

2025 Emergency Readiness Grants

Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities

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The Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities (LEH), with the support of the State of Louisiana, is offering grant opportunities to support cultural organizations in ongoing efforts to mitigate previous impacts from emergency events and prepare for future threats.

Purpose: Natural disasters, like hurricanes and floods, and a range of other types of emergency events pose serious threats to Louisiana’s critical cultural infrastructure. The Emergency Readiness Grant will help organizations better prepare for and respond to potential threats, reducing vulnerability and putting in place clear and current strategies for mitigating the effects of future emergencies.

Humanities-based organizations within the 64 parishes of Louisiana are eligible to apply. Organizations must be a nonprofit with 501(c)(3) status, public-facing organizations operating with accredited institutions of higher learning, state and local government agencies, or state or federally recognized Native American tribal governments in Louisiana. Organizations reaching underserved populations are particularly encouraged to apply.

I. Sponsoring Organization Information (13 Questions)

Sponsoring Organization*

Please enter the name of the sponsoring organization. This should be the legal name of the organization to which grant payment will be made, if awarded.

Character Limit: 150

Organization Type*

Please select from the drop-down list the category that best describes the applicant organization.

Choices

- Archive
- Arts-related Organization (including art museums)
- Community Organization or Center
- Cultural Heritage Organization
- Festival
- Foundation
- Government - State or Local
- Higher Ed - Four-year College
- Higher Ed - Two-year College

Higher Ed – Affiliates (Press, radio station, archive, library, etc.)
 Historical Site/House
 Historical Society
 Incarceration or Detention Facility
 Independent Research Library and Center
 Indigenous Tribal Organization or Community
 K–12 School or School System
 Media Organization
 Membership Organization or Association
 Museum – History
 Museum - Other
 Nature Center/Botanical Garden/Arboretum
 Other
 Public Library
 Social Services or Health Organizations
 State or National Park

Org. Type - Other

If you answered "Other" to the previous question, please use this field to clarify:

Character Limit: 200

Sponsoring Organization History*

Provide a concise history of the sponsoring organization, including its **mission, staff size, and history of humanities programming**. This field is your opportunity to highlight exactly how your organization facilitates public access to humanities content.

The term “humanities” includes, but is not limited to, the study and interpretation of the following: language, both modern and classical; linguistics; literature; history; jurisprudence; philosophy; archaeology; comparative religion; ethics; the history, criticism and theory of the arts; those aspects of the social sciences which have humanistic content and employ humanistic methods; and the study and application of the humanities to the human environment with particular attention to reflecting our diverse heritage, traditions, and history and to the relevance of the humanities to the current conditions of national life.

Character Limit: 2500

Estimated Annual Audience*

How many people does your organization reach from virtual and in-person programming each year?

Character Limit: 250

Organization's Annual Operating Budget*

Character Limit: 20

Authorizing Official Name*

Please enter the name of the Authorizing Official for your organization. This person must be authorized to sign grant agreements.

Character Limit: 100

Authorizing Official Email Address*

Character Limit: 100

Nonprofit Status*

Is the sponsoring organization a nonprofit organization?

Choices

Yes

No

Proof of Status*

If sponsoring agent is a **nonprofit organization**, upload a copy of the organization's **IRS determination letter**. If a new organization, upload a letter of application for nonprofit status.

501(c)(3) tax-exempt status, public-facing organizations operating within accredited public and 501(c)(3) institutions of higher education, state and local governmental agencies, and state or federally recognized Native American tribal governments are eligible to receive state funds.

If sponsoring organization is a **public library or similar**, upload a copy of the organization's tax exemption certificate (**form R-1056**).

Please upload file type pdf.

File Size Limit: 1 MB

Tax ID Number*

Please provide your organization's tax ID number.

Character Limit: 250

Guidance: SAM.gov Unique Entity Identifier (UEI)

All non profit entities seeking grants from the Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities must have a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) in SAM.gov. Put simply, a UEI is a validation that your entity is what you say it is: a unique organization with its own physical address.

If your entity does not have a UEI, you can apply for one easily here.

If you have questions about this requirement or process, please email Erin Voisin at voisin@leh.org.

SAM.gov Unique Entity Identifier*

Please enter the sponsoring organization's SAM.gov UEI number.

Character Limit: 50

Emergency Planning History*

Does the applicant organization currently have a written emergency plan in place or in development?

Choices

- Yes
- No

II. Location (5 Questions)

Parish*

Please select the Parish in which your organization is physically located.

Choices

- Acadia
- Allen
- Ascension
- Assumption
- Avoyelles
- Beauregard
- Bienville
- Bossier
- Caddo
- Calcasieu
- Caldwell
- Cameron
- Catahoula
- Claiborne
- Concordia
- DeSoto
- East Baton Rouge
- East Carroll
- East Feliciana
- Evangeline
- Franklin
- Grant
- Iberia
- Iberville
- Jackson
- Jefferson
- Jefferson Davis
- Lafayette
- Lafourche
- LaSalle
- Lincoln
- Livingston

Madison
Morehouse
Natchitoches
Orleans
Ouachita
Plaquemines
Pointe Coupee
Rapides
Red River
Richland
Sabine
St. Bernard
St. Charles
St. Helena
St. James
St. John the Baptist
St. Landry
St. Martin
St. Mary
St. Tammany
Tangipahoa
Tensas
Terrebonne
Union
Vermilion
Vernon
Washington
Webster
West Baton Rouge
West Carroll
West Feliciana
Winn

Region*

For LEH purposes, geographic regions are categorized as follows:

Northeast (Caldwell, East Carroll, Franklin, Madison, Morehouse, Ouachita, Richland, Tensas, Union, West Carroll Parishes)

Northwest (Bienville, Bossier, Caddo, Claiborne, DeSoto, Jackson, Lincoln, Natchitoches, Red River, Webster, Winn Parishes)

Central (Avoyelles, Catahoula, Concordia, Grant, LaSalle, Rapides, Sabine, Vernon Parishes)

Southeast (Ascension, Assumption, East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, Jefferson, Iberville, Lafourche, Livingston, Orleans, Plaquemines, Pointe Coupee, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. Helena, St. James, St. John the Baptist, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, Terrebonne, Washington, West Baton Rouge, West Feliciana Parishes)

Southwest (Acadia, Allen, Beauregard, Calcasieu, Cameron, Evangeline, Jefferson Davis, Iberia,

Lafayette, St. Landry, St. Martin, St. Mary, Vermilion Parishes)

Choices

- Northeast
- Northwest
- Central
- Southeast
- Southwest

U.S. Congressional District*

For the sponsoring organization's physical address. You can locate who your district's representative is here.

Choices

- U. S. Congressional District 1
- U. S. Congressional District 2
- U. S. Congressional District 3
- U. S. Congressional District 4
- U. S. Congressional District 5
- U. S. Congressional District 6

LA House District*

For the sponsoring organization's physical address. Visit the website of the Louisiana Legislature to identify the appropriate district of your state representative.

Choices

- LA House District 1
- LA House District 2
- LA House District 3
- LA House District 4
- LA House District 5
- LA House District 6
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- LA House District 8
- LA House District 9
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- LA House District 105

LA Senate District*

For the sponsoring organization's physical address. Visit the website of the Louisiana Legislature to identify the appropriate district of your state senator.

Choices

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III. Project Description (5 Questions)

Guidance: Allowable costs must clearly and directly support emergency mitigation and preparedness activities that will reduce the effects of past or future natural disaster damage. Examples include (but are not limited to):

- Hire consultants to develop, update or guide grantee staff in developing written emergency plans
- Underwrite staff time to create, update, and implement written emergency plans;
- Support staff training, such as workshops or other professional development opportunities, directly related to emergency planning;
- Coverage or partial coverage of insurance storm deductible;

- IT support to underwrite moving servers and other local systems vulnerable to onsite flooding to the cloud;
- Physical repairs or improvements that reduce vulnerability.

Allowable expenses must occur within the period of performance specified in the grant. The one-year period of performance may begin as late as 45 days from the date the award is made.

Project Name*

Use the following format: "Applicant Org Name: 2025 ERG"

Character Limit: 250

Project Director*

Please enter the name of the project director. This person will be responsible for managing or delegating all grant-related activities.

Character Limit: 150

Project Director Email Address*

Character Limit: 100

Project Director Primary Phone Number*

Character Limit: 20

Impact Statement*

Please describe how the support received through this grant will assist your organization in preparing for and responding to past or potential future emergency events and better allow you to fulfill your mission.

(2,500 characters maximum length).

Character Limit: 2500

IV. Budget (4 Questions)

Requested Amount*

Please provide the amount of funds being requested from LEH. This grant request is limited to **no more than \$10,000**. The grant committee may award less than the amount requested dependent on availability of funds.

Character Limit: 20

Budget*

Please upload a completed LEH budget form. [Click here to download the form.](#)

Your budget should demonstrate how the grant funds will be used. All expenses must occur

within the period of performance.

Please note: If your organization does not currently have an emergency plan in place or in development, a portion of the proposed budget should be allocated to plan development.

File Size Limit: 5 MB

Direct Personnel Support Estimate*

If your proposed budget will provide direct support for staff time, please indicate how many individuals will be supported by grant funds. If none, please enter 0.

Character Limit: 20

Hurricane Francine*

Are any of the costs included in your proposed budget a result of impact or damage related to Hurricane Francine?

Choices

Yes

No

Budget Narrative (1-page limit)*

You can access a sample budget narrative [here](#).

Your narrative should:

- List key project staff and consultants to be paid through this grant. Include name, role, and payment amount for each.
- Detail the costs you propose in each category on the LEH budget form.
- If applicable, distinguish between cash and in-kind cost share items.*
- Explain or justify any unclear costs in your budget form.

***NOTE: cost share is not required for this grant. If you choose to voluntarily include cost sharing, please identify type in the provided LEH budget form.**

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Optional - Hurricane Francine Impact

Hurricane Francine Impact

Please enter the total amount of costs in your proposed budget that are a direct result of Hurricane Francine.

Character Limit: 20

Hurricane Francine Impact Narrative

Please include a brief description of the impact of Hurricane Francine on your organization.

Character Limit: 1500

V. Grant Opportunity Awareness (1 Question)

Grant Opportunity Awareness*

How did you hear about this grant opportunity? Please select one or more of the following as applicable. If you select "Other" please explain below.

Choices

64 Parishes Magazine
 Email from Grants Program Officer
 LEH Newsletter
 News Media Outlet
 Website
 Organization Newsletter or Email (Other than LEH)
 Legislators
 Word of Mouth
 Professional Development
 From Previous Applicants
 Through Grant Search Tools
 Other

Other, please describe

If you selected other for the previous question, please describe in a few words below.

Character Limit: 200

VI. Acknowledgement of Grantee Obligations (Signature)

Please note: By submitting this application you agree to being contacted for current and future LEH grant-affiliated outreach.

Electronic Signature*

The applicant organization assumes all responsibilities as grantee and may not operate simply as the fiscal agent for the project. In signing and submitting a Grant application, the authorizing official certifies that the applicant organization will ensure that the acceptance paperwork and required reports are submitted on time and will comply with the certifications listed below.

LEH is required to ask each applicant for certification of compliance with nondiscrimination statutes, debarment, and suspension. By signing and submitting this form, the organization's authorizing official is providing these certifications.

Character Limit: 100

Nondiscrimination Statutes and Regulations:

- (a.) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000 et seq.), which provides that no person shall, on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity for which the applicant received federal financial assistance;
- (b.) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. 794), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicap in programs and activities receiving federal financial assistance;
- (c.) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended (20 U.S.C. 1681 et seq.), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in education programs and activities receiving federal financial assistance;
- (d.) The Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. 6106 et seq.), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age in programs and activities receiving federal financial assistance, except that actions which reasonably take age into account as a factor necessary for the normal operation or achievement of any statutory objective of the project or activity shall not violate this statute; and
- (e.) The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990.

Certification regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility, and Voluntary Exclusion (45 CFR 1169):

- (a.) The applicant organization certifies, by submission of this proposal, that neither it nor its principals are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any federal department or agency;
- (b.) Where the applicant is unable to certify to any of the statements in the certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.