Museum on Main Street Frequently Asked Questions

Would a brewery or church be an eligible host location?
A: No, organizations must be 501c3, government entity, tribal entity or educational institution to be the host. Most commonly these exhibits are located inside small museums but they’ve also been hosted at libraries, colleges, schools, historical societies or community centers.

If organizations have a current grant with Mass Humanities are they eligible to apply?
A: Yes, but all open grants with Mass Humanities, with the exception of SHARP, must be completed by March 2022 in order to be eligible to be a host for the exhibit.

Is it just the host venue for the exhibit that needs to be in a community of under 12,000? Could a regional organization that does not represent ONE town/community be eligible as the applicant?
A: Yes, as long as the location of where the exhibit will be located at is in community with a population less than 12,000, the applicant organization and other project partners do not need to be located in a community with less than 12,000 population.

Will the required training workshops be virtual? How long will they be?
A: There will be two required full-day workshops. One will be in February 2022 and one in March 2022. At this time the February workshop will most likely be virtual.

What does “Minimum standards of security” mean?
A: Mass Humanities requires the exhibit will be stored in an indoor, secure place (lock and key is fine) and that there is a staff member/docent present at all times while the exhibit is open for public access.

When will the awards be announced?
A: Awards and scheduling will be decided in October 2021.

How is the schedule for the exhibit to travel to the six MA venues determined?
A: Hosts sites host the exhibit for six weeks and will have one week to ship between sites. The date options for hosts to have the exhibit are:
9/10/2022 to 10/22/2022
10/30/2022 to 12/10/2022
12/18/2022 to 1/28/2023
2/5/2023 to 3/18/2023
3/26/2023 to 5/6/2023
5/14/2023 to 6/24/2023

Do the venues have input on the exhibit schedule? And when is that schedule determined?
A: Awards and scheduling will be made in October 2021.