



McElmo Flume,
Montezuma County

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

SHF PROGRAM UPDATES 2021

We listened to you and are implementing the following changes

When will all these changes go into effect?

All programmatic changes, unless otherwise noted, will go into effect on July 1, 2021.

How many competitive grant rounds will there be a year?

There will be up to three mini-grant rounds (requests up to \$50,000) and one general grant round (requests from \$50,001 up to \$250,000) annually. Access the 2021 calendar [here](#).

Are there any new grant types?

Yes, there are two new non-competitive grants that launched on January 1.

- [Micro Grant](#)- is a community-level preservation grant that funds anything eligible for a competitive SHF grant up to \$5,000 with a minimum 50% cash match.
- [Planning Grant](#)- provides up to \$15,000 for applicants to plan for physical work on a resource with a minimum 10% cash match.

Is cash match changing?

Beginning July 1, all non-competitive grants will require a 10% match from governmental entities or non-profits owners and 25% from private or for-profit entities owners. Cash match requirements for Competitive grants will remain the same.

How do I start the Letter of Intent (LOI) process for a competitive grant request?

A Letter of Intent is now required to apply for a competitive grant. To access and start the LOI process see our website [here](#).

What is new for draft application reviews?

Each project team can submit a draft for one staff review up to one month prior to an application deadline. See the 2021 draft calendar [here](#).

Can I submit an application for more than one round annually?

Yes! With more grant options there is more flexibility to meet your needs throughout the year.

With these changes will there be more projects awarded annually?

We hope with more grant options (timing, scale, scope, etc.) we can provide more opportunities for applicants to tailor our grants to better fit their needs and schedules.

When should we start planning for these changes within our current project?

Start planning now. The next general grant round application opens on June 1.

How has the State Historical Fund responded to the movement to address racial inequities experienced by the Black, Indigenous, and people of color communities?

In tandem with the creation of [History Colorado's Anti-Racism Values](#), SHF launched an examination of its program for diversity, equity, and inclusion in 2020.

Changes to the program include the incorporation of a Letter of Intent to our grant application process, demographic questions for grant applicants and reviewers, and diversity, equity, and inclusion training for staff and grant reviewers.

Though we are making efforts to respond to this movement immediately, we view this as a permanent aspect of our work and will take a long-term approach in how we identify the best ways to promote diversity, equity, and inclusion in our program.

MORE QUESTIONS?

Contact [staff](#) if you have more questions.

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