



SHARP GENERAL OPERATING SUPPORT GRANT SAMPLE ACTIVITIES

- Examples of General Operating Support requests
 - A mid-sized history museum, which lost significant donor and ticket revenue due to the pandemic, requests GOS support in the amount of \$20,000 to cover salaries and benefits for two museum staff members and two months of utility payments.
 - A rural cultural center unable to host its annual fundraiser (which normally covers rent expenses for the year) requests GOS support in the amount of \$15,000 to fund rent payments from July of 2021 to December of 2021.
- Examples of Project Support requests for Humanities Organizations
 - Note: Humanities Organizations may elect to use GOS support for projects addressing recovery from COVID-19. These are examples of eligible projects for humanities organizations.
 - Museum Example
 - Following the mass program pivot of 2020, a museum requests support for strategic planning and technical consulting for transition to digital programming, addressing future directions after the impact of COVID-19 in 2020 and 2021.
 - Historic Site Example

- A historic house museum requests support for an equity assessment to ensure it is providing programming that is inclusive to audiences.
- Indigenous Cultural Heritage Center Example
 - An indigenous cultural heritage center limited by the effects of COVID-19 will use funds for the expansion of outdoor and virtual humanities programming and activities, from traditional environments to those that are more accessible.
- **Note:** Please note, organizations whose core mission falls outside of the humanities and the humanistic social sciences (including the creation or performance of art; creative writing, autobiographies, memoirs, and creative nonfiction; and quantitative social science research or policy studies) are not eligible to receive funding for operating support but may be eligible for a [Humanities Project Support \(HPS\) Grant](#).