



## NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY

<b>GRANTING ENTITY:</b>	<b>400 Years of African American History Commission</b>
<b>FUNDING OPPORTUNITY TITLE:</b>	<b>Writing A New History</b>
<b>OPEN FOR APPLICATIONS:</b>	<b>January 19, 2020</b>
<b>DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS:</b>	<b>March 9, 2020; 11:59pm EST</b>
<b>NOTICE AND APPLICATION POSTED:</b>	<a href="http://www.400yaahc.com/grants">www.400yaahc.com/grants</a>

**January 19, 2019** — Pursuant to its national theme, “Writing A New History,” the 400 Years of African American History Commission (400 YAAHC) is pleased to announce availability of funding to encourage civic, patriotic, historical, educational, artistic, religious, economic, and other organizations throughout the United States to organize and participate in activities to expand understanding and appreciation of the recognition of 400 years of African American history.

In collaboration with NAFJ, the 400 YAAHC will be offering competitive grants ranging between \$1000 and \$20,000.

### **Areas of Consideration**

Proposals requesting funding supported by this announcement must clearly demonstrate priorities as specified in Public Law 115-102. Projects may propose to plan, develop, and carry out programs and activities throughout the United States:

- Appropriate to commemorate 400 years of African American history;
- To recognize and highlight the resilience and contributions of African Americans since 1619;
- To acknowledge the impact that slavery and laws that enforced racial discrimination had on the United States;
- To educate the public about the arrival of African Americans in the United States and subsequent contributions;
- To ensure that the commemoration provides a lasting legacy and long-term public benefit
- To help ensure that the commemoration of 400 years of African American history is inclusive and appropriately recognize the experiences and heritage of all individuals present at the arrival of Africans in the United States.

Successful applicants will be notified by May 2020. Projects must be complete by June 1, 2021. This award is not recurrent. No grants will be awarded to individual applicants.

**Anticipated funding levels:**

\$20,000	Up to 10 successful applicants	Eligible applicants include institutions of higher education and U.S. national organizations, with or without 501(c)(3) status which have been in existence three or more years. Proposed plan must comply with a minimum of three areas of consideration and a period of performance of 12 or more months beyond award receipt.
\$10,000	Up to 20 successful applicants	Eligible applicants include non-profit organizations, with or without 501(c)(3). Proposed plan must comply with a minimum of two areas of consideration sustained six months or more beyond date of award. Applicant must have been in existence for a minimum of two years.
\$5,000	Up to 20 successful applicants	Eligible applicants include non-profit organizations, with or without 501(c)(3) to include institutions, museums, and cultural centers (to include faith-based) and heritage sites committed to preserve, protect, and interpret African American history.
\$2500	Up to 40 successful applicants	Eligible applicants include non-profit organizations, with or without 501(c)(3), who present <u>multi-day</u> commemorative programming which honor benchmarks in African American history.
\$1500	Up to 400 National Education Ambassadors	Eligible applicants include schools (private, public, and higher education) which provide proof of participation in “ <b>Let’s Talk About Our Dream</b> ” Initiative.
\$1000	Up to 40 successful applicants	Eligible applicants include small non-profit organizations (faith or community-based), with or without 501(c)(3), who comply with at least one area of consideration and have been in existence for one year or more. Applicant must have an annual budget which does not exceed \$25,000.

**Projects may not be used for:**

- General operations, renovation, restoration, rehabilitation, or construction
- Strategic planning or feasibility studies
- Promotion of a particular political, religious, or ideological point of view
- Advocacy for political action
- Lobbying
- Existing budget deficits and shortfalls
- Exclusively to fund travel costs
- To fund purchases of food
- Exclusively for salary, payment of project consultants, or contractual honorariums
- Purchases of artifacts and artwork

**Related topics are (but are not exclusive to):**

- Racial or economic discrimination
- African Americans and the census
- The impact of criminal justice on African Americans
- Educational, health or other disparities impacting African Americans
- Little or lesser known facts of African American history
- The quest for freedom
- African Americans and the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the nation's founding
- Oral history and storytelling
- Commemorative milestones

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

Complete and submit the application form posted at [www.400yaahc.com/Grants](http://www.400yaahc.com/Grants) by **February 29, 2020; 11:59pm EST.**