



ENGAGED HUMANITIES NETWORK CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Engaged Communities Grants

Engaged Communities Grants are designed to support publicly engaged research, creative work, and programming through mutually beneficial projects created between Syracuse University faculty, staff, and students and community partners. These projects should seek to co-create public goods based on community assets, needs and interests.

Program Overview:

College of Arts & Sciences faculty are eligible to apply for \$5,000 to develop and implement publicly engaged projects designed in collaboration with community partners. Additionally, the Office of Strategic Initiatives in Academic Affairs and the Lender Center for Social Justice will help fund up to two grants for faculty of all ranks from any school or college (other than A&S) who are developing and implementing publicly engaged projects designed in collaboration with community partners. Partners might include local civic organizations, cultural institutions and centers (including public-facing University centers), government agencies, K-12 schools, grassroots community groups, local artists, educators, and independent scholars. Engaged Communities projects can be at any stage of development and implementation and may be awarded to individuals or teams. Awardees for the 2025-26 academic year will be eligible to apply for a \$10,000 Sustaining Engagement Grant in Spring 2026.

Program Goals:

Engaged Communities Mini Grants aim to support public scholars, artists, and educators in 1.) applying their knowledge and skills to serve the public good; 2.) developing relationships of trust and reciprocity with community partners; 3.) applying research, creative work, and/or programming to affect social change and pursue justice; and 4.) demonstrating that knowledge and expertise are not the exclusive purview of academic practitioners.

Eligibility:

Faculty of all ranks are eligible to apply individually or with teams of faculty, students, staff, and collaborators from across the University and region.

Application Checklist:

Completed [online application form](#); including:

- 2-page (maximum) curriculum vitae or resume for project lead(s)
- 2-page (maximum) description of proposed project, process of implementation, and plans for sustainability
- 1-page (maximum) budget description
- Letter(s) of support from community partner(s). Or partners can send notes of support via email to the Engaged Humanities Network @ ehn@syr.edu.

Application Timeline:

Event	Date
Submit full proposal using online form	March 4, 2025
Award notification sent	April 8, 2025
Consultation meeting with EHN team and other grant recipients	Summer 2025
Engaged Communities Cohorts Meeting 1	September 2025
Engaged Communities Cohorts Meeting 2	November 2025
Engaged Communities Cohorts Meeting 3	February 2026
Engaged Communities Cohorts Meeting 4	April 2026
EHN 2025-26 Showcase Event	April 2026