

Grants to Sustain and Advance the Work of Historical Organizations

Pre-Application Webinar

November 5, 2021



Agenda

- Introduction to AHA
- Overview: AHA Grants to Sustain and Advance the Work of Historical Organizations Program
- Eligibility and Criteria
- Submitting an Application
- Q&A (Please type questions in the Q&A Section rather than the Chat)



American Historical Association

- AHA advocates for the discipline, advances scholarship, teaching, and learning, and promotes the centrality of history in public life
- Founded in 1884 and Chartered by Congress in 1889
- 11,500 individual and 550 institutional members
- 21 staff

The American Rescue Plan: Humanities Grantmaking



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FOR THE
HUMANITIES

- Supported by the National Endowment for the Humanities program “Sustaining the Humanities through the American Rescue Plan (SHARP): Humanities Grantmaking for Organizations”
- One of 7 programs funded:
 - American Council of Learned Societies
 - American Historical Association
 - American Library Association
 - Association of Tribal Archives, Libraries, and Museums
 - National Trust For Historic Preservation
 - National Writing Project
 - Social Science Research Council
- <https://www.neh.gov/sharp/grantmaking>

A \$2.5 million funding program for small history-related organizations adversely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic

Solve Problems

Explore New Opportunities

AHA Grants to Sustain and Advance the Work of Historical Organizations

Purpose and Terms

- **Purpose:** To mobilize public resources for the promotion of historical work, historical thinking, and/or the presence of history in public life
- **Number of Awards:** Approximately 65
- **Award Amount:** Grants ranging from \$10,000 to \$75,000
- **Grant Period:** Not to exceed one year; May start as early as April 1, 2022, and must conclude by July 31, 2023

Organizations must have annual budgets of **\$750,000 or less** and fall into one of three categories:

- membership associations
- site- or location-based institutions, including online entities
- history and humanities departments at historically Black and tribally controlled colleges and universities (HBCUs and TCCUs)

Eligibility

Organizations that received American Rescue Plan funds directly from NEH (through the American Rescue Plan: Humanities Organizations program) are **NOT** eligible.

Organizations that received ARP funding through State Humanities Councils or CARES Act funding from the NEH or other agency **ARE** eligible provided there is no overlap between projects or activities.

Eligibility

Criteria

Addressing the Effects of the Covid Pandemic

- How well do the proposed activities address the challenges or opportunities created by the covid pandemic?

Impact and Sustainability of the Proposed Activities

- How effectively will this grant enhance the applicant's ability to promote historical work, historical thinking, and/or the presence of history in public life to its constituencies?
- Does the proposal make a strong case for the significance of the organization's work going forward?
- How effectively will the proposed activities enhance the ability of the grantee to do historical work that contributes to the interests of under-served populations?

Ability of the Applicant to Implement the Proposal

- Does the organization have the capacity to do what it proposes to do with the additional resources provided?

Submitting an Application

Application Deadline:
December 14, 2021

- Create a free account at historians.org/createaccount. AHA membership is NOT required to apply for or receive a SHARP Grant.

secure.historians.org/members/services/cgi-bin/memberdll.dll/OpenPage?wpr=customer_new.htm

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Create a Nonmember Account

Please enter the information requested below to create a nonmember record with the AHA. Note that to receive full access to the site, you must be a current member of the Association.

All fields marked * are required.

If you already have a record in our database, please use the [password reset form](#) or contact helpdesk@historians.org. (Historians listed in *Directory* departments or organizations are automatically added to the AHA database.)

Basic Information

Email *	<input type="text"/>
Password *	<input type="password"/>
Confirm Password *	<input type="password"/>
Prefix *	Select One... ▾
First Name *	<input type="text"/>
Middle Name	<input type="text"/>
Last Name *	<input type="text"/>
Suffix	Select One... ▾
Job Title	<input type="text"/>

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- Log into your MY AHA account at historians.org/myaha and click “Available Application Forms” in the AHA Awards, Grants, and Jobs section.

The screenshot shows the American Historical Association website. The URL is secure.historians.org/members/services/cgi-bin/memberdll.dll/info?wrp=mainloginwelcome.htm. The page features a dark blue header with the AHA logo and navigation links: JOIN, DONATE, AHA COMMUNITIES, MY AHA, COOKIES AND PRIVACY POLICY, WELCOME AHA TESTING, MYAHA, and LOG OUT. A search bar is located on the right. Below the header is a dark grey navigation bar with links: NEWS & ADVOCACY, PUBLICATIONS & DIRECTORIES, TEACHING & LEARNING, JOBS & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT, ANNUAL MEETING, AWARDS & GRANTS, and ABOUT AHA & MEMBERSHIP. The main content area is titled "MyAHA" and contains a pink notification box that reads: "Welcome AHA Testing! You are currently logged in as account announcements@historians.org. Your record number is 85076. Our records indicate that you are not currently an individual member. Join Now". Below the notification are two columns of links. The left column includes: Donate to the AHA (Make a Donation), My Personal Account (Update My Information, Update My Password, Update My Communication Preferences, Update My Profile Picture (best size: 240x240px), Transaction History, Make a Payment), and 2022 Annual Meeting, New Orleans (Register Now, Book My Hotel). The right column includes: Exhibitors (Reserve Exhibit Booths), AHA Awards, Grants, and Jobs (Available Application Forms, My Submitted Applications), and AHA Publications (Purchase Publications). The "Available Application Forms" link is highlighted with a red rectangular box.

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- Select the applicable grant based on your organization type and click Apply.

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The 'Awards - 6 available' section contains a table with the following data:

#	Award Name	Application Deadline	Award Date	Action
141	AHA Childcare Grants	11/15/2021	1/6/2022	<input type="button" value="Apply"/> <input type="button" value="Nominate"/>
162	AHA Council Annual Meeting Travel Grants	11/15/2021	1/6/2022	<input type="button" value="Apply"/> <input type="button" value="Nominate"/>
233	AHA-NEH SHARP Grants for Membership Associations	12/14/2021	3/1/2022	<input type="button" value="Apply"/> <input type="button" value="Nominate"/>
235	AHA-NEH SHARP Grants for HBCUs and TCCUs	12/14/2021	3/1/2022	<input type="button" value="Apply"/> <input type="button" value="Nominate"/>
236	Editor, Perspectives on History	11/1/2021	11/30/2021	<input type="button" value="Apply"/> <input type="button" value="Nominate"/>
234	AHA-NEH SHARP Grants for Site- or Location-Based Institutions	12/14/2021	3/1/2022	<input type="button" value="Apply"/> <input type="button" value="Nominate"/>

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- Fill in the application form, which includes your contact information.
- Upload an Application Packet. Please assemble the requested materials in advance and combine them into a single PDF.

secure.historians.org/members/services/cgi-bin/Awards.dll/appinfo?awardnum=233

(i.e. Perspectives, AHA website, Fortnightly News, Twitter, etc.)

3. Supporting Documents
Upload an Application Packet as a single PDF below. Include:

1. *Application Cover Sheet* ([click here](#) to download fillable form)
2. *Narrative* (3–6 pages total) that includes summary statement, impact of COVID-19, and description of proposed project
3. *Work Plan* (1 page)
4. *Resumes of Key Personnel* (up to 2 pages each)
5. *Project Budget* ([click here](#) to download and complete the Excel file and then convert to a PDF)
6. *Project Budget Justification* (1–2 pages)
7. *Indirect Costs Agreement* (if claiming indirect costs)

Additional letters of recommendation are NOT required.

Supporting Documents

You may submit the basic application form and upload Supporting Documents later by selecting My Submitted Applications.

Application Packet ▾ Choose File

Add Another Document

Letter(s) of Recommendation

If **required**, please provide the name and email address of the reference(s) that you would like to provide a letter of recommendation for the nominee. You may submit the basic application form and send letter requests later by selecting My Submitted Applications.

Reference Name

Reference Email

Add Another Recommendation

Complete Application

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Details about the items in the Application Packet can be found at historians.org/sharp-grants.

An Application Packet Should Include:

- Application Cover Sheet
- Narrative (3–6 pages total).
 - Summary Statement (1 page)
 - Impact of COVID-19 (1–2 pages).
 - Description of Proposed Project (1–3 pages)
- Work Plan (1 page)
- Resumes or Bios of Key Personnel. (2 pages each).
- Project Budget
- Project Budget Justification (1–2 pages).
- Indirect Costs Agreement (if claiming indirect costs).

Q&A

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AHA!

The logo features the word "AHA!" in a white, bold, sans-serif font. The letters are positioned on a dark blue background. A white horizontal line runs across the middle of the letters, with a vertical line extending downwards from the center of the "A" on the right. The background is split into a dark blue upper half and a teal lower half by a white curved line that starts from the left and curves towards the right.

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