

FLORIDA TALKS



ENGAGING SPEAKERS



COMPELLING TOPICS



THOUGHT-PROVOKING
DISCUSSIONS

Funding available now for Spring 2020 programs!

Do you know the ten foods that define Florida? Or the story behind a black market orchid-smuggling scheme in Miami? Or the culture of the Florida Seminoles, and the history (and myth) of Chief Osceola? These are examples of more than 80 compelling topics available to you through our Florida Talks program.

Florida Talks, a program of the Florida Humanities Council, offers nonprofit organizations an easy, inexpensive way to host informative and thought-provoking presentations across the state.

We provide funding and sample promotional materials for organizations to bring up to three presentations to their community.

Application Deadline:

• October 18, 2019 at 12pm EST – for programs occurring

between January 1 and June 30, 2020.

- **May 1, 2020 at 12pm EST** – for programs occurring between July 1 and December 31, 2020.

How it works:

1. Browse our [2020 Speakers Directory](#) to decide which program(s) you want to bring to your community.
2. Contact the speaker(s) and confirm date(s), time(s) and any special arrangements for your program(s).
3. Complete our short and easy [Florida Talks application](#) by the posted deadline. Sites will be notified within three weeks of the application deadline of their funding status. Approved sites will receive 50% of their requested funds upon receipt of a signed contract.
4. Publicize and host your program(s). Encourage attendees to share event feedback on the provided FHC forms.
5. Submit your online [final report](#) to receive the final 50% of funding.

FHC will give funding priority to:

- Organizations with operating budgets of less than \$500,000.
- Organizations that direct programming toward underserved audiences. Underserved audiences can be defined as those whose access to the humanities is limited by geography, ethnicity, economics, disability, or other special factors.
- Proposals representing a wide geographic spread of programming. In general, if multiple proposals come from the same area (city or county), only one proposal will be funded.
- Organizations who are new applicants to FHC or who have successfully partnered with FHC on prior programming.
- Programs that are free and open to the public.

Important information about FHC funding

Because FHC is a federally-funded agency, all organizations requesting support from FHC are also required to have a DUNS number and be registered in the System for Award Management (SAM.gov), a website used by entities doing business with funds from the U.S. government. Organizations are strongly encouraged to begin the registration process or have an active sam.gov account prior to submitting their Florida Talks application. No awarded funds may be distributed to Florida Talks host sites without an active sam.gov account. Creating and maintaining a sam.gov account is completely free. [Download](#) this quick start guide for registering or renewing with sam.gov.

Answers to Frequently Asked Questions

Who can apply?

Any Florida organization constituted for non-profit purposes may apply for funding. It is not necessary that organizations be incorporated or have tax-exempt status. Please see the additional requirements noted above regarding organizational DUNS and sam.gov accounts.

How much honoraria do speakers charge?

It will vary speaker to speaker, however all speakers on our Directory have agreed to charge no more than \$300 per program. This amount does not include possible travel expenses.

How much funding should we request?

While \$1,000 is the maximum award, you should only request

what you need for your programming. A project using only one speaker should not request the maximum amount.

Do Florida Talks funds require a match?

All FHC funds must be matched at a minimum with an equal amount of cash and/or in-kind services. Approved matches include staff/volunteer time, equipment/facility usage, publicity, and other program related expenses not covered by FHC funds.

Can we use funding for staffing or facilities?

None of the requested funds can be used for staffing or facilities. However, these items can go towards your match.

My organization currently has an open Community Project Grant or other FHC-funded project. Can I also apply for a Florida Talks project?

Yes, you are still eligible for a Florida Talks project. Organizations may only receive one Florida Talks grant per calendar year.

Can we charge admission to a program?

Priority will be given to programs that are free and open to the general public. However, nominal admission fees that do not present a barrier to public participation may be charged.

Can we book speakers that aren't on your Speakers Directory?

Not at this time. All speakers must come from our pre-approved directory.

Can I join the FHC Speakers Directory?

Yes, [click here](#) to apply to join our Speakers Directory.

Does our facility need to be ADA compliant?

Yes, all FHC partners must adhere to state accessibility guidelines. For more information about accessibility please visit the Florida Division of Cultural Affairs accessibility website [here](#).

Need Help?

We are happy to provide guidance on completing an application, determining eligibility, addressing budgetary questions, as well as troubleshooting technical difficulties with electronic forms. Please contact staff well in advance of an application deadline to ensure a prompt reply.

General Speaker Questions:

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Apply Now

All new users will need to create an account to use our online application processing site. If you believe your organization already has an account, contact Lisa Lennox at llennox@flahum.org or 727-873-2018 for assistance in accessing your account.

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