

2026 Louisiana Culture Care Fund

Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities

Louisiana Culture Care Fund 2026 Grants Overview

The **Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities (LEH)**, with the support of the State of Louisiana, is offering **Louisiana Culture Care Fund (LCCF)** grants to cover general operating expenses for humanities-based organizations. Allowable costs must clearly support general operating expenses in one or more of the following categories: **(1) Strategic Planning, (2) Sustaining Operations, (3) Capacity Building.**

Eligibility: Organizations must be humanities-based nonprofits operating within the sixty-four parishes of Louisiana 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. Examples include: museums, historic sites, libraries, and archives, as well as the state's diverse array of humanities-focused media, festivals and more. Applications are welcome from across Louisiana regardless of an organization's size, audience, and location.

Definition: The NEH defines the humanities as including the fields of history, philosophy, literature, foreign languages, linguistics, comparative religion, ethics, archaeology, jurisprudence, art history, theory and criticism, and philosophical and historical approaches to social sciences. For more information about how the humanities are defined, visit neh.gov/about.

I. Organization Information (16 Questions)

Organization Name*

Name of Organization

Character Limit: 100

Type of Organization*

Select the description that best fits your 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 Organization
- State or National Park

Org. Type - Other

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

Character Limit: 250

Organization Summary*

Please provide a brief history of the organization, including its **mission, staff size, and history of humanities programming.**

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: 3000

Estimated Annual Audience*

On average, how many people does your organization reach from virtual and in-person programming each year?

Character Limit: 250

Organization's Annual Operating Budget*

Please list your annual general operating budget as reflected in your most recent form 990 (or equivalent).

Character Limit: 20

Authorizing Official*

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*

Character Limit: 250

Primary Contact*

This individual will be considered the primary contact for all grant communications and is responsible for completing all required materials, including a final report.

Character Limit: 250

Primary Contact Email*

Character Limit: 100

Primary Contact Phone Number*

Character Limit: 100

Organization Form 990 Upload*

Please upload your most recently filed Form 990. If your organization is not a 501(c)(3), please submit last IRS return.

File Size Limit: 2 MB

Proof of Nonprofit Status*

Please upload your organization's IRS determination letter or equivalent.

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 and federally recognized Native American tribal governments are eligible to receive state funds.

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

File Size Limit: 2 MB

Tax ID Number*

Please provide your organization's tax ID number.

Character Limit: 250

SAM.gov Unique Entity Identifier*

Please enter the applicant organization's SAM.gov UEI number. If you have applied for one, but have not yet received it, please enter **PENDING**.

All nonprofit 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 Wayne Dowdy at dowdy@leh.org.

Character Limit: 50

W-9 Form*

Successful applicants will need to be entered into the LEH accounting system. To expedite this process, please upload a completed W-9 form, available here.

File Size Limit: 2 MB

II. Location (5 Questions)

Parish*

Please select the parish where your organization 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 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, De Soto, Jackson, Lincoln, Natchitoches, Red River, 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 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*

Please list your organization's U.S. Congressional District. You can locate who your district's representative is here.

Choices

- District 1
- District 2
- District 3
- District 4
- District 5
- District 6

LA House District*

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

Choices

- LA House District 1
- LA House District 2
- LA House District 3
- LA House District 4
- LA House District 5
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- LA House District 7
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LA Senate District*

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III. General Operating Funds (6 Questions)

Project Name*

Please title the name of your project as follows, inserting your organization's name where indicated - **Name of Organization: LCCF 2026**

Character Limit: 100

Requested Amount*

Cost share is not required for LCCF grants. Award amounts will be based on an organization's annual operating budget. Select the appropriate award amount for your organization, based on the following annual operating budget criteria:

- Organizations with annual operating budgets under \$100,000 can request \$5,000.

- Organizations with annual operating budgets between \$100,000 and \$999,999 can request \$10,000.
- Organizations with annual operating budgets of \$1 million or greater can request \$15,000.

Choices

\$5,000

\$10,000

\$15,000

Operating Category*

Select one or more of the following categories for which funds will be used:

Choices

Strategic Planning

Sustaining Operations

Capacity Building

Use of Funds*

If awarded, how will your organization utilize the Louisiana Culture Care Fund Grant? Please check all that apply.

Choices

Hiring consultants

Professional development/training

Staff time/retention/hiring (salaries, wages, and benefits)

Rent

Insurance

Utilities

Other

If other, please explain.

Character Limit: 150

Existing Staff Support*

Will these funds be used to directly support **existing** staff salary and/or benefits?

Choices

Yes

No

Number of Existing Staff Supported Directly*

If so, how many **existing** staff will be supported by this funding? If not applicable, enter 0.

Character Limit: 20

New Staff Support*

Will these funds be used to directly support **new** staff salary and/or benefits?

Choices

Yes

No

Number of New Staff Supported Directly*

If so, how many **new** staff will be supported by this funding? If not applicable, enter 0.

Character Limit: 20

Indirect Staff Support*

Will these funds indirectly support staff retention (salary and/or benefits) by allowing funds to be shifted from other operating areas?

Choices

Yes

No

Number of Staff Supported Indirectly*

If so, how many staff will be **indirectly** supported by this funding? If not applicable, enter 0.

Character Limit: 20

Impact*

Please provide a brief statement describing how a Louisiana Culture Care Fund Grant will help your organization sustain the humanities in your community.

Character Limit: 500

Additional Comments

Please leave any additional comments for the review committee to consider in this space. If you have additional forms to upload, please do so here.

Character Limit: 2000 | File Size Limit: 4 MB

IV. Grant Opportunity Awareness (1 Question)**Access to Application***

From what source did you learn about this grant opportunity? (Select all that apply)

Choices

64 Parishes (Print or Digital)

Email from Grants Program Officer

From Previous Applicants

Legislators

LEH Newsletter

News Media Outlets

Organization Newsletter (Other than LEH)

Other (please specify in space provided)

Professional Development

Social Media

Through Grant Search Tools
Website
Word of Mouth

Access to Application

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

Character Limit: 100

V. Authorization and Certification

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: 250

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.