



2023 Ohio Holocaust and Genocide Memorial and Education Commission Grant Program

Operated in Partnership with Ohio Humanities, the state-based partner of the National Endowment for the Humanities

What? The Ohio Holocaust and Genocide Memorial and Education Commission (OHGMEC) will make funds available for grants to non-profit, educational, and governmental organizations to support educational programming about the Holocaust and genocide that align with the definition in Ohio Revised Code 197.01.¹

When?

- Grant Guidelines Release: April 3, 2023
- Grant Applications due: May 12, 2023
- Grant Introduction Webinar: the week of April 24
- Ohio Humanities program staff office hours to schedule calls with potential applicants: 6 hours per week for the weeks of April 24, May 1, and May 8
- Grant Decisions: No later than June 19, 2023
- Period of performance: July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024.

How much?

Grant amounts will be up to \$10,000

Who is eligible to apply?

- Non-profit organizations registered with the State of Ohio and located in Ohio.
- The following organizations or institutions are eligible so long as the funds are used only for Holocaust and genocide education activities. These organizations are only eligible for project support. They are not eligible for hybrid support.
 - Religious organizations
 - School Districts and Institutions of Higher Education
 - Governmental entities (libraries, park districts, cultural arts centers, local government bodies, etc.)

What kinds of institutional missions and/or project goals can receive support?

- Organizations with a primary mission to provide education about the Holocaust and/or other genocides.
- Organizations with a primary mission to memorialize the Holocaust and/or other genocides.
- Organizations or projects that are dedicated to the ongoing process of communicating the stories that relate to or arise out of the Holocaust and/or other genocides.
- Organizations or projects that educate Ohioans about the Holocaust and/or other genocides.

Additional Guidance:

¹ This grant program is carried out pursuant to ORC Section 197.08 subsection H.

Arts Projects: Arts activities (art exhibitions, performances, etc.) are eligible if they include significant interpretive or educational components of the project (i.e. public programming, interpretive labels, etc.).

Balanced Viewpoints: Public programs should encourage open conversations among speakers and audience members. Our funded projects cannot discriminate against persons or groups, and they cannot promote a particular political, religious, or ideological point of view. In other words, projects should strive to provide fair consideration and expression of alternative viewpoints. This does not extend to denying the existence of the Holocaust or genocide if it aligns with the definition pursuant to ORC 197.01.

Involvement of Experts or Eyewitness/Survivor: Projects should include experts or eyewitnesses/survivors. An expert will have relevant expertise in the Holocaust or a particular genocide. See the **glossary** for an expanded definition. An eyewitness, survivor, or immediate descendant of an eyewitness and/or survivor should have a verifiable connection to the Holocaust or genocide.

What kinds of grants are these?

- The grants are available for projects and hybrid project/operating support.
 - A project grant supports a specific set of activities that has a clear beginning and end point and a specific set of pre-established outputs and outcomes.
 - A hybrid grant supports organizations that carry out ongoing activities that align with the OHGMEC mission, and which do not have a clear beginning and end and likely rely primarily on permanent staff.

Budget rules:

- Cost-share: OHGMEC requires a 50% match. That means that each dollar from OHGMEC must be matched with \$.50 of either cash or an in-kind contribution by the sponsoring organization.
- Eligible costs include personnel, experts/scholars, travel and per diem, outreach/advertising, project activity costs (room rental, A/V, copying cost, books or DVD purchases, rights costs to screen a film, exhibition-related costs, and up to 10% for indirect costs.
 - Students (Higher Education) may receive pay only for direct involvement in the project outcomes or as part of an internship.
- Ineligible costs include:
 - Capital expenses
 - Artistic materials and equipment
 - Non-OHGMEC mission related operating costs
 - Fundraising efforts
 - Costs related to any project whose primary purpose is to present political or religious ideas
 - Scholarship assistance
 - Staff salaries at a k-12 school
 - High School Student pay
 - University faculty salary and costs that are not directly related to the project

The application will ask for the following information:

Q1. What are the activities that will be carried with OHGMEC funds? Please identify whether the organization is requesting hybrid or project support. Describe the outputs and outcomes of the activities. How will the organization assess whether the activities align with the mission of the organization and address the initial goals of the project?

Q2. How does this advance awareness and/or knowledge about the Holocaust and other genocides?

Q3. Project Personnel

Part 1. Who are the experts involved in the program? How is their background/expertise relevant to Holocaust and genocide education? If it is a lecture series or similar, provide short biographies of each of the presenters.

Part 2. Identify other key members of the organizational staff that will contribute to the success of the project.

Q4. Who is the intended audience for the project or organization? What kind of outreach will be carried out to the intended audience?

Q5. What is the sponsoring organization that is requesting the funds? Are there partners involved in the project and who are those partners?

Glossary

Expert: Experts are integral to every project that we fund. These individuals should ensure accuracy in the project, provide relevant context, and contribute to the interpretative work of the project from a humanities perspective. Experts should align with one of the following:

- An individual with an advanced degree (MA or PhD) who researches and/or teaches Holocaust and/or genocide studies at the college level;
- A K-12 educator who has been trained to teach Holocaust/genocide education through a vetted professional development program (i.e. USHMM, Echoes & Reflection, Facing History & Ourselves, Holocaust & Humanity Center, etc);
- A staff member or educator of a museum, cultural or educational institution that has a mission of Holocaust and/or genocide education. Ideally, these individuals will have additional education through a vetted professional development program or education in a relevant field though not necessarily at an advanced level (i.e. USHMM, Echoes & Reflection, Facing History & Ourselves, Holocaust & Humanity Center, Yad Vashem, etc);

Genocide (Ohio Revised Code 197.01): an internationally recognized crime where the following acts are committed against a national, ethnic, racial, or religious group's members with the intent to destroy, in whole or in part, the group:

- Killing;
- Causing serious bodily or mental harm;
- Deliberately inflicting life conditions calculated to bring about physical destruction, in whole or in part;
- Imposing measures intended to prevent births;
- Forcibly transferring a group's children to another group.

Holocaust (Ohio Revised Code 197.01): the systematic, state-sponsored persecution and murder of approximately six million Jews by the Nazi regime and its allies and collaborators. Other victims, including the Roma and Sinti, also known as Gypsies, homosexuals, Poles, people with disabilities, and Jehovah's Witnesses, were also persecuted and murdered by the Nazi regime.