Utah Humanities CARES Grant FAQ

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Utah Humanities (UH) is honored to provide rapid-response funding to not-for-profit humanities and cultural organizations facing financial hardship as a result of COVID-19. Funding for this grant is provided by the CARES Act and the National Endowment for the Humanities. Below are answers to frequently asked questions about this funding.

**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 CARES funding to not-for-profit organizations physically located in Utah. Please check with your home state’s humanities council for information on their CARES 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 are for general operating expenses only and do not require matching funds.

**APPLICATION**

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

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A: 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?

Q: Can you send me the application?
A: No. Because of the volume of applications and because UH staff are working remotely, all CARES applications must be submitted electronically.

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. The amount you apply for is based on your average annual operating budget for fiscal years 2018, 2019, and 2020.

• Less than $250,000, you may apply for up to $10,000
• Between $250,000 and $1,999,999, you may apply for up to $15,000
• $2 million or above, you may apply for 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: Do the grants need to be used for humanities projects?
A: No. The CARES Relief Grants are intended to aid not-for-profit organizations that are facing financial hardship due to COVID-19. Grants are for general operating expenses, such as salaries, rent, utilities, supplies, and equipment. Organizations seeking humanities project support should apply for a UH Quick Grant.

Q: When will we find out if we receive a grant?
A: June 1, 2020

Q: Will there be a final report to fill out and when is it due?
A: Yes. It will be due on or before October 31, 2020.

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