2019 ASLE Community Grants Submission Instructions

The ASLE Community Grant is open to ASLE members who engage in collaborative projects with community-based organizations that will help build connections between the environmental humanities and place-based nonprofit environmental community organizations, and enhance the use of Environmental Humanities research, teaching, and publications in local programs and activities. The grants are intended to enhance environmental humanities involvement in the ongoing work of community-based organizations, and to foster genuine collaborations with community organizations and the constituents they serve to provide new cultural and educational opportunities.

Projects will foreground the intersection between the role of representation and rhetoric and local efforts to address issues of environmental degradation and injustice, as well as engage with at least one of the following objectives: community-based research, civic participation, social/environmental justice, and educational or cultural innovation.

The association will give strong priority to projects enabling ASLE to connect with the environmental struggles of the biennial conference locale. In addition, given the timing, theme, and location of the 2019 conference (Davis, CA), we will prioritize any projects related to the recent wildfires in the region and their impacts.

Funds will go directly to community organizations, and may be used to cover, for example, the costs of such items as public programming or exhibitions (permanent or temporary), informational materials, literary and artistic productions, or interactive digital projects. All budgetary expenses crucial to the project’s success will be considered.

Accepted proposals will be funded up to a maximum of $5,000.

Materials (and any questions) should be submitted electronically by May 3, 2019 to info@asle.org.

Criteria for submission and required information include:

1. Current membership in ASLE (or one of our international sister organizations) is required by the time of submission for at least one person involved in the project.
2. Name(s) and description(s) of the nonprofit organization(s) involved. Full contact information (email, mailing address, and phone numbers) for each organization and for at least one ASLE member.
3. Description of the project and the issue it seeks to address. This description should include a brief history of the issue, the goals of the project, and an explanation of how the project meets those goals. It should not exceed 2 single-spaced pages.
4. An explanation of how the project connects the environmental humanities with local environmental activism. The explanation should be no longer than one single-spaced page.
5. An itemized budget.
6. A schedule for the proposed project that includes a likely date of completion or a specific time frame for the process.

On completion of the project, a project report will be electronically submitted to the Managing Director of ASLE, at info@asle.org.