

CALL FOR DEMHIST SPECIAL PROJECTS GRANT 2026

Supporting Professionals of Historic House Museums for Special Projects and Events to be conducted in 2026

What is the DEMHIST Special Projects Grant?

The DEMHIST Special Projects Grant aims to support initiatives from historical house museum professionals worldwide that contribute to their dissemination, conservation, restoration, and research. The Grant acknowledges projects that are already partially funded and need extra support to achieve their goals and objectives or extend their scope and targets. The 2026 Special Projects Grant supports up to 50% of the total budget of initiatives that will be conducted or completed before December 31st 2026.

Requirements for application

- 1. Potential candidates.** The primary applicant for this grant must be an individual or institutional member of DEMHIST, whose ICOM membership is up-to-date, and whose primary International Committee is DEMHIST. Collaborations with ICOM national groups, other ICOM international committees, or other non-ICOM partners are allowed and encouraged for a DEMHIST Special Project grant.
- 2. Amount of the Grant.** Requests for funding can be submitted in the amount from 500 to 1,000 euros depending on the strength of the application; the feasibility of the proposed project; the number of applications received; and the total amount of funding available.
- 3. Percentage funded.** The DEMHIST Special Project Grant cannot be more than 50% of the proposed project's total budget.
- 4. Obligations of grantee.** Each grantee will be required to submit a report **within one month following the project's completion**, summarizing the project, including number of participants, itinerary, and goals achieved and at least 5 photographs, plus final budget and proof of funds expended. The report will be uploaded to the DEMHIST website and parts may be used on DEMHIST social media as deemed appropriate by the Board.
- 5. Deadline for submission.** The deadline to submit proposals is **April 15 2026**.
- 6. Release of results.** Selected projects will be communicated by **April 30 2026**.
- 7. Timetable of the funds transfer.** Grantees projects will receive the approved funds **within one month after** the completion of the project and submission of the report.

Application procedure

Candidates should submit the following information in English, French, or Spanish (Official ICOM Languages) to secretary@demhist.icom.museum :

1. Official application form (to be downloaded from DEMHIST website <https://icom-demhist.org/what-is-the-demhist-special-projects-grant/>).
2. CV of the lead applicant for the grant and the person responsible for the project.
3. Justification of the need of financial support in the form of a project budget.
4. Optional: Additional information/documents that may strengthen your application.

Any related questions can be sent to ICOM DEMHIST International Committee at:

Cecilia Casas Desantes, DEMHIST secretary

Email: secretary@demhist.icom.museum