



ENGAGED HUMANITIES NETWORK CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Sustaining Engagement Grant

Sustaining Engagement Grants are designed to support the continuation and/or expansion of publicly engaged research, creative work, and programming already associated with the EHN's Engaged Communities and/or Engaged Courses programs. In line with all ENH initiatives, Sustaining Engagement is designed to strengthen mutually beneficial projects created among 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:

Sustaining Engagement offers \$10,000 to one Engaged Communities and/or Engaged Courses team or multi-team/project collaboration to sustain and/or scale an existing, high-impact, community-engaged project. A faculty team leader or co-leader from the College of Arts and Sciences must be identified, and teams with undergraduate and/or graduate researchers are strongly encouraged. **Community** 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. Proposals should provide a description of the project's aspirations and goals; reflect on its current strengths, challenges, and needs; and describe how this additional investment will advance its reach and sustainability. **Awardees should plan to actively participate in the 2025-26 Engaged Communities Cohort.**

Proposal Guidelines:

Please be sure to include the following information in your proposal. These categories will also be used as evaluation criteria:

1. **Community challenge/opportunity:** Describe the community need/opportunity/challenge to which the project responds and the process of community involvement in identifying the need/opportunity/challenge and envisioning responses.
2. **Aspirations and goals:** Describe the project's history, impact, aspirations, and goals and outline an assessment plan to monitor progress and evaluate achievement of project goals.
3. **Diversity, inclusion, and accessibility:** Describe how the project fosters diverse engagement and inclusion. What processes does it employ to identify and accommodate access?
4. **Institutional ecology and networks:** Indicate how the next phase of the project will build on previous initiatives, resources, and expertise, including ways it will continue to strengthen an existing network of collaborators and the collective work of the EHN.

Eligibility:

A&S faculty leads of Engaged Communities projects and/or Engaged Courses from Academic Years 2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24, and 2024-25 are eligible to apply with teams of faculty, students, and staff from other schools, colleges and community partners.

Application Checklist:

Please email the following as a single PDF to ehn@syr.edu:

- 2-page (maximum) curriculum vitae or resume for project lead(s)
- 3-page (maximum) description of proposed project, process of implementation, and plans for sustainability
- 1-page (maximum) budget description with itemized list of anticipated expenses
- Letter(s) of support from community partner(s). Or partners can send notes of support via email to Brice Nordquist at ehn@syr.edu

Application Timeline:

| Event | Date |
|--------------------------------|--------------|
| Submit full proposal via email | May 15, 2025 |
| Award notification sent | July 1, 2025 |

Consultation meeting with EC grant recipients
Engaged Communities Cohorts Meeting 1
Engaged Communities Cohorts Meeting 2
Engaged Communities Cohorts Meeting 3
Engaged Communities Cohorts Meeting 4
EHN Showcase Event

August 2025
September 2025
November 2025
February 2026
April 2026
April 2026