

Democracy and the Informed Citizen Request for Proposals

South Carolina Humanities is pleased to announce programming grants on the general subject of **Democracy and the Informed Citizen** for fiscal year 2018-2019. A total of \$15,000 in grants is earmarked for this purpose.

SC Humanities invites projects that examine what it means to be an informed citizen in a democratic society. This grant opportunity is open to community organizations, libraries, schools, and colleges and universities. All types of programming on this general subject are welcome. Among the questions that might be raised include:

- What does the term Democracy mean to you and/or your community?
- What is the future of journalism?
- How can local journalism, so long a mainstay of community life, be revitalized?
- How has American journalism historically responded to periods of political upheaval and change?
- What does it mean to be an informed citizen in a democratic society?
- How can the humanities disciplines be utilized to strengthen the Democratic process?

Programs should be held between November 1, 2018, and May 31, 2019.

The board of SC Humanities has established this special grant opportunity to provide interested organizations and institutions with a way to develop, fund and present creative programs in their own communities that complement a new programming initiative that begins in our state this September. SC Humanities, Winthrop University in Rock Hill, SC, and the SC Press Association will present a seven-month series titled "News Literacy and the Future of Journalism," which was developed as the result of a national **Democracy and the Informed Citizen** project spearheaded by the Federation of State Humanities Councils (SC Humanities is a member). For a complete list of the public forums, lectures and events to be presented by SC Humanities and its partners, go to:

<https://schumanities.org/projects/news-literacy-and-the-future-of-journalism/>.

Since the nation's founding, the humanities have been seen as essential for producing citizens who understand their history, think creatively, and can form reasoned judgments and decisions.

The Guidelines and Application for this RFP can be found on SC Humanities website at www.schumanities.org. Staff will be happy to work with you on draft ideas related to this request. Please contact the Assistant Director, Theresa (T.J.) Wallace, at tjwallace@schumanities.org or 803-771-2477, for more information.