

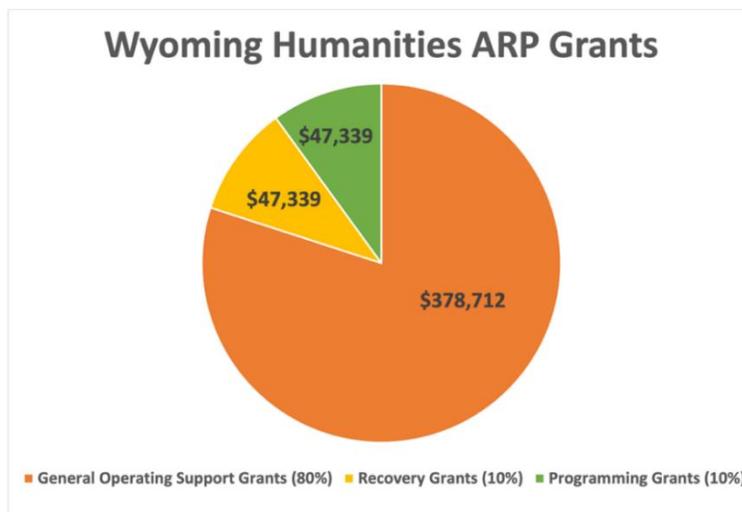


Wyoming Humanities American Rescue Plan (ARP) Grants Grant Overview

The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) received \$135 million in supplemental funding to assist humanities organizations and other cultural institutions affected by the coronavirus pandemic as part of the \$1.9 trillion [American Rescue Plan Act of 2021](#) (ARP) approved by the U.S. Congress and signed into law by President Joseph R. Biden in March 2021. Read the press release from the National Endowment for the Humanities [here](#).

Wyoming Humanities received \$591,737 in American Rescue Plan funds from the National Endowment for the Humanities. Eighty percent of these funds must be regranting. The balance of ARP funding to Wyoming Humanities is for its own administrative and programming costs. Wyoming Humanities has created three separate grant lines to award a total of \$473,390 in ARP funding to help sustain the public humanities in Wyoming consistent with the intent of the ARP appropriation to “prevent, prepare for, respond to, and recover from the coronavirus.”

Applications for all three grants will be available on July 15, 2021. There are three granting cycles for Wyoming Humanities ARP Grants. Deadlines for all application types are: August 15, 2021 and September 15, 2021 and October 15, 2021. Wyoming Humanities anticipates that funds will be available in each granting cycle. Applications will be screened by Wyoming Humanities staff to verify eligibility status. Wyoming Humanities Board Grants and Programs Committee members will review all eligible applications and make final decisions for awards. Award amounts will be based on the availability of funds. Applicants will be notified via email of the application award status two to four weeks after the respective deadline. All activities associated with grant awards will need to begin no later than January 1, 2022 and conclude no later than December 31, 2022.





Wyoming Humanities ARP General Operating Support Grants

Description: General operating support means that funding can be used for operational and salary support as identified by the applying organization: rent, administration, personnel, operating expenses, etc. However, it is important to note that there are some restrictions: organizations cannot use these funds for alcohol, lobbying, travel, or exclusively for equipment. Applicants will be asked to share how their organizations been adversely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Eligibility: The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) requires that eligibility be limited to U.S. nonprofit organizations (as reported to the IRS and with an existing EIN), accredited public and 501(c)(3) institutions of higher education (as defined in 20 U.S.C. 1001), state and local governmental agencies, and federally recognized Native American tribal governments. The NEH dictates that General Operating Support Grants are exclusively for humanities-focused organizations. A humanities-focused organization has a mission explicitly connected to the humanities and a history of specifically working in the humanities. Some examples of eligible organizations include cultural and ethnic organizations, history organizations, humanities museums, humanities education organizations, literature organizations, media, journalism, and documentary organizations, libraries, and archives, etc.

Some organizations may not be eligible for General Operating Support Grants but may be eligible for other Wyoming Humanities ARP Grants. Organizations that occasionally tackle or delve into humanities-based themes or projects or whose mission are not exclusively humanities-focused but have a history of humanities programming or conducting humanistic social sciences humanities (including the creation or performance of art; creative writing, autobiographies, memoirs, and creative nonfiction; and quantitative social science research or policy studies) are NOT eligible to receive funding for general operating costs under ARP awards, per NEH requirements.

Individuals, foreign, and for-profit entities are not eligible for any Wyoming Humanities ARP Grants.

If you are unclear whether an organization is considered a humanities-focused organization, contact Wyoming Humanities Director of Grants & Programs Chloé Flagg at chloe@thinkwy.org

Maximum Award Amounts: General Operating Support Grants will be awarded based on an organization's 2019 fiscal year budget:

Annual Operating Budget of \$0 – \$50,000 = Request Cap of \$5,000

Annual Operating Budget of \$50,001 – \$250,000 = Request Cap of \$7,500

Annual Operating Budget of \$250,001+ = Request Cap of \$10,000



Organizational budgets should only reflect the applying organization's budget, and not that of any overarching entities. For example a county library's agency budget should be used in the calculations, not the county government.

Cost Share Requirements: There are no cost share requirements for Wyoming Humanities ARP General Operating Support Grants.

Timeframe for activities: Activities must start no later than January 1, 2022 and conclude no later than December 31, 2022.

Anticipated number of grants: Wyoming Humanities anticipates awarding 30 to 50 General Operating Support Grants. The number of awards and award amounts will be determined by the availability of funds.



Wyoming Humanities ARP Programming Grants

Description: Not-for-profit organizations with programs or projects rooted in the humanities are eligible to apply for Wyoming Humanities ARP Programming Grants. Applicants will be asked to share how they have been adversely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, with focus on the program or project.

Eligibility: The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) requires that eligibility be limited to U.S. nonprofit organizations (as reported to the IRS and with an existing EIN), accredited public and 501(c)(3) institutions of higher education (as defined in 20 U.S.C. 1001), state and local governmental agencies, and federally recognized Native American tribal governments. Humanities-focused organizations and organizations that routinely conduct humanities programming are eligible for Wyoming Humanities ARP Programming Grants. Not-for-profit organizations (status other than 501(c)(3)) may apply with the support of a tax-exempt fiscal sponsor.

A humanities-focused organization has a mission explicitly connected to the humanities and a history of specifically working in the humanities. Some examples of eligible organizations include cultural and ethnic organizations, history organizations, humanities museums, humanities education organizations, literature organizations, media, journalism, and documentary organizations, libraries, and archives, etc.

In addition to humanities-focused organizations, organizations whose missions are not exclusively humanities focused but have a history of humanities programming or conducting humanities-centered social sciences may be eligible for humanities-focused programs under Wyoming Humanities ARP awards. Applying organizations will be asked to provide a history of humanities programming/projects and evidence of organization missions consistent with the Wyoming Humanities strategic values:

- enhancing the creative and cultural economy
- engaging communities to improve quality of life;
- raising cultural awareness to expand the Wyoming narrative;
- promoting civics and democracy; and,
- fostering critical thinking and lifelong learning.

Individuals, foreign, and for-profit entities are not eligible for any Wyoming Humanities ARP Grants.

Maximum Grant Award: The maximum grant award is \$5,000.



Cost Share Requirements: There are no cost share requirements for Wyoming Humanities ARP Grants. However, Wyoming Humanities encourages voluntary sharing of local cost-share data to help Wyoming Humanities achieve its own cost-share requirements.

Timeframe for activities: Activities must start no later than January 1, 2022 and conclude no later than December 31, 2022.

Anticipated number of grants: Wyoming Humanities anticipates awarding 10 to 20 Programming Grants. The number of awards and award amounts will be determined by the availability of funds.



Wyoming Humanities ARP Recovery Grants

Description: Not-for-profit organizations will only be considered if activities are directly related to preventing, preparing for, responding to, and recovering from the coronavirus. Those activities are limited to the following:

- Strategic planning and capacity building efforts (i.e., professional development/training, short and long-term planning, etc.)
- Technical and/or consultant needs related to a digital transition or in support of preservation and access programs
 - NOTE: equipment costs cannot exceed 20% of the award amount.
- Expansion, due to the effects of the coronavirus, of outdoor and virtual humanities programming and activities, from traditional environments to those that are more accessible.
- Equity assessments and planning related to coronavirus and the economic crisis.

Eligibility: The National Endowment for the Humanities requires that eligibility be limited to U.S. nonprofit organizations (as reported to the IRS and with an existing EIN), accredited public and 501(c)(3) institutions of higher education (as defined in 20 U.S.C. 1001), state and local governmental agencies, and federally recognized Native American tribal governments. Humanities-focused organizations and organizations that routinely conduct humanities programming are eligible for Wyoming Humanities ARP Recovery Grants. Not-for-profit organizations (status other than 501(c)(3)) may apply with the support of a tax-exempt fiscal sponsor.

A humanities-focused organization has a mission explicitly connected to the humanities and a history of specifically working in the humanities. Some examples of eligible organizations include cultural and ethnic organizations, history organizations, humanities museums, humanities education organizations, literature organizations, media, journalism, and documentary organizations, libraries, and archives, etc.

In addition to humanities-focused organizations, organizations whose missions are not exclusively humanities focused but have a history of humanities programming or conducting humanistic social sciences may be eligible for humanities-focused programs under Wyoming Humanities ARP awards. Applying organizations will be asked to provide a history of humanities programming/projects and evidence of organization missions consistent with the Wyoming Humanities strategic values:

- enhancing the creative and cultural economy
- engaging communities to improve quality of life;
- raising cultural awareness to expand the Wyoming narrative;
- promoting civics and democracy; and,
- fostering critical thinking and lifelong learning.



Individuals, foreign, and for-profit entities are not eligible for any Wyoming Humanities ARP Grants.

If you are unsure if your organization's mission or recovery effort falls within the eligibility requirements for a Recovery Grant, please contact the Wyoming Humanities Director of Grants and Programs, Chloé Flagg at chloe@thinkwy.org

Maximum Grant Award: The maximum grant award is \$5,000.

Cost Share Requirements: There are no cost share requirements for Wyoming Humanities ARP Grants. However, Wyoming Humanities encourages voluntary sharing of local cost-share data to help Wyoming Humanities achieve its own cost-share requirements.

Timeframe for activities: Activities must start no later than January 1, 2022 and conclude no later than December 31, 2022.

Anticipated number of grants: Wyoming Humanities anticipates awarding 10 to 20 Recovery Support Grants. Number of awards and award amounts will be determined by the availability of funds.