

DIVISION OF PUBLIC PROGRAMS

GRANTS FOR PUBLIC PROGRAMS IN THE HUMANITIES AT MUSEUMS, LIBRARIES, AND OTHER HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATIONS

The **Division of Public Programs** supports a wide range of programs that promote active exploration and engagement for broad public audiences in history, literature, archaeology, art history, comparative religion, philosophy, and other fields of the humanities. Grants for **Museums, Libraries, and Cultural Organizations (MLCO)** support public humanities programs that explore significant topics or ideas in the humanities, including interpretive exhibitions, websites, reading and film discussion programs, and symposia.

MLCO projects must be well grounded in scholarship and illuminate ideas and insights central to the humanities for the general public. Awards primarily cover costs for staff, consultation with scholars, audience evaluation, design and production, and ancillary materials. We welcome projects that use more than one format for presenting humanities ideas to the public. **Planning grants** are limited to \$75,000. **Implementation grants** typically do not exceed \$400,000. Projects in the following categories are especially encouraged:

- **Dissemination Projects** present humanities-rich programming at twenty or more venues. These projects are meant to provide humanities content to selected venues in a wide range of formats such as exhibitions, film or book discussion groups, and humanities-based public programming interpreting theater or musical performances.
- **Interpreting America's Historic Places** projects draw on the evocative power of historic places to address themes and issues central to American history.
- **Family and Youth Programs in American History** offer programming tailored to youth and family audiences at museums, libraries, historical societies and sites, parks, and other places.
- NEH's new ***Bridging Cultures*** initiative supports projects focusing on cultures internationally or within the United States. International projects might seek to enlarge Americans' understanding of other places and times, as well as other perspectives and intellectual traditions. American projects might explore the great variety of cultural influences on, and myriad subcultures within, American society.

Chairman's Special Awards support large-scale traveling exhibitions of national visibility that have exceptional potential for attracting large numbers of visitors. These exhibitions should show unusual promise in terms of disseminating important ideas in the humanities. Up to \$1 million may be requested in this grant category, but applicants must meet the special criteria for this award.

For complete application guidelines and deadlines, please visit the NEH website at www.neh.gov and click on "Grants."