



## ***Spark! Short Films Initiative:*** Call for Applications

Humanities Kansas offers up to \$10,000 for short films that spark conversations

### **Application Deadline**

September 1, 2022

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Since its founding in 1972, Humanities Kansas has explored bold stories and big ideas in every corner of Kansas—ideas about what it means to be human, to be part of a democracy, and to strengthen our communities.

As we celebrate our first 50 years, HK remains committed to Kansas stories by offering the ***Spark! Short Film Initiative, special grants for documentary short films that will carry Kansas culture forward into the next 50 years.*** We are looking for films that reflect the diversity of experience found in today's Kansas. We encourage fresh takes, dynamic interpretations, and a focus on overlooked experiences.

Have a story but need help making a film? Talk to us! HK staff can connect you with a Kansas filmmaker.

### ***Spark! Short Films must include***

- Local nonprofit organization to serve as the sponsor
- Humanities Scholar (*Need a scholar consultant? HK can connect you with the right person.*)
- Humanities-based approach that explores broad human stories through history, literature, and traditions
- Public premiere with a panel discussion

*Please note that the following productions are NOT eligible:*

- Projects exclusively focused on script research and development
- Recording of conferences, events, or lectures
- Commercials or informational promotions for your organization
- Art installations and introductory pieces for museums or other institutions
- Docudramas or productions that involve re-enactors or actors

### **Applicants will demonstrate the following**

- A strong humanities story based in Kansas
- A designated local coordinator to serve as the point-person for the project
- Engagement with an HK scholar to develop the project
- A plan to publicize and promote the project locally
- Initial plans for a public screening and Q&A event (in-person or online)
- Agreement to attend an HK planning meeting in Topeka (date TBD)
- Understanding that a project evaluation and cost share report at the project's conclusion is required

### **Selected organizations will receive**

- Up to \$10,000 to support the film project and public program
- Statewide publicity and promotion of the project
- Networking and training with a cohort of selected organizations

### **Eligibility**

- In-state nonprofits are eligible. 501(c)(3) status is not required, but applicants do need a Unique Entity ID from SAM.gov. *How do you get a UEID? Follow the [Quick Start Guide](#).*
- **NOTE:** Organizations with an open HK grant are not eligible. Universities and colleges are not eligible.

HK will select up to 4 project hosts based on the strength of the application, accompanying plans, geographic distribution, community partnerships, and enthusiasm for the project.

### **How to Apply**

- Applications are submitted to the online portal.
- It is recommended that you type your answers into a Word document and cut & paste your answers into the application fields.
- A concise narrative and budget are required. Please see the Application Questions section below. More detailed instructions are available at our Application Step-by-Step page [LINK].

### **Important Dates**

Submission Deadline	Thursday, September 1 (11:59 PM)
Notification by HK	Friday, September 30
Project Cohort Workshop	TBD
Project Event Dates	November 1, 2022 – October 31, 2023

### **Contact**

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