2021 COVID-19 Emergency Relief and Recovery Grants | Gen Ops

**APPLICATION**

**How did you learn of this funding opportunity?**

**Choices**
- Illinois Humanities newsletter/email
- Illinois Humanities website
- Illinois Humanities postcard
- Media ad
- Other

*If chosen "Other" above, please explain:*

*Character Limit: 250*

**Is your organization located in or outside of Cook County?**

**Choices**
- In Cook County
- Outside Cook County

This Gen Ops grant is specifically focused on public humanities organizations. These categories have been adapted from the Humanities Indicators project led by the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. Information on the Humanities Indicators project can be found here: [https://www.amacad.org/humanities-indicators](https://www.amacad.org/humanities-indicators)

- **Cultural and Ethnic Organization**: This category includes organizations dedicated to the study, preservation, and/or dissemination of the history and culture of ethnic groups. *Examples of past grantees in this category include: American Indian Center, Haitian American Museum, African American Museum of Southern Illinois, Ukrainian National Museum, etc.*

- **History Organizations**: This category includes historical societies (and their support organizations), historical preservation groups (and their support organizations), historic houses, folklore/folklife organizations, place-based learning organizations, cultural sustainability organizations, and other organizations with a historical focus. *Examples of past grantees in this category include: Bronzeville Historical Society, Bishop Hill Historic Site, Company of Folk, 1820 Col. Benjamin Stephenson House, etc.*
- **Humanities Museums:** This category includes organizations that acquire, preserve, research, exhibit, and provide for the educational use of works of art or objects/artifacts that are related to the study of humanities content.
  
  *Examples of past grantees in this category include: Katherine Dunham Centers for Arts and Humanities, Ray Bradbury Experience Museum, American Writers Museum, Atlanta Public Library and Museum, Alton Museum of History and Art, etc.*

- **Literature Organizations:** This category includes organizations that promote the study or appreciation of books and/or literature.
  
  *Examples of past grantees in this category include: Guild Literary Complex, 826CHI, Chicago Books to Women in Prison, Literature for All of Us, etc.*

- **Humanities Education:** Organizations that offer classes, seminar, and workshops in the humanities (which include but are not limited to literature, languages, history, philosophy, religious studies, art history, and interdisciplinary humanities programs – like ethnic studies, gender and sexuality studies, and American studies).
  
  *Examples of past grantees in this category include: Prison + Neighborhood Arts Project, Chicago Freedom School, Chicago Humanities Festival, etc.*

- **Media, Journalism, and Documentary Organizations:** Organizations that are committed to covering humanities themes and/or telling the stories, happenings, and histories of communities that are informed by the members of those communities, challenge predominant narratives, and/or nurture critical analysis of media.
  
  *Examples of past grantees in this category include: 60 Inches from Center, South Side Weekly, Urbana-Champaign Independent Media Center, Kartemquin Educational Films, etc.*

- **Libraries and Archives:** These organizations include operating libraries and archives (excluding those that are purely science- and medicine-focused). Combination museum-libraries can be treated as museums or libraries.
  
  *Examples of past grantees in this category include: Lithuanian Archives Project, Rebuild Foundation, Read/Write Library, Chillicothe Public Library, etc.*

- **Consortiums, alliances, collectives of above-named groups.**
  
  *Examples of past grantees in this category include: Chicago Cultural Alliance, Landmarks Illinois, Illinois Association of Museums, etc.*

If you are a humanities organization, but do NOT fit into any of the above classifications, please contact Mark Hallett at mark.hallett@ilhumanities.org, so that we can discuss your organization
type and whether you will qualify for a general operating grant or should apply for a humanities program grant.

**Which humanities category best describes your organization?**
If none, then you are not eligible for a general operating grant and will need to apply for a humanities program grant.

**Choices**
- Cultural and Ethnic Organizations
- History Organizations
- Humanities Museums
- Literature Organizations
- Humanities Education
- Media, Journalism, and Documentary Organizations
- Libraries and Archives
- Consortiums, alliances, collectives of above-named groups

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**ORGANIZATION**

**What is your organization’s DUNS Number?**
You do not need a Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number to apply, however, one is required to receive funding. Please visit grant.gov to request a free DUNS number, if you do not have one.

Character Limit: 50

**What is your organization’s annual operating budget?**

Character Limit: 20

**What is your organization’s mission?**
Character Limit: 1250

**What year was your organization founded?**
Character Limit: 250

**What are your top three leading programs in 2021?**
Please provide the names of the programs and 1-2 sentence descriptions each.
Character Limit: 5000

**Who does your organization serve?**
Select all that apply.

**Choices**
- All Ages
- All Ethnicities and Races
- American Indian or Alaska Native
Artists, Collectors, Etc.
Asian
Black or African American
Business/Corporate
Community Leaders
Court-Involved/Incarcerated
Faith Leaders
Folklorists
General Audience
Government Employees
Guardian/parents
Health Care Workers
Hispanic or Latinx
Immigrant/Refugee
Labor Group/Blue Collar
LGBTQIA
Low Income/Working Poor
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
Policy Makers
Post-secondary | College
Post-secondary | Graduate
Returning Citizens/Formerly Incarcerated
Rural or Small Town
Scholars
Senior Citizens/Elders
Social Service Providers
Students/Youth | K-12
Teachers/Educators | K-12
Teachers/Educators | Post-Secondary
Towns & Villages
Urban
Veterans
White
Women
Working Class
Young Adults | 18-24
Other

If chosen "Other" above, please explain:
Character Limit: 250

To be more aware of our partner organizations, we’d like to ask a few questions about your organization’s demographics. The responses to the following questions will not influence your approval.

Please indicate the race/ethnicity of your executive director:
Character Limit: 250
Please indicate the gender of your executive director:*  
*Character Limit: 250

What percentage of your permanent staff is people of color:*  
*Character Limit: 20

Is your organization located in a rural community in Illinois:*  
Choices  
Yes  
No

Please upload a complete W-9 form on behalf of the organization:*  
*File Size Limit: 3 MB

Does your organization prioritize any of the following communities:*  
Check all that apply  
Choices  
Communities of color  
Communities highly impacted by mass incarceration  
Low-income individuals (defined as living at or below 150% of the Federal Poverty Guideline)  
Rural communities  
None of these communities

Please choose up to three disciplines that best describe your organization:*  
We recognize that the disciplines indicated here might not align exactly with how you identify. In such cases, please select the closest approximation(s).  
Choices  
African American/Black Studies  
American Studies  
Anthropology/Archaeology  
Architecture  
Art History & Criticism Studies  
Asian American Studies  
Classics  
Communications  
Comparative Religion/Religious Studies  
Cultural Anthropology  
Economics  
Ethnic Studies  
Film or Cinema Studies  
Folk Arts & Folklore  
Foreign Languages/Literature  
Gender & Women's Studies  
Geography  
Historical & Cultural
History
Interdisciplinary Studies
International Studies
Jurisprudence
Latin American Studies
Latina/x or Chicana/x Studies
LGBTQ/Queer/Sexuality Studies
Linguistics
Literature
Media/Journalism
Middle Eastern Studies
Philosophy
Political Science
Public Humanities
Sociology
Other

If chosen "Other" above, please explain:
Character Limit: 250

Will you be using a Fiscal Sponsor for this grant?*
Choices
Yes
No

FISCAL SPONSOR

Note: A Fiscal Sponsor is an established IRS 501c3 tax-exempt organization that agrees to accept donations on behalf of another group that does not have IRS tax-exempt status. The Fiscal Sponsor is different than the organization applying for the grant and proposing the project.

The following questions are about the Fiscal Sponsor; beyond this, when we say the applying Organization we are referring to the organization, program or individual that is applying to carry out this project, not the Fiscal Sponsor.

Fiscal Sponsor Name:*
Character Limit: 250

Fiscal Sponsor Address:*
Character Limit: 250

Fiscal Sponsor Contact Name:*
Character Limit: 250
**Fiscal Sponsor Contact Position/Title:**
*Character Limit: 250*

**Fiscal Sponsor Contact Email:**
*Character Limit: 254*

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**EMERGENCY FUNDING INFORMATION**

In what ways has your organization been affected by the economic impacts of the coronavirus?*

Select all that apply.

- **Lost Revenue:** Significant total projected revenue was lost because of canceled programs since March 2020.
- **Losing Space:** We have or are about to lose our space because we cannot make our monthly rent, mortgage, or utility payments.
- **Staff Layoff:** We have or are about to lay off one or more staff members because we cannot make payroll.
- **Risk of Permanent Closure:** We are considering or planning to permanently close our organization as a result of COVID-19.
- **Use of Savings/Reserve:** We had savings before COVID-19 and have had to spend some in order to meet expenses.

**Choices**

Lost Revenue  
Losing Space  
Staff Layoff  
Risk of Permanent Closure  
Use of Savings/Reserve  
Other  
None of the Above

If chosen "Other" above, please explain:
*Character Limit: 250*

How would you estimate the total financial impact on your organization of COVID-19?*

We recognize this is a tentative approximation. Please quantify your losses from the date first affected by the virus to the present (or the most up-to-date calculation of your financial losses so far).

*Character Limit: 1250*
What are your organization’s most urgent tech needs?
Given the opportunity, how would you spend $2,000 on technology?

Character Limit: 1250

How has the pandemic impacted your programs?*
How has it impacted your programs long-term and/or how has your organization adjusted?

Character Limit: 1250

How many audience members were not engaged as a direct result of COVID-19?
Please approximate the audience members.

Character Limit: 250

Additional Comment:
Is there any information we have not requested, but which you feel is important for Illinois Humanities to consider in evaluating your application?

Character Limit: 1250