

Mass Humanities Budget Limits

Speaker Stipends/Honoraria: We fund up to \$500 per speaker, per event.

Reusable Equipment: We fund up to \$1,000 for the purchase of reusable equipment needed for the project. Equipment cost requests should be kept to a reasonable percentage of the total Mass Humanities funds requested.

Receptions: We fund food costs for receptions up to \$300 per project.

Food: Reasonable food costs for program participants (such as lunch at a teacher's institute or food for youth in an after-school program) are allowed.

Lodging: We fund lodging up to \$250 per person, per day.

Travel: Reasonable travel costs for project personnel, such as out-of-town speakers, are allowed. Mass Humanities rarely funds international travel (originating outside of Canada, Mexico, the U.S., and U.S. territories and possessions).

What the Mass Humanities grant cannot fund:

- Work undertaken or supplies purchased before or after the grant period
- Costs of entertainment or alcohol
- Tickets costs if the revenue from ticket sales goes to the sponsoring organization
- Capital improvements, construction or restoration
- Lobbying or advocacy projects
- Profit-making or fundraising projects
- Professional theater productions
- Scholarships or prizes

Cost-shares* are project costs not covered by Mass Humanities. There are two different kinds of cost-shares, depending on how the support is given:

- **Cash-share:** Cash-share support is when actual money changes hands — when someone pays for things like work, supplies, external venue rentals, travel costs or fees. The cash can come from your organization, from ticket sales or registration fees, and from other funding sources.
- **In-kind-share:** In-kind support is a cash-less donation. It includes things like free use of facilities, supplies donated to the project, and volunteered time. In your budget, you'll be asked to determine the cash-value of these donations. For example, in Massachusetts, volunteer time is valued at approximately \$30/hour.