

Lifelong Learning Grants

Authorizing Legislation

The Minnesota Humanities Center has been directed by the Minnesota State Legislature to provide grants to “lifelong learning programs in greater Minnesota communities that do not receive financial support from other large educational institutions.”

Grants Available

Ten \$2,500 grants are available to support humanities programming with a retired adult audience and conducted by organizations based in Minnesota. Funds can be used for projects starting as early as December 2007.

Grant Application and Award Notification

- The grant application will be posted on the Minnesota Humanities Center’s website, www.minnesotahumanities.org, on Oct. 22, 2007.
- Grants may be submitted through Dec. 1, 2007.
- Grant recipients will be notified by Dec. 15, 2007.

Grant Recipient and Project Guidelines

- Applicant organizations must have nonprofit status or designate a fiscal agent that has nonprofit status.
- Grant recipients must secure a match – either in cash or in-kind contributions – for the value of the grant (\$2,500).
- Projects must involve one or more of the humanities disciplines: history; literature; philosophy, including ethics and logic; foreign languages; comparative religion; archaeology; jurisprudence (the history and philosophy of law); the theory, criticism, and history of the arts; social studies, including American studies, ethnic studies, and foreign studies; and the social sciences (anthropology, economics, government, political science, psychology, sociology) when they employ historical and interpretive rather than quantitative methods.
- Projects must serve, primarily, retired adults.
- One or more humanities scholars must be involved in the planning and presentation of the grant activities. A humanities scholar is a person with an advanced degree or equivalent experience in a humanities discipline.
- Projects must acknowledge a range of views and opinions.
- Projects must be open to a public audience and include a publicity plan.

Exclusions (Grant Funds Cannot Be Used for the Following)

- Political or social issue advocacy;
- Acquisition or restoration of permanent equipment or property;
- Receptions, food, or entertainment;
- K-12 classroom curriculum projects;

- Religion projects that attempt to proselytize or take place in connection with a religious service or activity; or,
- Projects that could be judged as obscene according to community standards.

Reporting Requirements

- After receiving grant funds and completing the proposed project, grant recipients must submit a final report to the Minnesota Humanities Center online at www.minnesotahumanities.org.
- Final reports are due within 30 days of the completion of the grant project. Grant recipients that do not submit a final report are not eligible for future Humanities Center grants.

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