



NOVA SCOTIA WOMEN'S
HISTORY SOCIETY

The Nova Scotia Women's History Society Community History Fund

PURPOSE

The Nova Scotia Women's History Society invites applications for funding to support public history projects that will promote awareness about women's contributions to the province's history, highlighting the importance and diversity of women's history anywhere in Nova Scotia/Mi'kma'ki.

The Nova Scotia Women's History Society Community History Fund aims to celebrate/commemorate and acknowledge the contributions of women to Nova Scotia's history by supporting diverse and community-based initiatives that highlight historically underrepresented voices in venues that are easily accessible to the public. The Fund is intended to increase awareness of women's history in the province, to encourage inclusive storytelling, and to reframe traditional historical narratives to recover overlooked stories. Typically, it is used to promote the work of groups and individuals who are not associated with universities, archives or museums and therefore have limited access to institutional or financial supports for public history initiatives.

Public history initiatives eligible for consideration include but are not limited to:

- the design and construction of plaques or other commemorative and interpretive materials
- the design and execution of virtual or physical exhibitions
- the organization of workshops, conferences, or presentations
- research projects with anticipated outputs that will promote awareness about women's contributions to the province's history.

AMOUNT

Each year, the NSWHS will open a competition where applicants can apply to one of two \$5 000.00 grants. ****Each candidate is only eligible to receive one grant per year from the NSWHS.**

ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

Projects considered for funding must relate to the history of people who self-identify as women or as gender-nonconforming in Nova Scotia/Mi'kma'ki. These can be woman/en born in Nova Scotia but having made her/their contribution outside the province or, woman/en born elsewhere but having made her/their contribution in Nova Scotia. Proposed projects should take an inclusive approach to women's history, and projects related to communities who have not previously been well represented in the history of the province are particularly encouraged.

Applications can come from individuals, groups, or communities.

****Scholars or graduate students would need to demonstrate that NSWHS funding is to support a feasible public history project not covered by their existing academic funding. Businesses such as companies or other for-profit organizations are not eligible.**

APPLICATION GUIDELINES

1. Applicants must submit a 500-word proposal that includes the following elements:

- Topic: a concise description of the proposed project which should include some background information about the woman/women being commemorated, how the project will contribute to raising community awareness of her/their contribution and a brief project execution timeline.

****If the project pertains to someone from a diversity group consider including how it will contribute to the development of diverse and inclusive histories related to women in Nova Scotia/Mi'Kma'ki.**

The application should also include:

2. A breakdown of expenses which indicates how the funds from the Community History Fund will be spent (eg. travel, printing, supplies).

****Expenses related to equipment and ongoing operating costs will not be funded. Please provide information regarding other external funding sources if applicable.**

3. Individuals should submit an up-to-date CV or resume. Community groups or societies should submit the names of two references who can speak to the group's positive relationship with the community it is intended to serve.

****For those needing assistance filling out the application please contact nswomenshistory@gmail.com**

DEADLINE

Applications should be submitted to nswomenshistory@gmail.com by 31 October 2025. Candidates can expect to hear back by mid-December.

REPORTING BACK

May 2026: recipients should provide a progress report of what has been accomplished so far which can be shared at the NSWHS Annual General Meeting.

May 2027: a final report is due.