



## 2025 Louisiana Culture Care Fund Grants

The Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities (LEH), with the support of the State of Louisiana, is offering grants to cover general operating expenses for humanities-based organizations operating within the sixty-four parishes of Louisiana. The application opens on December 10, 2024, and will close on January 21, 2025, at 11:59 p.m.

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 or federally recognized Native American tribal governments in Louisiana. Organizations reaching underserved populations are particularly encouraged to apply, but applications are welcome regardless of an organization's size, audience, and location.

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.

**A grant of \$5,000, \$10,000, or \$15,000 will be awarded to successful applicants.** Award amounts are dependent on organizational annual operating budget categories as follows:

- **less than \$100,000:** awards of \$5,000
- **\$100,000-\$999,999:** awards of \$10,000
- **\$1 million or more:** awards of \$15,000

Allowable costs must clearly support general operating expenses in one or more of the following categories. ***Cost-sharing is not required for this grant.*** Eligible operating expenses include (but are not limited to):

### **Strategic Planning**

- Hiring consultants
- Staff time
- Professional development or training
- Space rental

### **Sustaining Operations**

- staff retention (salaries, wages, and benefits)
- rent
- insurance
- mortgage
- utilities



## Capacity Building

- Hiring staff or contracting consultants
- Professional development or training

**Programmatic expenses are not eligible under this grant stream.** Applicants seeking support for programmatic expenses should apply to the Rebirth Grant opportunity (opening in February). 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.

Requirements and supporting documentation:

- All applicants must submit their **federal tax identification/EIN number**.
- All applicants must submit their **Unique Entity Identifier (UEI)**. For further information on this component, please visit [SAM.gov UEI](https://sam.gov/uei).
- Nonprofits must submit copies of their **form 990** and **IRS determination letter**.

All Louisiana Culture Care Fund Grant applications will be subject to the same review process based on the following criteria:

- Organization's record of humanities-based programming
- Alignment with approved use of funds
- Geographic location (organization must be in one of Louisiana's sixty-four parishes)\*
- Organization impact and reach\*
- Organizations who have never received an LCCF Grant will be given priority consideration. Previous recipients are still encouraged to apply.

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

Feel free to [register](#) for one of the two virtual Q&A sessions. Sessions will be open to registrants for one hour. You are welcome to join at your convenience.

**Tuesday, December 17, at 2 p.m.**

**Thursday, January 9, at 11 a.m.**

**Links to Application Resources:**

[VIDEO GUIDANCE](#)

[SAMPLE APPLICATION](#)

[CHECKLIST](#)

[REVIEWER CRITERIA](#)

[FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS \(FAQs\)](#)

[SAMPLE AWARD AGREEMENT](#)

If you have questions about 2025 Louisiana Culture Care Fund Grants or would like to set up a virtual meeting, we encourage you to contact Director of Grants Erin Voisin at [voisin@leh.org](mailto:voisin@leh.org).

