Maryland Humanities 2023 Marilyn Hatza Memorial SHINE Grant Program

General Operating Support Grants Fund Guidelines

On **July 31, 2023**, Maryland Humanities will begin accepting grant applications for its **Marilyn Hatza Memorial Strengthening the Humanities Investment in Nonprofits for Equity (SHINE)** Grant fund**.** This program will provide **95 General Operating Support grants worth $10,000,** to non-profit organizations which provide humanities programming throughout the state of Maryland.

General Information

- No matching funds are required to receive these funds.
- Organizations may use the funds to cover any form of general operating expense. This includes, but is not limited to, expenses such as salaries and professional development, rent, utilities, supplies, programs, and equipment.

Timeline

Two weeks prior to the formal opening of the grant application, a preview of the application and evaluation will be made available on our website.

Application Opens: July 31, 2023

Application Closes: September 1, 2023, 11:59pm ET

Applicants will be notified regarding the status of their application by early December 2023.

Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for a Maryland Humanities General Operating Support grant, an organization must:

- offer humanities-based programming as a significant part of its work

    Eligible non-profits include museums, historic sites, preservation and historical societies, and community & cultural organizations with a significant humanities focus.

- be designated as a nonprofit organization and maintain good standing with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

- be physically located in Maryland and have Maryland residents as its primary constituents
- have a maximum total annual operating budget of $500,000 or less.

The following organizations are not eligible to apply for funding:

- Organizations with a general operating budget that exceeds $500,000
- Organizations whose mission or focus is the creation or performance of art
- Any federally, or state-funded agency
- All academic Institutions, including, universities, colleges, academic departments, and K-12 institutions
- Public libraries

Funding Priorities

- Organizations that center diversity, equity and inclusion within their mission and throughout their programming
- Organizations that serve geographic areas that have historically been underserved by Maryland Humanities
- Organizations that serve audiences that have been traditionally underserved by the humanities, which includes but is not limited to, Veterans, Rural Populations, BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and People of Color), Low-income Individuals, Currently and Formerly Incarcerated Persons, LGBTQ+ Individuals, Currently or Formerly Unhoused People, and/or Disabled People

Documentation Needed to Apply:

- **Nonprofit Employer Identification Number (EIN)**

  At the time of submission, all organizations must provide their nonprofit Employer Identification Number, or EIN. This number is utilized to evaluate that the applying organization is in good-standing and maintains its non-profit status.

- **Maryland Humanities Projected Operating Budget Form: Fiscal Year 2023**

  All organizations must provide a copy of their most recent annual operating budget. If your organization does not have a standardized operating budget, you can utilize the Maryland Humanities budget template linked here.

How to Apply:

All applications for this grant will be completed through our grant interface. You can access the grant interface at this link. **Applications will close on September 1, 2023, at 11:59pm.**

Have Questions?

Please reach out to Emily Ross, Program Officer, Grants, at eross@mdhumanities.org if you have any questions about the timeline, eligibility criteria, funding priorities, or application process.

A virtual informational session is scheduled for **August 7**. Two virtual Q&A sessions are scheduled for **August 16** and **August 29**. For more information visit the Maryland Humanities Events page.