

Ohio Humanities Grants Guidelines FY2023 and beyond

Why we made changes?

- We wanted our grant program to be grantee focused. We aim to incorporate feedback from grantees and other stakeholders to make grants approachable and increase their impact.
- We wanted our program to be more inclusive. Ohio Humanities grants should be more accessible to all sizes and types of humanities organizations.
- Grant amounts have been adjusted to reflect the economic needs of our stakeholders.

What have we changed?

- We consolidated grant lines from 6 to 2 to maximize availability, impact, and efficiency.
 - “**Spark**” mini grant: \$5,000 max, monthly deadlines
 - “**Ignite**” major grant: \$20,000 max, three deadlines per year (Feb., Jun., Oct.)
- We aim to foster more innovative projects and broader public outreach.
- The reorganized website design will aim to be more approachable and accessible.
- The audience for funded grants now includes Ohioans of all ages.
- We are building a revised grant application that will align with the new guides. (available in late November)

SPARK MINI GRANT (Up to \$5,000) provides non-profit organizations with the funds to develop and produce programs that spark conversations about issues that are relevant to Ohioans. These projects can be limited in scope, both in terms of subject matter and intended audience, but they should be designed to appeal to as broad of an audience as possible. Programs funded by the Spark Mini grant should focus on humanities content in ways that will inspire lasting conversations around social, economic, and historical issues challenging Ohio communities, and they should encourage a sense of place and civic engagement in Ohio citizens. These grants can also be used to build capacity for larger projects that will have a wider impact.

Deadline for Applications: First business day of every month, beginning January 2, 2023, two months before public programming begins.

IGNITE GRANT (Up to \$20,000)

The Ignite grant aims to support projects that encourage curiosity about our world. The grant is available to non-profit organizations to develop and produce well researched, engaging, and immersive projects that appeal to a large audience of Ohioans. Programs funded by the “Ignite” grant should make humanities content accessible to diverse audiences by supporting storytelling non-profits throughout our state. We especially encourage applications that explore cultural and historical topics that are likely resonate with Ohioans. Ohio Humanities is committed to funding projects that share Ohio’s untold, yet significant stories. Successful projects could include museum exhibitions and installations, discussion programs, oral history projects, and documentary filmmaking.

Deadline for Applications: February 15, 2023, June 1, 2023, October 1, 2023.

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