

Museum on Main Street

OVERVIEW Budget & Finances

State Humanities Council Project Expenses

In this section you will find a template for planning your state council's budget for MOMS. Please know that sample state council project budgets are readily available from MOMS personnel. The budget template should be used merely as a planning device; each participating state council is free to craft its own project budget based on their unique programmatic ambitions, geographical constraints, etc. Experience shows, however, that councils that invest both financial and staff support of MOMS projects reap the greatest return.

On average, state council project budgets for MOMS range between \$25,000 and \$45,000. This figure varies widely depending on council size, state size, shipping expenses, workshop expenses, supporting grants, scholarly involvement, statewide PR initiatives and staff travel.

Most state councils set aside a dedicated grants pool, or line-item, for MOMS host communities. Because one project ambition is to introduce rural host organizations to the council's application procedures and program offerings, most councils ask host organizations to complete an abbreviated grant application for their funds. On average, local support grants range between \$1500 and \$3000, though some councils have made supporting grants as high as \$7500 per community.

MOMS fees paid to the Federation of State Humanities Councils

Questions regarding the MOMS project fee should be directed to Esther Mackintosh, Federation of State Humanities Councils (703.908.9700 ext 13).