

Humanities New York Reading & Discussion Grant - FAQ

- **How much does the Reading & Discussion Grant fund?**
 - The Reading & Discussion grant funds organizations for up to \$2,000.
- **What is the minimum amount that organizations can request?**
 - The minimum amount an organization can request is \$500.
- **Who is eligible for the Reading & Discussion Grant?**
 - Any tax-exempt organization (non-profit, municipality, native nation or tribal government) that is based in and serves New York State may apply.
- **Does the project have to be located in New York State?**
 - Yes. The Reading & Discussion grant provides funding for organizations throughout New York State only.
- **Does the Reading & Discussion Grant require a funding match?**
 - Yes, the grant does require a funding match that can be met through a cash match or an in-kind match.
- **What is an-in kind match?**
 - In-kind refers to goods or services which have an estimated value, rather than cash.
- **Do organizations need to choose from the Humanities New York developed themes in order to apply for the Reading and Discussion grant, or can they develop their own themes?**
 - Either one. Organizations can choose from the suite of HNY-curated themes, or design their own. Themes designed by organizations themselves are referred to as Community Developed Themes and are often planned around the mission of the organization and the specific needs of their audiences.
- **Must organizations use all of the texts suggested by Humanities New York within a given theme?**
 - Organizations can request to adapt or make changes to Humanities New York curated themes to better meet the needs of their participants.
- **Are the application requirements the same for programs that rely on HNY developed themes and for community developed themes?**
 - No, the applications for community developed programs require a syllabus or project plan that clearly lists and describes the texts organizations plan on using and their purpose.
- **Does Humanities New York provide texts for organizations using Humanities New York curated themes?**
 - Humanities New York is phasing out our lending library. We will provide texts for organizations planning on using our themes as long as copies remain, but we advise organizations to email us to inquire about our library inventory.
- **What kinds of reading and discussion programs will the grant fund?**
 - Any program that is substantially public humanities, broadly conceived. That is, it engages some segment of the public as collaborator and audience, and utilizes the tools and methods of the humanities in its content and execution. Programs

that do not draw on humanities-based disciplines such as literature, history, or art, or draw on humanities-based skills such as dialogue and critical thinking, cannot be funded.

- **Can there be more than one facilitator?**
 - Yes, but applicants should include the resumes or CVs for all of the facilitators upon applying.
- **What can I spend the grant funds on?**
 - Grant funds can be spent on a variety of project expenses, including but not limited to: books for participants; travel costs; facilitator honoraria and fees; venue and space rental; marketing materials; project director wages; software purchases or equipment rentals; and more. If you have a question about whether a particular expense qualifies, please ask!

If you have any additional questions about the Reading and Discussion Grant, please contact Programs Officer Rachel Pitkin at programs@humanitiesny.org.