Utah Humanities (UH) is honored to provide recovery funding to not-for-profit humanities and cultural organizations facing financial hardship as a result of COVID-19. Funding for these grants are provided by the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

Through these grants, Utah Humanities will award funding to humanities and cultural organizations in Utah to help them continue to advance their mission during the interruption of operations due to the coronavirus pandemic. In keeping with Congress’s intent in enacting the American Rescue Plan, applicants may propose new humanities projects or request general operating support to sustain core humanities programs and activities.

Funds are available to support a range of activities over a year-long period. UH especially encourages applications from underserved and minority-serving institutions and organizations.

**GENERAL QUESTIONS**

**Q:** What is the purpose of the ARP funding?
**A:** The primary purpose of ARP funding is to prevent, prepare for, respond to, and recover from the coronavirus.

**Q:** What kinds of activities can be supported with ARP funds?
**A:** A number of things:
- General operating support - only for organizations with a strong humanities mission.
- Humanities programming – for all Utah not-for-profit organizations.
- Strategic planning and capacity building efforts related to preparing, responding to, and recovering from the coronavirus.
- Technical/consultant needs related to a digital transition or in support of preservation and access programs (equipment costs can’t exceed 20% of the grant award).
- Expansion, due to the effects of the coronavirus, 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 coronavirus and the economic crisis.

**ELIGIBILITY**

**Q:** We don’t use the word “humanities” in our mission statement. Is that a problem?
**A:** No. To be eligible you must do a significant amount of humanities programming.

**Q:** How do I know if my organization is doing “significant” humanities programming?
**A:** Please describe your programming as requested in the application and make your case.

**Q:** My museum/library/historical society is attached to the city government, are we eligible?
**A:** Yes.
Q: We aren’t located in Utah, but we do some programming in Utah. Can we apply?
A: No. We are restricting Utah ARP funding to not-for-profit organizations physically located in Utah. Please check with your home state’s humanities council for information on their ARP funding.

Q: Is my organization eligible to apply if we also get funding from the Utah Division of Arts and Museums?
A: Yes.

Q: Is my organization eligible to apply if we received other financial assistance such as the Payroll Protection Program?
A: Yes.

Q: Are matching funds required?
A: No. The emergency relief grants do not require matching funds.

Q: Our organization’s mission falls outside the humanities. Are we eligible to apply for ARP funds?
A: You may apply for funding for specific humanities programming, but not for general operating support.

Q: Can individuals apply for ARP funds?
A: No.

Q: Does my organization need a SAM or ARP number in order to apply?
A: No, but you do need a DUNS number.

Q: Does my organization need a DUNS number in order to apply?
A: Yes. As required by federal guidelines, applicants must have a DUNS number in order to receive funds. Additional information can be found here.

Q: Doesn’t it take a long time to get a DUNS? What if we don’t get it in time?
A: It ordinarily takes 2 business days to receive a DUNS number. Applicants must have a valid DUNS number at the time that they submit their application.

Q: When do I have to apply?
A: Round two of applications open September 1, 2021 and close at 11:59 MDT on September 30, 2021.

Q: Can you send me an application form?
A: No. Because of the volume of applications and because UH staff are working remotely, all ARP applications must be completed and electronically. You can see a preview of all application questions on our website at www.utahhumanities.org.

Q: Do we have to pay the money back?
A: No.
Q: How much are the grants?
A: The maximum grant award is up to $20,000.

**NOTE:** awards will be made based on demonstrated need and the availability of funds. The amounts listed above are guidelines only and we may offer awards that are less than the maximum amounts.

Q: Can ARP grants be used for general operating support?
A: Yes. You will need to make the case that the humanities are a key focus of your organization’s mission.

Q: Can ARP grants be used for humanities projects?
A: Yes. You will be asked to describe the project and its humanities content.

Q: When will we find out if we receive a grant?
A: On or before November 1, 2021.

Q: Will there be a final report to fill out and when is it due?
A: Yes. It will be due on or before September 30, 2022.

Q: Who do I contact with additional questions?
A: grants@utahhumanities.org

### ELIGIBLE EXPENSES

Q: Why can’t the grant funds pay for travel?
A: In light of the coronavirus pandemic and as a matter of NEH policy, travel (both foreign and domestic) are not allowable expenses for ARP funds.

Q: Can we use funds to purchase equipment?
A: Yes, as long as equipment costs are no more than 20% of the total grant request.