) **Program Support**.

IMPORTANT DATES

- October 1, 2021: Application period opens
- November 1, 2021: Applications are due by midnight
- November 30, 2021: Notifications of funding
- December 1, 2021: Grant period begins
- December 31, 2022: Grant period ends
- February 28, 2023: Final report due

ABOUT GEORGIA HUMANITIES

Georgia Humanities connects people and communities to encourage understanding and inspire hope. Founded in 1971, Georgia Humanities is an affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities. We are the only organization in Georgia providing statewide support of the humanities. In this role, we

share and support programming that engages all ages and backgrounds to explore what shapes us as individuals and binds us together as Georgians.

ELIGIBILITY

- Applicant organizations must serve and be based in Georgia
- Applicant must be: a U.S. nonprofit organization with an EIN; an accredited public or 501(c)(3) institution of higher education; or a state or local governmental agency
- Applicant must have a D-U-N-S® number
- College or university applicants must demonstrate engagement with the community and be focused on public-facing humanities programming beyond their campus
- Applicant must not have been federally suspended or debarred
- Applicants must not be delinquent on federal debt
- The following organizations are NOT ELIGIBLE:
 - Individuals
 - For-profit organizations
 - Religious, political, or advocacy organizations
 - Organizations serving only as fiscal agents or sponsors
 - Organizations whose mission falls outside of the humanities and the humanistic social sciences (including the creation or performance of art; creative writing, autobiographies, memoirs, and creative nonfiction; and quantitative social science research or policy studies) are not eligible to receive funding for general operating costs.

USE OF FUNDS

There is no matching or cost-share requirement tied to these funds.

Georgia Humanities ARP funds may support:

- Humanities programming
- General operating costs of humanities-focused organizations
- Strategic planning and capacity-building efforts related to preparing, responding to, and recovering from COVID
- Technical / consultant needs related to a digital transition or in support of preservation and access programs (equipment costs cannot exceed 20% of the award)
- Expansion, due to the effects of COVID, of outdoor and virtual humanities programming and engagement or similar activities to transition from traditional environments to those that are more accessible
- Equity assessments and planning related to COVID and the economic crisis.

Georgia Humanities ARP funds may NOT support:

- Unallowable expenses as defined in [2 CFR 200 Subpart E - Cost Principles](#)
- Overlapping project costs with any other pending or approved application(s) for federal funding and/or approved federal awards
- Funds for activities supported by other non-NEH federal funds
- Competitive regranting
- Cancellation costs
- Pre-award costs dating to before March 15, 2021
- Equipment costs in excess of 20% of total project costs
- Travel (both foreign and domestic)

- Construction, purchase of real property, major alteration and renovation
- Environmental sustainability
- Collections acquisition
- The preservation, organization, or description of materials that are not regularly accessible for research, education, or public programming
- Promotion of a particular political, religious, or ideological point of view
- Advocacy of a particular program of social or political action
- Support of specific public policies or legislation
- Lobbying
- Projects that fall outside of the humanities and the humanistic social sciences

WHAT ARE THE HUMANITIES?

The term *humanities* includes, but is not limited to, the study and interpretation of the following: **language**, both modern and classical; **linguistics**; **literature**; **history**; **jurisprudence**; **philosophy**; **archaeology**; **comparative religion**; **ethics**; the **history, criticism, and theory of the arts**; those aspects of the **social sciences which have humanistic content** and employ humanistic methods; and the **study and application of the humanities to the human environment** with particular attention to reflecting our **diverse heritage, traditions, and history** and to the relevance of the humanities to the current conditions of national life.

PRIORITIES

- Georgia Humanities strives to distribute funding equitably around the state
- Georgia Humanities will prioritize support to organizations that:
 - serve and are led by members of communities traditionally under-resourced in the humanities (examples include historically black colleges or universities, and organizations serving Hispanic/Latinx or rural audiences)
 - promote diversity and inclusion in humanities programming

HOW TO APPLY

- Preview the application at georgiahumanities.org; gather required information
- Register and complete a grant application in the Georgia Humanities grant portal. You may save and edit the application.
- Your organization must have an active D-U-N-S® number in order to receive funds. If you do not have or know your D-U-N-S® number, visit the [D-U-N-S® website](#). A new request may take up to two weeks to complete; therefore, we encourage you to apply now.

REVIEW PROCESS

- Georgia Humanities staff members will review submitted materials for eligibility and completeness before passing applications along to a grant review committee.
- The grant review committee is composed of Georgia Humanities board members, staff members, and outside humanities evaluators.
- Awards will be made on a competitive basis, balancing applicants' demonstration of negative impacts due to the pandemic; humanities mission; quality, feasibility, relevance and responsiveness of programming or of proposed project, if applicable; audiences served; and geographic distribution. The grant review committee may also consider applicants' past performance with Georgia Humanities grants.

- Applicants will be notified of the grant review committee’s decision via email by **November 30, 2021**.

GRANTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

- Sign and complete a grant agreement and other paperwork
- Provide details on funded activities and confirm how you’ll use your grant
- Document expenditures; expend the grant award by December 31, 2022. *(Please note: Georgia Humanities CANNOT grant extensions for ARP awards.)*
- Submit a final report by February 28, 2023, including a budget that details how the grant funds were allocated.
- Acknowledge Georgia Humanities in all pertinent digital and print communications, and anywhere that other funders are credited.
- Send a thank-you letter to your members of Congress.

SUPPORT

Check our FAQ document at georgiahumanities.org/grants. You may direct questions about Georgia Humanities ARP grants to Kelly Caudle, Vice President for Strategy & Programs, at kcaudle@georgiahumanities.org. Please include “ARP” in the subject line.