



Humanities Texas

Grant Administration

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All forms required for the grant's administration are available on our [portal](#). If you are not able to download any or all of these forms, please contact the Humanities Texas office, and we will email them to you.

- Complete the **pre-award form** on the portal. This will allow staff to create the grant agreement.
- Review the **grant agreement**, paying close attention to the grant period and the payment and reporting terms. Confirm that all expenditures listed in your **approved budget** (including both cash and in kind) occur within the grant period. If they do not, contact Humanities Texas staff immediately.
- Review the **financial procedures overview**, provided on the following pages, to familiarize yourself with the procedures Humanities Texas follows when awarding major grants.
- If Humanities Texas has awarded your project NEH matching funds, please follow the instructions in the document titled **administering a grant awarded with NEH matching funds** when submitting documentation regarding the outside funds you've raised.
- Have the project's Authorized Official sign the **grant agreement** and return the signed document to Humanities Texas within fifteen days of receipt. Applicants are encouraged to use the online agreement provided. However, you may print and email the document to grants@humanitiestexas.org. Keep a copy for your records. Once HTx receives the signed grant agreement, we will issue payment within three weeks.
- Request the **grant amendment form** to notify us in writing of any changes in dates, times, or program participants well in advance of the event. Significant changes to the project or the budget require prior approval by HTx staff.
- We encourage you to invite your organization's U.S. Representative, State Senator, and State Representative to your event. You can find your federal and state representatives online at <https://wrm.capitol.texas.gov/home>.
- Review the note on **ADA legislation and labor practices** to ensure that your project is in compliance with federal law.
- Complete and submit both the **final report form** and the **final expenditures form** to Humanities Texas within ninety days of the termination of your grant period.

Financial Procedures for Recipients of Major Grants

Major grants include Community Project Grants, Media Grants, and Planning Grants.

The financial management of each major grant is the responsibility of the grantee. Though the grantee's system of accounting does not have to be elaborate, it should (1) provide a method of depositing and disbursing funds for the purpose(s) outlined in the approved grant application and (2) provide a record that can be easily audited. The system of accounting employed by the grantee should be in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, which must be applied in a consistent manner so that all project expenditures and in-kind contributions can be clearly identified. It should also be in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Grant Agreement.

If you have any questions regarding the financial procedures, please contact Director of Grants Marco Buentello at 512.440.1991 x129 or e-mail at marco@humanitiestexas.org.

Payments

Disbursements of major grant funds from Humanities Texas to organizations will be made in one payment. The payment will be made once your signed Grant Agreement is received and the grant period has begun. Please allow up to three weeks for the release of your award check. No payments can be issued until the signed grant agreement is received.

The payment schedule for your project is listed in the Grant Agreement. It is the responsibility of the organization to make the necessary request and/or provide the required reports to obtain payments.

Humanities Texas awards federal funds identified 45.129 in the Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance. Please see your Grant Agreement for more details, including the FAIN.

Grant Period

The beginning and ending dates of a grant period should cover all phases of a project, from early publicity to the conclusion of the public events. All expenditures listed in your approved budget (both in kind and cash) must occur within the grant period listed in your **grant agreement**. The grant agreement must range from two to twelve months. Organizations with an existing, open grant period may not be considered for further funding until the grant period is closed.

Budget Guidelines and Procedures

The **approved budget summary** accompanying your **grant agreement** is considered a part of the agreement. See Item C in the Grant Agreement for details.

Significant changes to the **approved budget summary** require prior approval by HTx staff. Please submit a **grant agreement form** (available on request on the grant portal) to obtain approval. In an emergency, you may call for approval before submitting the written request.

Please note the following restrictions when planning your program and submitting your final report.

- Honoraria: This includes fees for consultants, speakers, and other humanities scholars. Although participants may receive a higher honorarium, no more than \$1,000 per speaker per presentation may be paid with HTx funds.
- Travel & Lodging: Travel in connection with project activities is reimbursable at the current rate listed on the U.S. General Services Administration website at www.gsa.gov for both privately owned vehicles and rental cars, and at economy class for airfare. Actual food and lodging expenses are reimbursable. Except for Canada and Mexico, only the U.S. portion of international airfare may be paid from HTx funds. In the case of Canada and Mexico, participants should use U.S. carriers where possible and feasible.
- No HTx funds may be used to pay for food or alcoholic beverages.
- No HTx funds may be used for construction, renovation, repairs, or restoration of real property.
- No HTx funds may be used to purchase equipment (single items of \$10,000 or more).

If you have any questions about these or other grant requirements, please contact the HTx office.

Final Reports

Once your project has ended, please complete and submit the **final report** and **final expenditures form**. The Final Expenditures report should contain line-items accounting for both cost-sharing contributions and expenditures from HTx grant funds during the grant period.

The following general provisions and instructions apply to the submission of final expenditures reports for Community Project Grants and Media Grants:

1. All grantees must submit final reports no later than ninety (90) days after the termination of the grant. The date of termination (i.e., the end of the grant period) has been designated in the **grant agreement**. Please note that changes to the **approved budget summary** in excess of 10% of any cost category require prior approval by the HTx staff. Changes that violate funding guidelines will not be approved.
2. All expenditures listed in your final expenditures report (including both cash and in kind) must occur within the grant period. If they do not, contact HTx staff immediately.
3. If there is an unexpended grant balance (i.e., if expenditures are less than payments received) at the end of your grant period, a check for the exact amount of unexpended funds should be made payable to Humanities Texas and sent to the HTx office along with the final expenditures report.
4. Certification: final expenditure reports must be certified by signature by both the fiscal agent in charge of the project budget and the authorizing official.