

Expand Massachusetts Stories--Story Forward

Massachusetts Foundation for the Humanities

Inquiry form

You are completing a Letter of Inquiry (LOI) for Expand Massachusetts Stories-Story Forward.

How Mass Humanities Uses this Letter of Inquiry (LOI) Form:

The answers you write in this form will help Mass Humanities decide whether your project idea is a good fit for the Expand Massachusetts Stories – Story Forward grant opportunity. Some of the questions we ask here are the same as the questions on the full application. If you cannot answer all of the questions at this stage, explain as much as you can. Your answers are used to determine if your proposal will be asked to complete a full application. If you are selected to complete an application you will be able to copy your answers and update them.

Program Officers will review your answers in this form for eligibility, alignment with the initiative, and likelihood of completing a successful full application. A select number of applicants will move to the proposal stage and be asked to submit a full application.

Preparation*

Have you read the grant guidelines? Find them on our grants page.

Choices

Yes

No

Project Title*

Mass Humanities will do public outreach using your title.

Character Limit: 250

Amount Requested*

Character Limit: 20

Timing of Project*

Choices

I am seeking funding for work that will begin after November 1, 2025

I am seeking funds for activities that will conclude by February 2027

Applicant Organization and Readiness*

Is there any change in the nonprofit status of your organization, or any other major change we should be aware of? How is your organization poised to continue this work, or take on a new direction for it?

Character Limit: 1000

Project Statement*

Complete the following: [Short Project Title] is [major project activities and topic]. [Organization] requests support for [Mass Humanities funded activities]. **Do not copy your original statement.** Please recraft it to reflect your current request.

Example: "Transforming Town is an exhibit, community archive day, and discussion series on the lives and families of immigrant workers in late 20th century Town. The Town Library requests support for research, design, and printing for exhibit panels, and honoraria for speakers."

Character Limit: 500

Expand Massachusetts Stories*

Tell us how the project fits with the Expand Massachusetts Stories Initiative. Try to address the following 1) What stories will the project find, explore, share, and/or interpret and how will the project contribute to a more inclusive understanding of Massachusetts? 2) Why will the project matter to its participants and/or other Massachusetts residents? 3) What will participants or audiences learn about themselves and/or about Massachusetts that they might not have known before?

Feel free to copy/paste from your original proposal. However, if you have additional thoughts on how this current project iteration relates to the EMS initiative, briefly describe that here.

Character Limit: 4000

Project Narrative*

Tell us what you plan to do and how this iteration builds on or relates to your past or current EMS project. Are there continued or new 1) Events, programs, materials, or experiences your project will deliver? 2) People or communities represented in the project, or new audiences? 3) Humanities methods, subjects, or advisors?

Character Limit: 5000

Project Team*

Please list your project team so far, including project director, humanities advisor(s), key staff, consultants, presenters and describe their major project responsibilities. Note any project positions where you are still looking for personnel.

Please use the following format:

Team Member: Name

Team Member: Title

Major Responsibilities:

Experience/Expertise:

Character Limit: 5000

Prospective Budget*

List your best approximation, in dollar amounts, of your major project costs. Note which costs you'll cover with Mass Humanities (MH) funds. Please also note if you anticipate any other major sources of funding for this project.

Example:

Exhibit design and printing: \$4000 - MH

Staff time: \$10,000

Discussion facilitation training: \$2000 - MH

Character Limit: 1000