

SAMPLE PRESS RELEASE TEMPLATE for ENVISIONING JUSTICE GRANT ANNOUNCEMENT



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[INSERT YOUR ORGANIZATION'S NAME] Receives \$X from Illinois Humanities' Envisioning Justice Program for [INSERT YOUR PROJECT'S NAME or PROGRAM'S NAME]

The Program Will Advance [INSERT BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT'S PURPOSE]

[INSERT YOUR CITY], IL – [INSERT YOUR ORGANIZATION'S NAME] is proud to announce that it has received a grant of \$X from Illinois Humanities' Envisioning Justice program to support [INSERT YOUR PROJECT OR PROGRAM'S NAME].

[INSERT PARAGRAPH: DESCRIBE YOUR PROJECT OR PROGRAM IN GREATER DETAIL]

[INSERT PARAGRAPH: QUOTE FROM MEMBER OF YOUR STAFF OR BOARD ABOUT THE GRANT AND WHAT IT MEANS FOR YOUR ORGANIZATION]

[INSERT PARAGRAPH: ANY ADDITIONAL PROGRAM/PROJECT INFORMATION YOU WANT TO ADD]

“In this moment of continued duress for so many people in our state, Illinois Humanities is eager to help communities leverage the arts and humanities to grapple with--and imagine alternatives--to critical issues in their lives. One of the most acute issues impacting people is the role of the criminal justice system,” said Illinois Humanities Executive Director Gabrielle Lyon, PhD. “It is nearly impossible to truly understand and reimagine policies and systems--particularly those that cause great harm--without the humanities and the arts.”

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About [INSERT YOUR ORGANIZATION'S NAME]

[INSERT SIMPLE PARAGRAPH DESCRIBING YOUR ORGANIZATION & LISTING YOUR WEBSITE & SOCIAL MEDIA HANDLES]

About Illinois Humanities

Illinois Humanities activates the humanities through free public programs, grants, and educational opportunities that foster reflection, spark conversation, build community, and strengthen civic engagement. Illinois Humanities is a nonprofit organization and the state's affiliate for the National Endowment for the Humanities. Learn more at ilhumanities.org and on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and LinkedIn @ILHumanities.

About the Envisioning Justice Initiative

Envisioning Justice leverages the arts and humanities to envision alternatives to the enduring injustice of the status quo. An initiative of Illinois Humanities, we work with communities and people impacted by mass incarceration to spark conversation and find solutions to our racist and unjust carceral system. Learn more about the initiative at ilhumanities.org/envisioningjustice.