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# Community History 2024

# Agenda

- What is Community History?
- Who is it for?
- What are program components?
- What is the timeline for the program?
- How many participants does each organization need?
- When are important dates?
- How do I apply?

# What is Community History?

- Community History provides the tools, funding, and cohort support for organizations to develop and launch their own public history projects with their communities.
- Emphasis on learning about and sharing untold and underrepresented stories.
- **No prior history training or knowledge necessary!**

# Who should apply?

- NJ-based organizations that either do not have a history-based mission  
OR have a history-based mission but no professional staff
  - Libraries, arts organizations, cultural organizations, etc.
- Nonprofits or entities of state or local government

# What are the program components?

Learning + Funding + Community

# Components: Learning

- Cohort sessions
- Individual meetings
- Assignments
- Final product: new project plan and budget

# Components: Funding

- \$1000 participation award
- Additional funding up to \$5000 to pilot new projects – following approval!

# Components: Community

- Cohort of participants
- Guest speakers
- Monthly (optional) meet-ups after the program



# Timeline: Learning Intensive (March-June 2024)

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- In-person Workshop 1: What is community-engaged public history?
- In-person Workshop 2: Public history "how to": research, story gathering, and interpretation
- Virtual workshops on topics that will help participants develop their own Community History projects

# Timeline: Project Development (July-September 2024)

- Get into your communities to develop your project plan!
- Individual meetings with staff
- Monthly optional group meetings
- Full cohort will meet in September to present final project plans and budgets for feedback and approval

# Timeline: Pilot Projects (October 2024-October 2025)

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- Award of up to \$5000 to implement your projects!
- Optional one-on-one meetings with staff
- Optional group meetings
- Must submit final report and budget report following this period

# Participants

- Must commit to having at least one, and preferably 2-3, project team members represented at all program sessions, activities, and meetings.
- Participants may be staff members, volunteers, board members, etc.

# Remember!

Community History is not a grant program!

[njhumanities.org/grants](http://njhumanities.org/grants)

# Grant v. Community History

GRANT	COMMUNITY HISTORY
DIY	Facilitated
Project is defined	Project is not defined yet
Planning/doing	Learning/developing

# When are important dates?

- Application deadline: January 17
- Interview deadline: January 26
- Notification: February 9
- Onboarding: February 12-March 4
- In-person workshop 1 (10am-4pm): March 6, 7, or 8
- In-person workshop 2 (10am-4pm): March 20, 21, or 22

# How do I apply?

- Read guidelines! <https://njhumanities.org/programs/community-history/>
- Apply link on that webpage
- Log in if you've applied for a grant or other program
- Register organization if new applicant
- Schedule an interview within the application



# Who can help?

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