

American Rescue Plan: Humanities Grantmaking

American Library Association

I. Instructions

Through the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) American Rescue Plan: Humanities Grantmaking funding opportunity, the American Library Association (ALA) will provide libraries the support they need to reaffirm and strengthen their roles, post-pandemic, as vibrant centers of humanities learning, conversation, and connection. ALA is distributing \$2 million in subawards to up to 200 public, academic, school, tribal, prison, and special libraries, serving a broad range of communities across the U.S. Each recipient will receive \$10,000 to support humanities efforts.

Prior to beginning your library's application, please read the complete Project Guidelines.

This form must be submitted by the application deadline on December 2, 2021, at 11:59 PM CST

Project Name*

To begin, please answer the question below "Project Name" by typing the following in the response text box: **ARP**

Character Limit: 3

II. Project Director

Project Director

Note: The Project Director is the lead representative from your library and will be the primary point of contact.

Project Director First Name*

Character Limit: 250

Project Director Last Name*

Character Limit: 250

Project Director Email*

Character Limit: 250

Project Director Phone Number*

(10 digits, xxx-xxx-xxxx)

Character Limit: 250

Extension

Character Limit: 250

Project Director Title*

Character Limit: 250

Department

Character Limit: 250

Institution*

Character Limit: 250

Address 1*

Character Limit: 250

Address 2

Character Limit: 250

City*

Character Limit: 250

State/Territory*

Choices

Alabama
Alaska
Arizona
Arkansas
California
Colorado
Connecticut
Delaware
Florida
Georgia
Hawaii
Idaho
Illinois
Indiana
Iowa
Kansas
Kentucky
Louisiana
Maine
Maryland
Massachusetts
Michigan
Minnesota
Mississippi

Missouri
Montana
Nebraska
Nevada
New Hampshire
New Jersey
New Mexico
New York
North Carolina
North Dakota
Ohio
Oklahoma
Oregon
Pennsylvania
Rhode Island
South Carolina
South Dakota
Tennessee
Texas
Utah
Vermont
Virginia
Washington
West Virginia
Wisconsin
Wyoming
District of Columbia
Puerto Rico
Guam
American Samoa
U.S. Virgin Islands
Northern Mariana Islands

Zip Code*

(9 digits, xxxxx-xxxx)

Character Limit: 250

Website*

Character Limit: 250

III. The Library

Library Type*

Choices

Public Library (Single Branch)

Public Library (Multiple Branches)

Academic Library
Special Library
Prison Library
Tribal Library
School Library

Number of Branches in Your Library System*

(Enter N/A if not applicable)

Character Limit: 250

Total Service Area Population*

Character Limit: 100

Community Type*

Please select the option below that, in your opinion, best describes your community. Note that these are not precise definitions; we simply want a sense of your community.

Choices

City
City/Suburb
Suburb
Suburb/Rural
Rural
Other

Demographics*

Using the most recent U.S. Census and other data, briefly describe the demographics of the community served by the library (e.g. languages spoken other than English, unemployment rate, poverty rate, reduced lunch rate, etc.)

Character Limit: 500

Number of library cards issued in ACTIVE USE (if you are at a branch, from your specific location)?*

Character Limit: 250

Current overall library operating budget?*

Character Limit: 250

Has your library previously received American Rescue Plan funds from NEH?*

Organizations that have received American Rescue Plan funds directly from NEH (through the American Rescue Plan: Humanities Organizations program) are not eligible to apply for funding through ALA's American Rescue Plan: Humanities Grants for Libraries program.

Choices

Yes
No
I don't know

How did you learn about this opportunity?*

This information will help us understand how our marketing efforts are working. Please check all that apply.

Choices

- Received a mailer
- Received an email
- Advertisement (please specify source below, if known)
- ALA website
- Programming Librarian website or e-newsletter
- Listserv/online discussion list
- News article/press release (please specify source below, if known)
- Social media
- Programming Librarian Facebook group
- Word of mouth

Other Source (please specify below)

Character Limit: 250

IV. Proposal Narrative

Please note that each narrative section may not exceed 5,000 characters (apx 700 words).

Community*

Describe your library and the community it serves, including demographics, dynamics, and key issues or challenges it faces. What should reviewers know about your library and community in order to understand your proposal?

Character Limit: 5000

Impact of the Pandemic*

Describe your library's humanities efforts before, during, and after the COVID-19 pandemic. How has the pandemic and related events (e.g., library closures, budget cuts, resource re-allocations, layoffs, furloughs) impacted your library's humanities efforts?

Character Limit: 5000

Budget*

Describe how you will use the American Rescue Plan funds to support your library's humanities functions. Please be specific. The total amount of your proposed budget plan should add up to \$10,000.

Character Limit: 5000

Target Audience and Outcomes*

Describe your target audience for this grant. What outcomes/impacts do you anticipate the grant having on your target audience? How will you measure those outcomes/impacts?

Character Limit: 5000

EDIA (Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Accessibility)*

How does your library currently prioritize equity, diversity, inclusion, and accessibility? How will the requested funding help your library reach under-represented groups, historically marginalized audiences, or members of your community that your library has not reached previously?

Character Limit: 5000

V. Uploads Section

Please upload supporting materials for your application in the applicable areas.

Letters of Support

Optional: Upload letters of support from partner organization(s), community leaders, and/or library administration.

File Size Limit: 10 MB

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VII. Certify Authorization

ALA is required by law to ask applicants to identify a certifying official who is authorized to submit applications for funding on behalf of the institution.

To complete this section, you must enter all of the requested information.

Certifying Official

Certifying Official First Name*

Character Limit: 250

Certifying Official Last Name*

Character Limit: 250

Certifying Official Title*

Character Limit: 250

Certifying Official Institution*

Character Limit: 250

Certifying Official Email Address*

Character Limit: 250

Certification*

By checking this box and submitting this application, the authorized representative for the applicant organization certifies that all statements contained herein are true and correct to the best of their knowledge and belief; and that the applicant organization (including, when pertinent, each additional library branch on whose behalf it is applying) is neither presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, nor voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any federal department or agency.

Choices

I Agree

You can check the status of your institution with regard to debarment at the website of the System for Award Management.