

Foreground Rural Initiative 2022 | Organization

Illinois Humanities

INITIAL QUESTIONS

Greetings! If you have selected this grant application, it is because you are working in a rural community in Illinois and have aspirations to do - or continue doing - work that harnesses the arts and humanities and other cultural work in community building. This grant application is for you if you are applying for a Rural Initiative Organization Grant; if you are applying as an individual, then choose the "Foreground Rural Initiative | Individual" application on the Apply page. We are eager to learn about you, and your goals and aspirations! Remember that you can take a break if you need to and return to the application later if you like. If you would rather do the application process as an interview, reach out to us right away (as we can only accommodate limited requests for this). For that or other questions, please reach out to Mark Hallett at mark.hallett@ilhumanities.org.

How did you learn of this grants opportunity?

Check all that apply:

Choices

Illinois Humanities newsletter
Illinois Humanities website
Illinois Humanities social media
Word of mouth

Another source:

Character Limit: 100

Is your organization located in a rural community in Illinois:*

Working definition of a 'rural' organization:

The adjective "rural" is notoriously difficult to define, and its usage varies widely from one context to another. For purposes of this initiative, Illinois Humanities proposes to consider an organization "rural" if it meets at least two of the following four criteria:

1. it is located in a county with a population density of 150 or fewer residents per square mile;
2. it is located either in an unincorporated area or in a village, town, or city with a population of 7,500 or fewer residents;
3. it is located at least 20 miles from the nearest city with a population of 75,000 or more;
4. it has an explicit mission to serve rural communities or people who reside in rural locations.

We will revise these criteria as needed based on input from partner organizations and consultants.

If "Yes", then you are eligible to apply for this grant offering.

If 'No', then perhaps your organization is not eligible for this grants opportunity. However, if you'd like to make the case for your eligibility, please email Mark Hallett at mark.hallett@ilhumanities.org before moving forward with the application.

Choices

Yes

No

Will you be using a Fiscal Sponsor for this project?*

Note: A Fiscal Sponsor is an established IRS 501c3 tax-exempt organization that agrees to accept donations on behalf of another group that does not have IRS tax-exempt status. The Fiscal Sponsor is different than the organization applying for the grant and proposing the project.

Choices

Yes

No

FISCAL SPONSOR

The following questions are about the Fiscal Sponsor; beyond this, when we say the Applying Organization we are referring to the organization, program or individual that is applying to carry out this project, not the Fiscal Sponsor. Note that working with a Fiscal Sponsor is simply an option, not obligatory.

Fiscal Sponsor Name*

Character Limit: 250

Fiscal Sponsor Address:*

Character Limit: 250

Fiscal Sponsor Contact Name:*

Character Limit: 250

Fiscal Sponsor Contact Position/Title:*

Character Limit: 250

Fiscal Sponsor Contact Email:*

Character Limit: 250

QUESTIONS

What is your organization's DUNS Number?

You do not need a Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number to apply, however, one is required to receive funding. Please visit [grant.gov](https://www.grant.gov) to request a free DUNS number, if you do not have one.

Character Limit: 100

Is your organization a tax-exempt nonprofit?*

Choices

Yes

No

Applying Department/Center/Program (if applicable):

Character Limit: 250

What is your organization's annual operating budget?*

Character Limit: 20

How many full-time staff members does your organization have?***

If not applicable, please put N/A

Character Limit: 20

How many part-time staff members does your organization have?*

If not applicable, please put N/A

Character Limit: 20

How would you describe your organization (by type or category)?*

(For example, historical society, art center, literary group, public library, economic development group, chamber of commerce, church, high school, etc.)

Character Limit: 150

What is your organization's mission?*

Character Limit: 10000

What year was your organization founded?

Character Limit: 250

Please describe in brief the history of your organization.*

Include a brief history with major highlights, etc.

Character Limit: 1000

What are your three leading sources of funding in a typical year?*

Please be specific about your typical sources of grants, donations, and other sources of revenue.

Character Limit: 250

Who does your organization serve?*

Select all that apply.

Choices

- All Ages
- All Ethnicities and Races
- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Artists, Collectors, Etc.
- Asian or Asian American
- Black or African American
- Business/Corporate
- Community Leaders
- Court-Involved/Incarcerated
- Faith Leaders
- Folklorists
- General Audience
- Government Employees
- Guardian/parents
- Health Care Workers
- Hispanic or Latinx
- Immigrant/Refugee
- Labor Group/Blue Collar
- LGBTQIA
- Low Income/Working Poor
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- Policy Makers
- Post-secondary | College
- Post-secondary | Graduate
- Returning Citizens/Formerly Incarcerated
- Rural or Small Town
- Scholars
- Senior Citizens/Elders
- Social Service Providers
- Students/Youth | K-12
- Teachers/Educators | K-12
- Teachers/Educators | Post-Secondary
- Towns & Villages
- Urban
- Veterans
- White
- Women
- Working Class
- Young Adults | 18-24
- Other

If chosen "Other" above for audience served, please explain:

Character Limit: 250

How would you describe the community you are working in?*

We're interested in knowing a little bit about your community. Include for example where you are located, any relevant demographics, local geography, cultural assets, etc.

Character Limit: 1250

How do you engage with this community or these communities?*

Include your relationship to them, your programming that engages with community, etc.

Character Limit: 1000

What do you consider your organization's greatest strengths or assets?*

When you think of your organization, its staff, its volunteers, what do consider really compelling or unique about what you bring to your community?

Character Limit: 1000

What relationships does your organization have?*

What relationships, if any, does your organization have with other organizations and institutions within your geographic area?

Character Limit: 1000

ORGANIZATION DEMOGRAPHICS

To be more aware of our partner organizations, we'd like to ask a few questions about your organization's demographics.

Please indicate the race/ethnicity of your executive director:*

Character Limit: 250

Please indicate the gender of your executive director:*

Character Limit: 250

What percentage of your permanent staff is people of color:*

Character Limit: 250

Would you describe your community as being historically disinvested or economically under-resourced?**Choices**

Yes

No

If chosen "Yes" above about your community, please explain:

Character Limit: 250

ORGANIZATION

Please upload a completed W-9 form on behalf of the organization:*

File Size Limit: 3 MB

Please choose up to three disciplines that best describe your organization:*

We recognize that the disciplines indicated here might not align exactly with how you identify. In such cases, please select the closest approximation(s).

Choices

African American/Black Studies
 American Studies
 Anthropology/Archaeology
 Architecture
 Art History & Criticism Studies
 Arts Programming
 Asian American Studies
 Classics
 Communications
 Comparative Religion/Religious Studies
 Cultural Anthropology
 Economics Ethnic Studies
 Film or Cinema Studies
 Folk Arts & Folklore
 Foreign Languages/Literature
 Gender & Women's Studies Geography
 Historical & Cultural
 History
 Interdisciplinary Studies
 International Studies
 Jurisprudence
 Latin American Studies
 Latina/x or Chicana/x Studies
 LGBTQ/Queer/Sexuality Studies
 Linguistics
 Literature
 Media/Journalism
 Middle Eastern Studies
 Philosophy
 Political Science
 Public Humanities
 Sociology
 Other

If chosen "Other" above for disciplines, please explain:

Character Limit: 250

PROGRAMS

What are your leading planned programs in 2022?*

Please provide the names of a leading program or programs and a 1-2 sentence description of each.

Character Limit: 1000

How many people does your organization engage with or serve in a typical year?*

Character Limit: 250

Does your organization prioritize any of the following communities?*

Check all that apply. If you are a public serving organization, like a public library, then please only choose specific communities that you prioritize outreach and programming for.

Choices

Communities of color

Communities highly impacted by mass incarceration

Low-income individuals (defined as living at or below 150% of the Federal Poverty Guideline)

Rural communities

None of these communities

In what ways does your organization engage with these indicated communities?*

Character Limit: 1000

How much funding are you seeking from Illinois Humanities?*

This grants to organizations are for as much as \$10,000.

Character Limit: 20

How would an Illinois Humanities Rural Initiative Organization Grant help your organization at this time to harness the arts and humanities in community building efforts?

If awarded support, how would you use this funding? Please provide a basic description of any programming or activities you would be able to provide, including name of program, goal, approximate timeline, audiences engaged, any partnerships, etc. *

Character Limit: 1250

Additional Comment:

Is there any information we have not requested, but which you feel is important for Illinois Humanities to consider in evaluating your application?

Character Limit: 1250