

South Carolina Humanities

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Eligible Applicants:

Nonprofit organizations or public institutions in South Carolina

Grant Opportunities:

SC Humanities makes several categories of grants available to nonprofit organizations or public institutions for public humanities programs, including (but not limited to): documentaries, exhibits, lecture series, festivals, workshops, oral history programs, discussion forums, etc. The humanities include the following disciplines: history, literature, language, linguistics, philosophy, ethics, comparative religion, anthropology, archaeology, African American studies, Southern studies, jurisprudence, political science, art theory & criticism, and women's studies. A 1:1 match is required for all SC Humanities grants.

Major Grants – Major Grant awards are in sums between \$5,000 and \$15,000 and are usually reviewed twice yearly by the full Board of Directors. The Spring cycle has submission deadlines in January for programs starting after March 15. The fall cycle has submission deadlines in August for programs starting after November 1. Check the website for specific deadlines and application guidelines.

Mini Grants – Mini Grant awards have a maximum request of \$5,000 and are reviewed monthly, with deadlines on the first business day of any given month for programs that start after the 15th of the following month. Mini Grants are designed to support public programs of modest cost. Check website for application guidelines.

Planning Grants – Planning Grant awards have a maximum request of \$5,000 and are reviewed monthly, with deadlines on the first business day of any given month. Planning Grants are awarded to support preliminary work in designing a project that warrants detailed planning because of its length, scope, or cost. Check the website for application guidelines.

Fast Track Literary Grants – Fast Track Literary Grant awards have a maximum request of \$3,000 and are reviewed quarterly. They are intended to support new or existing public literary programs such as (but not limited to) writers series, festivals, conferences, workshops, or writer's residencies at schools. Check the website for application deadlines and guidelines.

Council Program Grants—SC Humanities offers two public programs to libraries and other nonprofit organizations in South Carolina. Through the Speakers Bureau: Humanities Out Loud program, a roster of humanities scholars are made available to speak on a variety of interesting topics for free or at a discount. Through the Let's Talk About It: Reading and Discussion Program, offered in partnership with the SC State Library, scholar-led book series are available.

Special Grant Opportunities—SC Humanities occasionally offers special program or grant opportunities. Stay informed about these special opportunities by looking at the Web site or joining our mailing list to receive monthly e-newsletters and other updates.

Examples of Recent SC Humanities Grant-Supported Projects:

MAJOR GRANT - Sponsoring Organization: Sigal Music Museum

Project Title: “The Sounds of America” Exhibit

Project Director: Thomas Strange

Awarded: \$10,000; **Cost-share:** \$54,200

The Sigal Music Museum in Greenville presented a new original exhibit titled “The Sounds of America” from June 2022 – March 2023. The exhibit featured instruments from 1750 to the present and stories about them that explored elements of American history as well as America’s pivotal role in the world music industry.

MAJOR GRANT - Sponsoring Organization: South East Rural Community Outreach

Project Title: Juneteenth Celebration at the Harriet Barber House

Project Director: Mary B. Kirkland

Awarded: \$8,000; **Cost-share:** \$15,000

On June 19th, 2022, South East Rural Community Outreach presented a major Juneteenth celebration event on the grounds of the historic Harriet Barber House that included tours of the house, Chautauqua-style impersonations of the figures of Sam & Harriet Barber, exhibits, a symposium lecture with scholars, performances, and re-enactments.

MAJOR GRANT - Sponsoring Organization: Charleston Gaillard Management Corporation

Project Title: Charleston Gaillard Center: Raising the Volume

Project Director: Sterling deVries

Awarded: \$6,619; **Cost-share:** \$37,791

The Charleston Gaillard Center produced, promoted, and evaluated a 3rd season of their virtual conversation series “Raising the Volume,” which looks at race, art, activism, and community. The 50-minute episodes paired the Center’s artists-in-residence Marcus Amaker and Charlton Singleton in conversation with scholars, local leaders, and educators to explore issues facing the Charleston community.

MINI GRANT - Sponsoring Organization: Pat Conroy Literary Center

Project Title: Beaufort Human Library

Project Director: Jonathan Haupt

Awarded: \$2,000; **Cost-share:** \$6,950

The Pat Conroy Literary Center coordinated a “Human Library” program on Sunday, April 4, 2022 as part of Beaufort’s National Library Week program. Twenty volunteers with diverse backgrounds and perspectives served as human “books” that could be checked out by event attendees to have conversations intended to promote empathy, civility, and inclusivity.

PLANNING GRANT - Sponsoring Organization: Saint Teresa Community Outreach and Empowerment

Project Title: Master Assessment Plan

Project Director: Dr. Terrie Gaskins-Bryant

Awarded: \$1,760; **Cost-share:** \$1,760

Saint Teresa Community Outreach received Planning Grant funds to conduct a master assessment on the interior and exterior of the historic P.D. Cockfield House in Lake City, a required first step before restoration can begin. Once restorations are complete, they plan to make the house an African-American History Museum and Cultural Center.

MINI GRANT - Sponsoring Organization: Circulo Hispanoamericano de Charleston

Project Title: Programming for Hispanic Heritage Month

Project Director: Asela Rodriquez Laguna

Awarded: \$1,506; **Cost-share:** \$1,590

The Circulo Hispanoamericano de Charleston group hosted two events in Charleston for the 2022 Hispanic Heritage Month: a film screening and discussion and a keynote lecture about Santa Elena.

FAST TRACK LITERARY GRANT - Sponsoring Organization: Georgetown County Library

Project Title: Litchfield Tea and Poetry Series

Project Director: Trudy Bazemore

Awarded: \$3,000; **Cost-share:** \$3,430

The Georgetown County Library presented the sixteenth season of the Litchfield Tea and Poetry Series in 2022, featuring poets on January 20, February 17, March 17, and April 21

FAST TRACK LITERARY GRANT - Sponsoring Organization: Arts Council of York County

Project Title: One Word Poetry Festival

Project Director: Angelo Geter

Awarded: \$2,200; **Cost-share:** \$3,000

The Arts Council of York County hosted their 2nd annual “One Word Poetry Festival” on March 30 – April 3, 2022. The event included poetry workshops for various ages and backgrounds, readings, a poetry slam, open mics, and a poetry brunch featuring a nationally-recognized poet.