



Arts & Humanities Grant Guidelines

The Arts & Humanities Grant program is offered jointly by the **Maine Arts Commission** (MAC) and the **Maine Humanities Council** (MHC). The program offers grants of **up to \$1000 to Maine non-profit organizations for public programs containing both arts and humanities components**. We are excited to support projects with rich content, participation from humanities content experts and collaborators from the arts, and robust support from partners in the community.

Funds

- Grants of up to \$1,000 for arts and humanities projects undertaken by non-profit organizations across Maine.
- A funding match or cost-share is required (1:1 match).
- Funds cannot be used to cover general operating expenses or for projects that promote a particular political, religious, or ideological point of view or discriminate against persons or groups.

MHC and MAC Priorities

- Intended to support Maine non-profit organizations to provide rich arts and humanities projects with broad public outreach that support and involve their communities.
- Organizations serving and/or led by members of communities traditionally under-resourced in the humanities are encouraged to apply.
 - These groups include people of color, people who identify as LGBTQ+, people who live in rural areas, people with disabilities, people who identify as immigrants or refugees, and people whose first (or only) language is not English. *(Please note that this is not an exhaustive list.)*
- It is the aim of the Maine Humanities Council and the Maine Arts Commission to maximize the impact of available funding.

Project Criteria

Proposals will be evaluated on their strength and clarity in the following areas:

- The project has well-developed, Maine based Arts and Humanities content, including:
 - A strong connection to Maine.
 - Guidance from humanities content experts and collaborators from the arts.
 - Project has a public facing component.
- A well thought out project plan and timeline.
- The project has broad impact and involves the community's input.
- The project budget includes a 1:1 match (in-kind and/or cash).

Eligibility

- 501(c)(3) organizations registered in Maine. Organizations without 501(c)(3) status are able to apply through a fiscal sponsor.
- Maine tribal organizations.
- Maine public libraries.

- Government agencies; universities, colleges, academic departments; public, private, or parochial schools; churches.
- Applicant is in good standing with MHC and MAC (no overdue reports).
- Not eligible: individuals; for-profit organizations; political or advocacy organizations.

Please note: Organizations can only be awarded one A&H grant per year.

Application Review

- Applications will be reviewed by a panel made up MHC and MAC staff.
- Applications will be evaluated based on the strength and clarity of the project 's alignment with the grant's stated criteria and MHC's and MAC's priorities.
- Grant notifications will be made within 8 weeks of final submission.

TO APPLY:

- You will complete the application in two parts:
 - You will create a budget using [this form](#).
 - [Complete your application](#) and upload your documents online.

Applications are due by midnight of the due date; you'll receive an automatic confirmation email once we receive your application.

We encourage you to contact any of us with questions!

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