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PUBLICLY ENGAGED HUMANITIES FACULTY MINI-GRANTS

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Purpose: The purpose of these grants is to provide seed money for faculty to explore opportunities to create dynamic public humanities projects that incorporate students and community members or organizations. Projects must explicitly engage the humanities, broadly defined,and promote the values and mission of the Center for the Humanities. https://wmich.edu/humanities/about

Projected Outcomes: Project outcomes will vary. Suggested outcomes may be:
- The development of an implementable project involving students and the community
- Changes in the design of a class or classes including the project activities
- Development of a new skill or proficiency such as digital archiving, design instruction etc.

Amount: up to $3,500.This money should be viewed as "seed money" to start a project, learn new skills and acquire supplies or the experience needed to apply for larger grants with NEH, Michigan Humanities, etc. The hope is to create long term funded public humanities projects.

For some examples of public humanities programs, see: https://wmich.edu/humanities/resources

Applications are **due on Sept. 15** and awards announced by September 30. Awardees will be expected to attend two gatherings in the fall and two in the spring a semester with fellow grant winners to discuss projects, resources and ideas. Money should be spent by July 1, 2024.

Eligibility: All board appointed faculty.
Review: Applications will be reviewed by a three-person committee of humanities faculty.

Applications: Please send a pdf document that includes the following section:
1. **Name, Department and email**
2. **Project Title**
3. **Project Proposal** (500 words or less). Describe the proposed project and how it will incorporate students and the community. Describe the activities the project would like to develop. Who are your community partners? What do you think you can accomplish with this grant? Who will benefit and how from your project?
4. **Budget Justification** How will you spend this money? Please include an expected budget for the project. The budget should not include a faculty stipend or release time. will you spend this money?
5. **Expected outcomes**

Questions? Please email ann.miles@wmich.edu or amy.bocko@wmich.edu
Please send grant applications to: wmu-humanities@wmich.edu

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