2025 Rebirth Grant Application

Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities

2025 Rebirth Grant Overview

LEH Rebirth Grants support programmatic initiatives focused on the humanities. Eligible projects include public humanities programs that involve audience participation and discussion; documentary photography, podcast, and radio projects; humanities-based festivals and exhibition development; digital humanities projects including websites and online documentation of Louisiana history and culture; speaker series; assistance with publication projects and humanities-based educational initiatives; and more.

Sponsoring Organizations must be a nonprofit with 501(c)(3) status, public-facing organizations operatingwith 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.

Application Timeline

- Applications for 2025 Rebirth Grants will be open February 25, 2025 - April 8, 2025. *The application will close at 11:59 pm on April 8, 2025.*

- Rebirth project activities should occur between September 1, 2025, and October 31, 2026.

Award Amounts

- Grant awards range from $1,000 to $5,000.

- All Rebirth Grant applicants must demonstrate matching cost share in cash or in kind.

The LEH will sometimes award partial amounts, i.e. less than the amount requested in the application. In these instances, the LEH will confirm with the applicant that the project is still viable with the reduced amount.

Resources

- Download a budget how-to **here.**

- Watch a Rebirth Grant Overview video **here.**

- Sign up for a Rebirth Q&A session **here.**

The character limit includes spaces. It may be helpful to consider the character limit in relation to a word and/or page count.

The estimates below are based on a rough average of 6 characters per word.

10,000 characters = 1,600 words or 3.5 pages single-spaced
7,000 characters = 1,200 words or 2.5 pages single-spaced
5,000 characters = 800 words or 1.5 pages single-spaced
3,500 characters = 575 words or 1 page single-spaced
1,500 characters = 250 words or .5 page single-spaced
500 characters = 80 words
250 characters = 40 words

Sponsoring Organization (11 Questions)

Sponsoring Organization

Sponsoring Organization*

Please enter the name of the sponsoring organization.

Character Limit: 150

Organization Type*

Please select from the drop-down list the category that best describes the sponsoring 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

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. State and local government agencies without IRS determination letters should submit a form showing designation as a state agency.

File Size Limit: 1 MB

SAM.gov Unique Entity Identifier*

Put simply, a UEI is a validation that your entity is what you say it is: a unique organization with its own physical address.

Please confirm that your organization has been assigned a UEI at sam.gov.

Organizations that do not have a UEI from sam.gov are not eligible to be awarded NEH funds.

NOTE: Organizations are not required to register in sam.gov, but *only need to be assigned a UEI.*

Character Limit: 100

Parish*

Please enter the parish where the applicant agency is 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
St. Landry
St. Martin
St. Mary
St. Tammany
Tangipahoa
Tensas
Terrebonne
Union
Vermilion
Vernon
Washington
Webster
West Baton Rogue
West Carroll

West Feliciana
Winn
Out of State

Region*
For reporting 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, De Soto, Jackson, Lincoln, Natchitoches, RedRiver, Webster, Winn Parishes)

Central (Avoyelles, Catahoula, Concordia, Grant, La Salle, 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 BatonRouge, 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.

Choices
District 1
District 2
District 3
District 4
District 5
District 6

LA Senate District*
For the sponsoring organization's physical address. Visit the website of the Louisiana Legislature to identify the appropriate state senator.

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LA House District*

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

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Sponsoring Organization History*

Provide a concise history of the sponsoring organization. Include its mission and its most recent annual budget.

Character Limit: 2500

Project Description (12 Questions)

Project Name*

Name of Project

Character Limit: 200

Project Description*

Describe your project, including format(s), subject matter to be explored, and goals.

Character Limit: 1500

Project Abstract*

Please provide a condensed (2-3 sentence) description of your project.

Character Limit: 250

Humanities Content*

List the humanities disciplines used in your project.

Explain how will these humanities disciplines be used to address the important cultural topics in your community and throughout the state.

The National Endowment for the Humanities describes the term "humanities" as including, but 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 ofthe 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: 3000

Project Impact*

Why does your organization think the proposed project is important? How will this project impact your community? How will this project directly give your community access to the humanities?

Character Limit: 1500

Project Start Date*

The *start date* and *end date* should represent the full time-range of the project, including planning through project activities and wrap up. NOTE: LEH-funded project activities should begin no sooner than 9/1/25.

Character Limit: 10

Project End Date*

The *end date* should mark when project activities have been completed, grant funds have been fully expended, and the team is ready to report on project outcomes. Your final report will be due roughly 30 days from this date.

Character Limit: 10

Project Timetable*

Outline your project's ACTIVITIES and include a TIMETABLE noting **confirmed** or **tentative dates** and **places for specific events**.

Please format in the following way:

- 10/25/25: Project planning meeting with community partners (confirmed)
- 2/24/26: Public Lecture on Acadian Brown Cotton with Dr. Elana Smith @ Main Street Branch Library, 6:00pm (confirmed)
- 3/10/26: Reading and Discussion with journalist Tim Jones @ Main Street Museum, 6:00pm (tentative)
- 4/15/26: Project team assesses project strengths and challenges, finalizes all payments, prepares for reporting.

Character Limit: 3500

Project Deliverables*

Please list all *deliverables* to be produced as outputs of this proposal. A deliverable may be a physical item such as exhibition panels, an exhibition brochure, a published manuscript, or a virtual item such as a podcast, a website, or a public program posted online.

Character Limit: 1500

Internal Evaluation*

Please provide a plan for evaluating the outcomes of this project, including method and timeframe for evaluation. This may (but is not required to) include input from an external independent evaluator. Evaluation plans should identify project goals and methods of measuring goal attainment, and determining project success.

Character Limit: 1200

Independent Evaluation (Optional)

Please provide the name of an independent evaluator who can provide an objective assessment of your project using the standard LEH form. This person should not be formally affiliated with your organization and should have expertise in the subject matter presented in your project. This person is eligible to receive a stipend for their work. Please note confirmation of participation.

Character Limit: 5000

Sustainability*

Please state any plans to replicate this project in the future, and/or any related initiatives for the project director and sponsoring organization.

Character Limit: 2750

Project Team/Scholars (8 Questions)

Project Team

Project Director*

Please enter the name of the project director. The project director is the primary contact for all grant-related activities and is responsible for project implementation and reporting.

Character Limit: 150

Project Director Email Address*

Character Limit: 100

Project Director Primary Phone Number*

Character Limit: 20

Project Director's Resume*

File Size Limit: 2 MB

Authorizing Official*

In the event that the project is funded, please provide the name of the person at the sponsoring organization authorized to approve funds granted to the sponsoring organization (Director, CEO, Board Chair, etc.).

Character Limit: 100

Authorizing Official Email Address*

Character Limit: 100

Authorizing Official Phone Number*

Character Limit: 100

<u>Humanities Scholars</u>

Humanities Scholars*

All Rebirth proposals must have qualified humanities scholars attached to program development and implementation.

A scholar is defined as a person with a high level of knowledge and expertise in a humanities discipline. They may have an advanced degree, a record of publication, and/or work in a related field. PhDs are commonly attached to projects as scholars, but so are culture/tradition bearers and journalists. In short, the applicant will need to display to the review committee that this person has proven expertise in the subject matter being explored/presented in your project.

List any scholars who will contribute to the project and briefly describe their role in project development and/or implementation.

***Please mark your scholars as <u>Confirmed</u> or <u>Not Confirmed</u> and provide letters of confirmation from confirmed scholars.**

Character Limit: 3500

Scholar Resume 1
File Size Limit: 1 MB

Scholar Resume 2
File Size Limit: 1 MB

Scholar Resume 3
File Size Limit: 1 MB

Scholar Resume 4
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Partnerships and Outreach (5 Questions)

Partnerships*
If applicable, please note whether your organization is partnering with other organizations to either plan, promote, and/or implement this project.

Character Limit: 1500

Outreach*
How will you publicize the project to audiences? Please detail any public relations and/or social media strategies.

Character Limit: 1500

Social Media Tools*

Please list URL handles and audience size (followers, subscribers, etc.) for sponsoring organization's social media platforms, e.g., e-newsletter, Facebook, Twitter (X), Instagram, etc.

Character Limit: 1500

Estimated Audience*

How many people will the project reach?

Character Limit: 7

Target Audience*

The LEH is committed to maintaining a statewide impact and geographical considerations factor into each of these partnerships. Priority is given to projects that reach audiences in multiple parishes. Please estimate total audience size, projected demographics and location.

Character Limit: 2000

Budget (4 Questions)

Amount Requested*

Grant awards range from $1,000.00 to $5,000.00. The amount requested in this field should match the "Outright LEH Funds" column in your budget spreadsheet. The amount requested should be justified in your budget narrative. Please request no more than needed to execute project goals. *The grant committee may award less than the amount requested dependent on availability of funds.*

Character Limit: 20

Cost share*

Include cash and in-kind support for project. **Cost share must equal or exceed requested award amount.** Detailed information on the budget can be foundhere.

1. Cash Cost Share consists of actual monies committed to the project by the sponsor. For example, if salaried staff members are assigned to the project as part of their duties, the money used to pay their salaries during the period of the grant is considered to be a cash contribution to the project.

NOTE: Rebirth grants are funded through the NEH and the State of Louisiana. Rebirth projects that are awarded with NEH funds may not use other federal funds towards cost share. Additionally, projects that are funded through the State of Louisiana may not use other state funds towards cost share.

2. In-Kind Cost Share consists of those services, goods and/or facilities donated to the project.

Examples of in-kind contributions include volunteer time, donated supplies, use of equipment, and donated office space.

Character Limit: 20

Budget*

Please upload completed LEH budget form. Click here to download a blank budget form.

Once downloaded, fill out each applicable column, and re-upload below.

It is highly suggested that you read the LEH budget guidelines, available here, before drafting your budget.

File Size Limit: 1 MB

Budget Narrative*

Use this space to:

- List by name and function all key project staff, humanities scholars, independent evaluators, and consultants involved in your project; indicate payment and services for each.

- Itemize your budget within each category on the LEH Budget Summary, demonstrating unit cost.

- Distinguish between cash and in-kind cost share items.

- List any 3rd-party gifts, citing sources, and whether committed or pending, and amounts.

- Explain or justify any unclear line items in your budget form.

Character Limit: 3000

Letters of Support / Additional Documents (3 Questions)

Including letters of support and/or confirmation of participation from scholars, partners, community members, and others who can vouch for the quality of your work and speak to the potential impact of your project is highly recommended by the grant review committee.

Letters of Support / Confirmation

Please upload as one document any relative letters of support from partners and program scholars. Letters confirming participation of personnel should also be included here.

File Size Limit: 7 MB

Additional Support Documents

Use this space to upload *any additional information* you'd like the committee to review. If there were supplemental items that you weren't able to upload in other parts of the application, they can be uploaded here.

File Size Limit: 10 MB

Access to Application (1 of 2)**

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

Access to Application (2 of 2)

If you answered "Other" to the above question, please use this space to specify.

Character Limit: 100