

## **Frequently Asked Questions – Currents Film: *Iron Sharpens Iron***

### **What are the humanities?**

When Congress established the National Endowment for the Humanities, and subsequently state and territorial councils like the LEH, it defined the humanities to include the following disciplines:

- History
- Philosophy
- Literature
- Foreign languages (classical and modern)
- Linguistics
- Comparative religion
- Ethics
- Archaeology
- Jurisprudence
- Art history
- Theory and criticism
- Philosophical and historical approaches to social sciences

These fields are differentiated from the quantitative social sciences and the arts (visual, performing, or creative). However, the social sciences and the arts can interface with the humanities in terms of method or content. For example, political theory and cultural anthropology and geography are considered humanities disciplines. So are folklore and certain interdisciplinary fields such as American, ethnic, and women's studies.

### **Is nonprofit status a condition of funding?**

Organizations eligible to receive Currents Film funds are humanities-based organizations operating within the sixty-four parishes of Louisiana. Organizations must be nonprofits with 501(c)(3) status; public-facing organizations operating within accredited institutions of higher learning; state and local government agencies; or state and federally recognized Native American tribal governments in Louisiana. Organizations reaching underserved populations are particularly encouraged to apply.

### **What costs are eligible for Currents Film funds?**

Allowable costs must fall under the below categories:

- site coordination
- facilitator honoraria
- A/V needs
- program publicity

### **How are grant applications evaluated?**

Grant review committees review all grant applications submitted through the LEH online application portal. The online application closes at 11:59 p.m. on the day of the specified

deadline. Late applications will not be accepted or reviewed. No exceptions are made. The Currents Film committee approves or rejects applications based on the following criteria:

- Organization's record of humanities-based programming
- Community Impact
- Geographic location\*
- Letters of Support
- Project Timeline

*\*LEH aims to reach all areas of the state and support organizations of all sizes with a particular focus on reaching underserved communities.*

**What final reports and evaluation are required for funded projects?**

All grants require submission of a project director's final report at the end of the project period of performance. *Grantees should refer to the specific reporting requirements specified in their award agreement for detailed instructions on what to include.*