

CT Humanities Planning Grants FY2026

Connecticut Humanities

Project Eligibility

Stop! Before filling out the application, please be sure to review the following:

Project Eligibility*

Planning Grants support a wide range of projects that help us understand and appreciate human history, culture, values, and beliefs.

Planning Grants may fund development of:

- exhibitions,
- discussion-based public programs,
- curricula, and
- interpretive digital media projects.

Please review the Planning Grant Guidelines [here](#). Before applying, please contact CTH Grants Staff at grants@cthumanities.org, to discuss your project idea.

Applications submitted without prior communication with CTH staff will not be considered.

Make sure your project meets both Planning Grant requirements below:

Choices

Demonstrates significant humanities scholarship and content

Articulates clearly defined outcomes that will be achieved during the planning process

Applicant has reached out to CTH Grants staff to discuss your project idea

Are you collaborating with others on this application? Click [here](#) for instructions on how to use the Collaborate feature to invite others to view, edit, or submit your application. *Please note that we do not recommend having multiple users edit the same application at the same time as the system will only save the last edits made.*

Project Narrative

Project Title*

Character Limit: 150

Project Summary*

Please describe your project and its major components in 2-3 sentences.

Note: This description will be used both internally to reference the project for which you are seeking funding support, and, if funded, externally by CTH to describe your grant to the public on our website and in press releases.

Character Limit: 500

Project Narrative*

Describe your project, how it came about, the planning process you will use, and what part(s) you would like CTH to fund. Include resources you will consult during planning including: scholars, archives, collections, institutions, etc.

Include in your narrative a description of why CTH should fund this project. You may want to refer to CTH's funding priorities.

Character Limit: 10000

Project Outputs*

Describe the specific elements of a project plan that will come out of the planning process, such as an exhibition checklist, exhibition script, educational materials, etc.

Character Limit: 5000

Humanities Themes and Issues Explored*

Please describe the humanities themes, topics, and issues that will be explored through your project.

What do you hope to better understand about human history, culture, values, and beliefs? What do you want participants to better understand about themselves, their community, society, or the issues impacting the world today through this project?

Character Limit: 3500

Project Audience*

What target audience do you have in mind for the final project? Why did you choose this audience? Will you involve potential audience members in the planning process? If so, how?

Character Limit: 3500

Schedule*

Describe the major tasks to complete the project, specific dates for both the beginning and completion, and the team member(s) responsible for each. Include ONLY tasks during the requested grant period.

Please use the following format:

- 1 Start & End Date; Task; Team Member(s)
 - 2 Start & End Date; Task; Team Member(s)
- etc

Character Limit: 5000

Additional Information

Please share any additional information that you feel would be helpful for our Application Review Committee to know when reviewing your grant application. (Optional)

Character Limit: 750

Presenters, Consultants, and Project Team Members

Subject Matter Expertise and Community Input*

Which subject matter experts will you consult with and how will you engage with them during the planning of your project? Expertise may be demonstrated by both lived experiences as well as academic study.

If you are sharing the history and story of a specific community or culture, please also explain how you will consult with and engage them in conducting your project. What role(s) will participants of that community or culture play in the planning and development of your work? How does this project address the community or culture's needs and interests?

Character Limit: 3000

Project Team*

Please list ALL key individuals working on the project including presenters, consultants, scholars, and others. There may be overlap with the Subject Matter Experts identified in the section above. **You MUST include people for whom you are requesting grant funds.**

For each project team member, please provide the following information:

- Name
- Title
- Organization
- Will this team member be paid with CTH grant funds?
- Qualifications: please provide a 2-3 sentence bio
- Major Responsibilities: please include their role in this project and any programs they will be presenting if applicable

Character Limit: 5000

Project Team Resumes and Bios*

Please attach a CV or resume of up to 3 pages for each person for whom CTH grant funding is being sought that demonstrates appropriate skills and/or scholarship to carry out their role in the project.

Short (one- or two-paragraph) bios of vital team members NOT paid through CTH funds may also be included.

Note: Only 1 attachment can be uploaded in this space. If you have multiple resumes to share, please combine into 1 document before uploading.

File Size Limit: 3 MB

Letter(s) of Commitment

Please attach letters of commitment from any key partners in this project. We are particularly interested in letters of commitment from those making major contributions to your project, such as key humanities content contributors, participating K-12 schools, core community partner organizations, and other major collaborators.

Please also note CTH's Indigenous Values Statement. If your project involves Indigenous histories or cultures, please include letters of commitment from the appropriate Indigenous partner(s).

You may send this template letter of commitment to your partners for them to fill out and send back to you.

Please combine all letters of commitment into one PDF and upload them below.

File Size Limit: 10 MB

Project Budget

Budget*

Upload your completed Connecticut Humanities Universal Budget Form (a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet) here. Please [click here](#) to download a blank Universal Budget Form.

Please be sure to review the funding exclusions listed in the grant guidelines. Note that any project budgets submitted on a budget document other than the CTH Universal Budget Form linked above will not be considered for funding. Please contact Grants staff if you have any questions or concerns about this budget form.

Note: The Universal Budget Form contains several tabs. The first tab provides instructions on how to use the spreadsheet. The next 8 tabs should be used to enter project expenses by appropriate expense category. The last tab is a Budget Summary; do not enter data into the

Budget Summary as values will fill automatically to this page from all of the other expense category tabs.

File Size Limit: 3 MB

Budget Notes

If your budget has line items that require additional explanation or context, please describe them below.

Character Limit: 2000

Additional Attachments

Applications for planning interpretive digital projects must also include:

- The process you will use to select technology (include proposals from vendors detailing the scope and duration of work);
- Technologies to be used (if already selected) and justification for selection. If you plan to use proprietary technologies, give justification for choosing them over open-source options;
- Existing database or archival resources from which content will be drawn (sample entries may be provided).

****PLEASE NOTE:** Applications of all types may also include pertinent audio and video digital files in standard formats as well. Contact Connecticut Humanities staff for details.

File Upload

Please attach one (1) document containing all of the materials required as outlined above to help us evaluate the quality and humanities content of your project.

Note: Only 1 attachment can be uploaded in this space. If you have multiple documents to share, please combine into 1 file before uploading.

File Size Limit: 13 MB

Optional Additional Attachments

You may use this space to upload any additional documents or images that you would like to share with our Application Review Committee.

Note: Only 1 attachment can be uploaded in this space. If you have multiple documents to share, please combine into 1 file before uploading.

File Size Limit: 1 MB

Applicant Information

Current Board List*

Please attach a list of your organization's board members for your organization's current fiscal year (i.e., names, mailing addresses, and email addresses) in PDF format.

File Size Limit: 1 MB

Current Year Operating Budget*

Please attach your organization's current fiscal year operating budget in PDF format.

File Size Limit: 1 MB

Previous Year Operating Budget*

Please attach your organization's operating budget actuals for its most recently completed fiscal year in PDF format.

File Size Limit: 1 MB

Authorizing Signatory First Name*

Note: If funded, the **Authorizing Signatory** is the person authorized to sign a grant contract for your organization.

Character Limit: 100

Authorizing Signatory Last Name*

Character Limit: 100

Authorizing Signatory Title*

Character Limit: 250

Authorizing Signatory Phone Number*

Please use the following format:

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Character Limit: 250

Authorizing Signatory Email Address*

Character Limit: 250

Project Director First Name*

Note: The Project Director is the person responsible for managing your project. This individual will become your organization's primary contact person with Connecticut Humanities should the grant be funded. The Project Director and the Grant Administrator CANNOT be the same person.

Character Limit: 100

Project Director Last Name*

Character Limit: 100

Project Director Title

Character Limit: 100

Project Director Organization*

Character Limit: 150

Project Director Phone Number*

Please use the following format:

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Character Limit: 250

Project Director Email Address*

Character Limit: 250

Grant Administrator First Name*

Note: The Grant Administrator is the person responsible for managing your project's grant funds and expenditures. The Project Director and the Grant Administrator CANNOT be the same person.

Character Limit: 100

Grant Administrator Last Name*

Character Limit: 100

Grant Administrator Title

Character Limit: 100

Grant Administrator Organization*

Character Limit: 150

Grant Administrator Phone Number*

Please use the following format:

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Character Limit: 250

Grant Administrator Email Address*

Character Limit: 250

Application Certification*

"I certify that the information presented in this application is true and accurate. I have read and understand the guidelines relating to this application. The applicant organization is in compliance with any grants previously awarded by Connecticut Humanities."

Choices

By checking this box, I certify that I have read and understood the above statement

Certified By*

Name and Title

Character Limit: 250

Please review your application carefully before submitting! No edits to the application may be made once the application deadline has passed.

You will be notified about the results of your application approximately two months after the application deadline via an email to the username associated with this application.

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