LEHIGH VALLEY ENGAGED HUMANITIES CONSORTIUM (LVEHC)

Call for Proposals:  
*Programming at Cultural Institutions*

**Deadlines:**
(see reverse)

**Amounts:**
$500 / $5,000

The Lehigh Valley Engaged Humanities Consortium (LVEHC) seeks proposals that support cultural performances, readings, forums, dialogues and public art and writing projects affiliated with local cultural institutions (local museums, area public libraries, area dance troupes, etc). Cultural institutions, community organizations and individuals (artists, writers, educators, and other community members who want to forge a collaborative relationship with a cultural institution) are welcome to apply. Projects can occur any time between now and May 2021.

**Introduction to the LVEHC:**
Generously funded by a grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation through June 2021, the Lehigh Valley Engaged Humanities Consortium (LVEHC) (http://sites.lafayette.edu/lvehc/) fosters exploration of personal, historical, and community narratives that have emerged in the past half-century in the region using methods of the humanities and arts. The LVEHC is guided by a steering committee composed of representatives of a dozen Lehigh Valley academic and cultural institutions.

**LVEHC Main Themes:**
- The *diversity* of communities
- The changing nature of *work*
- The process of *story-making*
- The evolving landscape, environment, and *sense of place*

**Application Process:**
- Submit a one- to two-page (250-500 words) proposal, accompanied by any relevant letters of support, to the Steering Committee co-directors via email at LVEngagedHumanities@gmail.com, or by filling out the Proposal Submission Form online.
- Applications will be reviewed by the LVEHC steering committee; responses can be expected approximately three weeks after proposal submission.

**Proposals should contain:**
- Description of the proposed programming including proposed date or date range, venue, subject and audience.
- List of any collaborating organizations (including a brief letter of support from participating staff/faculty at collaborating organization);
- Anticipated impact on the proposed audience (students, community, etc.);
- Statement of how the proposed programming aligns with the LVEHC themes (see above).

**Considerations:**
- Proposals received from individuals (writers/artists/educators not affiliated with sponsoring institution) must provide a brief letter of support from the proposed sponsoring institution.
- Proposed programming that aligns with the LVEHC Themes (see above) will be prioritized for funding.
- If multiple proposals are received for programming on the same date, the steering committee may request that the date of event(s) be altered.
**Post-award Responsibilities:**
A minimum paragraph-long statement and a minimum of two images from the programming will be required within 30 days of the conclusion of the programming. This statement may be incorporated into a blog post that will be shared on the LVEHC website and will also be used in grant reporting.

**Award Levels**
There is limited funding for two large one-time performances or art exhibitions per year at $5,000 each. We will also fund multiple and educational activities such as school visits to exhibits or poetry readings at $500 each.

**Deadlines:**
- $5,000 performances/events: March 1st, November 1st
- $500 educational events: First of each month

**LVEHC Mellon Grant Steering Committee:**
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