[National Endowment for the Humanities](http://www.neh.gov/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank)

* NEH purpose is to serve and strengthen the United States by promoting excellence in the humanities and conveying the lessons of history to all Americans.
* The budget has remained steady over the past few years at close to $150 million, despite frequent congressional threats of funding cuts. Its appropriation usually matches that of the National Endowment for the Arts.
* NEH makes about 1,000 awards each year.
* Grants are awarded with input from panels of independent, external reviewers.
* Grants are generally awarded to institutions, not to individuals, with some exceptions.
* NEH grants typically go to cultural institutions, such as museums, archives, libraries, colleges, universities, public television, and radio stations, and to individual scholars.
* NEH introduced a major new ongoing initiative in 2015 called [The Common Good: The Humanities in the Public Square](https://www.neh.gov/commongood), which includes a number of programs designed to engage the public in humanities programming, while addressing humanities questions in American society and culture.
* Within the Common Good initiative is another initiative called [Standing Together](http://www.neh.gov/grants/standing-together), which supports projects that use the humanities to investigate the military experience and engage with veterans and their families.
* NEH Grants are designed to:
	+ Strengthen teaching and learning in schools and colleges
	+ Facilitate research and original scholarship
	+ Provide opportunities for lifelong learning
	+ Preserve and provide access to cultural and educational resources
	+ Strengthen the institutional base of the humanities

Humanities Fields

"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 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."--National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities Act, 1965, as amended

Funding Opportunities

* [Grants Page](http://www.neh.gov/grants)
* [Match your project](http://www.neh.gov/grants/match-your-project) to an NEH grant program.

State Humanities Councils

The 56 humanities councils located in all U.S. states and jurisdictions support local humanities programs and events. The state humanities councils are funded in part by the federal government through NEH's [Federal/State Partnership Office](http://www.neh.gov/divisions/fedstate). They also receive funding from private donations, foundations, corporations, and, in some cases, state government. Follow this [link](http://www.neh.gov/about/state-humanities-councils) for more information and a list of humanities councils by state.

Divisions

NEH divisions and offices work with prospective applicants, recruit and oversee peer-review panels, provide analysis of panel results to members of the National Council on the Humanities and the agency's senior staff, conduct site visits of projects that have received NEH support, and represent NEH at regional, national, and international conferences in the humanities

* [Education Programs](http://www.neh.gov/divisions/education)
* [Preservation and Access](http://www.neh.gov/divisions/preservation)
* [Public Programs](http://www.neh.gov/divisions/public)
* [Research Programs](http://www.neh.gov/divisions/research)
* [Office of Challenge Grants](http://www.neh.gov/divisions/challenge)
* [Office of Digital Humanities](http://www.neh.gov/divisions/odh)
* [Bridging Cultures](http://www.neh.gov/divisions/bridging-cultures)

Things to Consider

* It is strongly recommended that prospective applicants **contact NEH staff EARLY** - prior to submission.
* Program officers will usually provide feedback on a draft proposal if it is submitted at least a month before the deadline.
* NEH is generally a very open agency that is willing to take questions and answer emails and phone calls.
* Most programs provide links to sample funded proposal narratives, review criteria, tips for applicants, and lists of funded programs on their main page.

Additional Resources

[Policies and forms](http://www.neh.gov/grants/manage/organizations)
[FOIA](http://www.aascu.org/GRC/MultiSection.aspx?id=10668)
[NEH Review Process](http://www.neh.gov/grants/application-process)
[NEH PRISM](https://securegrants.neh.gov/prism/) is NEH's peer reviewer database. Register on NEH Prism to become an NEH peer reviewer.
[NEH PRISM FAQ](http://www.neh.gov/grants/prism-faq)