



**RECOVER and RENEW Grants
Guidelines and Frequently Asked
Questions (FAQs)**

Grant Type	Rolling Application Process	Amount Limits/Grantee	Eligibility
<p>RECOVER: American Rescue Plan (ARP) General Operating Support Grants are awarded to prevent, prepare for, respond to, and/or recover from the coronavirus (Covid-19)</p>	<p>July 2nd – November 19th</p>	<p>Maximum grant award is \$20,000, no matching requirement</p>	<p>Must have a DUNS #: Register ASAP here if your organization does not have one.</p> <p>Delaware 501(c)(3) cultural and community organizations where humanities are core to the mission of the organization (typically these have a clear focus on history or literature)</p>
<p>RENEW: Program and Activity Grants are specific programs or activities addressing one or more of the purposes of ARP Grants.</p>	<p>July 2nd – November 19th</p>	<p>Maximum grant award is \$20,000 no matching requirement</p>	<p>Must have a DUNS #: Register ASAP here if your organization does not have one.</p> <p>Delaware 501(c)(3) organizations;</p> <p>Delaware public institutions of higher education (as defined in 20. U.S.C. 1001)</p> <p>Delaware state and local governmental agencies</p> <p>Libraries</p> <p>Delaware performing and visual arts organizations</p>

Our Mission: *Delaware Humanities strengthens our communities by encouraging all Delawareans to be inspired, informed, and engaged through exploring the diversity of the human experience.*

We are an organization dedicated to understanding, interpreting, and documenting the human experience or human culture through public humanities work. If you have more questions about the humanities, and if your organization will qualify for support, please contact our [office](#).

FAQs relevant to both type of ARP grant support are listed below.

- a. An eligible organization (see chart above for clarification) can apply for **ONE** type of ARP support: either **RECOVER** Operations Support or **RENEW** Program/Activity Support, but not both.
- b. Award amount(s): Applicants may request grant funds up to \$20,000.00 total, but may not receive the full amount requested. No match is required for **RECOVER** or **RENEW** Grants.
- c. Period of performance: All funded projects must begin by December 1, 2021 and end no later than November 30, 2022; they can be less than one year.
- d. A DUNS # is required in order to receive funds for either grant type, and it can take up to two weeks to receive one.
- e. **We encourage minority-led organizations and organizations providing programming to underserved audiences to apply for support**

RECOVER Grants – General Operating Support

Definition: ARP General Operating Support funds must be used in one or more of the following ways: to prevent, prepare for, respond to, and/or recover from the coronavirus (Covid-19). General operating support, also known as unrestricted or core operating support, **invests in your organization’s mission rather than specific projects or programs**. It allows your organization to use funds as they see fit to reach their goals—whether for salaries and overhead, to invest in technology, or to fund a marketing campaign.

To apply for **RECOVER** support, you must provide your approach to responding to the purpose of these funds. If you receive **RECOVER** funding, you’ll need to sign a grant agreement with detailed instructions on promotion and publicity requirements, and you will complete a final report in compliance with the NEH.

1. Is a specific project required for this type of funding?
 - a. No, a specific project is not necessary, but the funds are meant to be used to address how you will prevent, prepare for, respond to and/or recover from the coronavirus (Covid-19).
2. Who is NOT eligible to apply for **RECOVER** Grants?
 - a. Individuals
 - b. Arts, humanitarian-based, social service and other organizations where humanities is NOT core to their mission
 - c. For-profit organizations
 - d. Libraries
 - e. Organizations that are not physically located in Delaware
 - f. Religious-missioned organizations
 - g. Delaware public institutions of higher education (as defined in 20. U.S.C. 1001)
3. What costs are eligible for support under the **RECOVER** Grant?
 - a. All general operating support costs are eligible except for facilities-related costs such as construction, repair, or replacement of systems or structure.
 - b. Technical/consultant needs related to a digital transition or in support of preservation and access programs (equipment costs cannot exceed 20% of the grant award)

RENEW Grants: Program and Activity Support

Definition: **RENEW** Program and Activity Support Funds must be used in one or more of the following ways: to prevent, prepare for, respond to, and/or recover from the coronavirus (Covid-19) **by implementing a specific humanities program or activity.**

To apply for **RENEW** support, you must provide your response to the purpose of these funds with a **specific humanities program or activity.** If you receive **RENEW** funding, you'll need to sign a grant agreement with detailed instructions on promotion and publicity requirements, and you will complete a final report in compliance with the NEH. Some examples of activities that may be funded with **RENEW** support include:

- Capacity building efforts (i.e. strategic or business planning, program development, governance, marketing plans, etc.)
- Expansion of programs or activities to alternate platforms or locations due to the effects of the coronavirus (Covid-19).

- Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility (DEIA) assessments and planning related to coronavirus (Covid-19) and social justice awareness
 - Audience diversification and expansion efforts to underserved populations in Delaware
 - Special consideration will be given to programs, activities and ideas that are innovative responses and approaches to the ARP grant purpose that will create stronger, programmatically relevant, sustainable, and future-oriented humanities organizations.
 - Ideas that are not listed are always welcome! Please reach out to the [Grants Officer](#) for input.
1. Is a specific project required for this type of funding?
 - a. Yes, **RENEW** grants are just for humanities-related - activities that will prevent, prepare for, respond to, and/or recover from the coronavirus (Covid-19).
 2. Who is NOT eligible to apply for **RENEW** funding?
 - a. Individuals
 - b. Humanitarian-based social service organizations
 - c. For-profit organizations
 - d. Organizations that are not physically located in Delaware
 - e. Religious-missioned organizations
 3. What costs are eligible for **RENEW** grants?
 - a. Staff and operational costs **directly associated** with humanities programs (extant and new).
 - b. Contract or temporary labor specifically for humanities programs.
 - c. Planning and development of new humanities programs, or re-imagining or revision of existing programs.
 - d. Technical or consulting needs related to digital transition or access, including costs directly associated with digitizing humanities collections to make them available online.
 - e. Expansion of outdoor and/or virtual activities and increase in access to those activities for target populations – moving from traditional environments to those that are more accessible and support coronavirus (Covid-19) public safety practices (i.e. social distancing, sanitization).
 - f. Costs directly associated with humanities program/project which make visible the experiences of Delawareans during the pandemic and highlight stories of community resiliency throughout the state.

**Activities/programming funded by Delaware Humanities grants should be accessible to the public and free or low cost.

4. What costs are NOT eligible for support through both **RECOVER** and **RENEW** Grants?
 - a. Overlapping project costs with any other pending or approved application(s) for federal funding and/or approved federal awards
 - b. General public humanities programming activities that are not related to the intended purpose of the funds – note that [Opportunity Grants for FY21 are still being awarded.](#)
 - c. Funds for activities supported by other non-NEH federal funds
 - d. Competitive re-granting
 - e. Cancellation costs
 - f. Pre-award costs dating to before March 15, 2021
 - g. Equipment costs in excess of 20% of total project costs, or \$5,000.00
 - h. Travel (both foreign and domestic)
 - i. Construction, purchase of real property, major alteration, repair and renovation
 - j. Environmental sustainability
 - k. Collections acquisition
 - l. The preservation, organization, or description of materials that are not regularly accessible for research, education, or public programming
 - m. Promotion of a particular political, religious, or ideological point of view
 - n. Advocacy of a particular program of social or political action
 - o. Support of specific public policies or legislation
 - p. Lobbying
 - q. Projects that fall outside of the humanities and the humanistic social sciences (including the creation or performance of art; creative writing, autobiographies, memoirs, and creative nonfiction; and quantitative social science research or policy studies)