

Key Findings from the 2015-18 CT Humanities Grantee Experiences Survey

CTH staff is very helpful and act as true partners in supporting their grantees.

-Survey Respondent, Educational Organization, New Grantee

- **Feedback about the application process was very positive.** Almost all respondents from the 2015-18 cohort agreed the process for completing applications was clear and appropriate, a substantial majority agreed that decision-making regarding grant applications was clear, and more than three-fourths of the 2015-18 respondents agreed the work and/or time required to develop a full proposal was appropriate given the level of funding. Many more respondents from the 2015-18 cohort as compared to the 2012-14 cohort were positive about the application process.
- **Almost all respondents rated their experience with the CTH website favorably overall**, including the information about reporting. A total of 96% agreed it provided useful information for submitting a grant application and was easy to understand and 82% reported it was easy to navigate. Many more respondents from the 2015-18 cohort as compared to the 2012-14 cohort were in agreement about the website's usefulness.
- Almost all respondents provided positive feedback about the grant submission portal agreeing that: it is easy to find and to understand, easy to navigate, and easy to use to submit a grant application. **A total of 92% of 2015-18 respondents agreed they prefer submitting grants using the portal over previous methods of submission.**
- Almost all of the respondents who had had at least one application denied (n=52) reported they were informed in a timely fashion that their application was declined, indicated they received feedback about the decline, and that the decline feedback was *somewhat* or *very useful*.
- **Applicants who received grants offered positive feedback overall about working with CTH.** Most grantee respondents agreed that their experiences were favorable in terms of timeliness, value, details of the grant, assistance, and having a good working relationship with CTH overall. A total of 99% of respondents rated the relationship overall as *good* (22%) or *excellent* (77%). These results were also consistent and better as compared to responses from the 2012-14 cohort, especially regarding provision of TA/support and the amount of work that was expected.
- **Most grantee respondents provided favorable feedback about the reporting process**, finding it clear and reasonable, and many reported that they transferred information learned through reporting to other work and found that the reporting process strengthened their work. A total of 86% of grantee respondents *agreed/strongly agreed* that the amount of time it took to process the final report and send final payment was reasonable. Many more respondents from 2015-18 compared to 2012-14 agreed with these statements.
- **Most grantee respondents (95% or more) from both the 2012-14 and the 2015-18 cohorts indicated that CTH had *some* or *substantial impact* on their organization, field/sector, and local community overall.** Three-fourths of the grantee respondents affirmed that CT Humanities *staff added value to their work above and beyond the grant dollars they received*. Overall, almost all grantee respondents agreed that the CTH grant had a positive impact on their agency in terms of their reputation, programming, and service delivery.

CTH has been supportive, thoughtful, constructive, and accessible throughout the grantmaking processes - to great effect. Our organization has been able to accomplish truly notable and meaningful work as a result - none of these projects could have proceeded without the support of CTH.

-Survey Respondent, Historical Society, Repeat Grantee