

South Carolina: Food for Thought Request for Proposals

South Carolina Humanities seeks proposals from interested institutional or nonprofit applicants designed to examine and celebrate the ways food helps to define South Carolina's culture and history.

Food is imperative for human life, but most of us don't spend a lot of time thinking about the elements that shape our particular dining habits and taste preferences. The food we choose to eat; the way we grow and prepare it; our mealtime rituals, traditions, and conversations are all elements that distinguish us as a culture and as individuals.

South Carolina Humanities is particularly focusing on food in 2020 to go along with the launch of our special traveling exhibit project *South Carolina: The Food We Celebrate*, offered in partnership with the South Carolina State Museum. SC Humanities invites grant applications for public programs that highlight South Carolina food culture and engage audiences in discussions about deeper issues that are food-related. A wide variety of topics could be covered, including (but not limited to):

- Food production, agriculture, and farming
- Hunger
- Nutrition and obesity
- Food security and safety
- Food deserts
- Food in community life
- Food in literature
- South Carolina culinary history

Food is an important and yet also a popular and accessible topic. SC Humanities will look favorably at proposals that use the humanities (history; literature; languages; linguistics; philosophy; ethics; comparative religion; anthropology; historical, critical and theoretical approaches to the arts) to think creatively about food in South Carolina and that encourage thoughtful dialogue and interaction among participants.

SC Humanities will not set aside specific grant dollars to applicants who submit proposals under the rubric of this request; applicants will be in the normal competitive pool for review. However, priority will be given to proposals that address an important issue for South Carolina; utilize the perspectives of one or more humanities disciplines; and develop proper formats for implementation and distribution. Developing a collaborative base of support locally is also important.

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.