

Democracy and the Informed Citizen

Virginia Humanities - Grants

Introduction

About the Democracy and the Informed Citizen Initiative Grants

We are working with public libraries across the Commonwealth to support public programming that explores issues related to the critical role of local journalism in supporting an informed citizenry. Working within the theme of “Democracy and the Informed Citizen,” funded programs will take place in communities across Virginia between September 2020 and May 2022.

Priorities

The Democracy and the Informed Citizen Initiative, funded by the Mellon Foundation in recognition of the Pulitzer Foundation and administered by the Federation of State Humanities Councils, has these goals:

- Deepen the public’s knowledge and appreciation of the intimate connections between democracy, the humanities, journalism, and an informed citizenry, based on the following premises:
 1. A healthy democracy requires an informed citizenry
 2. The humanities and journalism play a vital role in fostering an informed citizenry.
 3. Informed citizens are media literate.
- Increase media literacy by engaging the public in discussions with Pulitzer Prize winners and finalists in journalism, other respected journalists, and scholars about reliable and unreliable sources of information.
- Expand support for local journalism by creating opportunities to engage directly with community members to address issues of concern.

Additional Grant and Contact Information

The deadline for general applications was February 29, 2020. However, with the grant extension, applications will be accepted on a rolling basis.

Successful applicants will receive grant funding in support of proposed programming. A portion of the grant funding will be designated for advertising the event in the local newspaper.

Although we cannot guarantee full funding for any or all proposals that are selected, we encourage libraries to outline anticipated funding uses based on a \$750 budget, in addition to advertising costs.

Funded libraries will be expected to provide a post-event report with a brief recap of the programming and attendance.

Questions? Email Virginia Center for the Book director Jane Kulow at jbkulow@virginia.edu.

Question Group

Project Name*

Proposed Program Title

Character Limit: 100

Brief Description of the Program*

Provide a description of your program here. You have 800 words or 1.5 pages single-spaced to do that.

Character Limit: 5000

Proposed Date*

Select the date of your proposed program.

Character Limit: 10

Authorizing Official*

Name of person who will be submitting and managing the grant for the organization.

Character Limit: 100

Authorizing Official Email*

Character Limit: 254

Authorizing Official Phone Number

Character Limit: 100

Fiscal Official*

Name of person who will register your organization as a vendor, in order to receive funds.

Character Limit: 40

Fiscal Official Email*

Character Limit: 254

Community Partner #1*

Character Limit: 100

Community Partner #2*

Character Limit: 100

Community Partner #3

Character Limit: 100

Additional Community Partners

Character Limit: 250

Advertising Funding*

Funding requested for advertising in local newspaper (Request a rate card from the newspaper's advertising department in order to define this amount)

Character Limit: 20

Other Programming Expenses*

Funding requested for other program expenses (Please outline your anticipated funding uses based on a \$750 budget; the amount of funding allocated to each project will depend upon the number of accepted applications.)

Character Limit: 20

Budget Narrative*

Brief description of expected program expenses

Character Limit: 500