



Experimentation is as foundational to the humanities as it is to science. All of us who do humanities work need time and space to feed our own creativity and learn from each other. That is what the Humanities Lab is for.

This program provides a space for organizations to experiment with new program ideas, learn about new program models, and push their own practices in exciting directions. Participants will meet for regular learning sessions as a cohort while simultaneously developing a new project idea. NJCH funding will support participation in the program and piloting new projects.

Whether you are new to the humanities or want to break out of old habits, the Humanities Lab will be a place for you to learn and grow with others who share your goals.

### **Program At a Glance**

Participating organizations will receive guided learning and funding to experiment with new project ideas, including:

- Cohort learning sessions that include guest speakers, case studies of public humanities projects, and time to workshop project ideas.
- Individual meetings between participants and NJCH’s programs staff to work closely together on project development.
- Regular assignments that break down the project development process and result in a plan and budget for a new project.
- Funding to support implementation of a pilot program based on the project created in the Lab.
- Monthly (optional) meet-ups during the pilot project for ongoing community support.

Nonprofit organizations, state and local government entities, and unincorporated community groups based in New Jersey are eligible to apply for Humanities Lab. Each organization selected for the program receives a participation award of \$500 to support the time they will spend on program work. Each cohort organization may submit their new project proposal created in the Lab for additional funding up to \$5,000 to pilot that work. Proposals will be reviewed by members of the Humanities Lab cohort and awards finalized collectively.

### **2024 Timeline**

<b>Application Deadline</b>	<b>Award Notification</b>	<b>Learning Sessions (weeks of)</b>	<b>Project Plans Due</b>	<b>Pilot Project Period</b>
April 30	By May 17	June 17 July 8 July 22 Aug 5	Sept 5	Oct 1, 2024- Sept 30, 2025

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