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## **ARIZONA HUMANITIES ANNOUNCES NEW SPECIAL INITIATIVE GRANT FOR ARIZONA COMMUNITIES**

*Apply for a one-time \$10,000 grant opportunity that engages Arizonans in community-centered storytelling programs and creates resources for local history and culture.*

**PHOENIX, AZ** – Arizona Humanities, the Arizona affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities, invites organizations to collaborate and apply for a new special grant initiative. *Storying Arizona* is a one-time \$10,000 grant opportunity to engage Arizonans in community-centered storytelling programs, and to create resources for local history and culture.

The *Storying Arizona* special initiative grant will be awarded to a collaborative team of two (2) or more organizations proposing public programs which educate, interpret, and/or promote awareness of the architectural, cultural, and archaeological resources of Arizona using a community-centered approach. This new statewide special initiative grant is open to all Arizona communities. Organizations are encouraged to utilize the community-centered methods pioneered by the Papago Salado Association Inc.'s Story Tour Project (<http://storytour.org>), although projects do not have to revolve around the Papago Salado region. Proposals may focus on, and conduct programs in any region of Arizona.

Applications are now open. Full proposals are due on November 1, 2016. Applicants will be notified of the award decision by December 1, 2016. The online *Storying Arizona* application is available at [www.azhumanities.org](http://www.azhumanities.org).

Dr. Nicole Blalock, Grants Manager with Arizona Humanities remarked, "Arizona Humanities is very excited to offer the *Storying Arizona* grant and to engage local communities in connecting Arizonans to the cultures, peoples, and histories of our state."

Individuals who would like to learn more about *Storying Arizona* are invited to attend an upcoming free workshop or webinar.

- **In-Person Workshop**

- **Thursday, July 21st - 11:30am-1:00pm**

Storying Arizona Brown-Bag Lunch @ Arizona Humanities

1242 N. Central Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85004

- **Online Webinars**

- Monday, July 25th - 9:00-10:00am

- Thursday, August 4th - 2:00-3:00pm

- Friday, August 12th - 11:00am-12:00pm

- Tuesday, September 13th - 2:00-3:00pm

- Wednesday, September 28th - 9:00-10:00am

- Friday, October 7th - 11:00am-12:00pm

Brenda Thomson, Executive Director of Arizona Humanities added, "This grant is made possible by a generous donation from the Papago Salado Association, Inc., and we are looking forward to the ideas, creativity, and collaboration organizations across Arizona can bring to this project."

For more information about *Storying Arizona* or to begin an application, visit [www.azhumanities.org/grant-opportunities](http://www.azhumanities.org/grant-opportunities). For questions, contact Dr. Nicole Blalock at [nblalock@azhumanities.org](mailto:nblalock@azhumanities.org) or 602-257-0335 x23.3

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Arizona Humanities is a statewide 501(c)3 non-profit organization and the Arizona affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities. Since 1973, Arizona Humanities has supported public programs that promote understanding of the human experience with cultural, education, and non-profit organizations across Arizona.