



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 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 ways 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 women born in Nova Scotia but having made her/their contribution outside the province or, women born outside Nova Scotia but having made her/their contribution in the province. Proposed projects must 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 REQUIREMENTS**

Completed applications must be sent with a cover email to [nswomenshistory@gmail.com](mailto:nswomenshistory@gmail.com). The email must include:

1. The name of the project
2. The names of the organization or individual applying for funding
3. Contact information for the applicant
4. The completed application as an attachment.

The application must include the following four items:

### **1. Project Proposal**

Applicants must submit a maximum 500-word project proposal that provides a concise description of the project. It must 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. Whether or not 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.

## 2. Anticipated Budget

A breakdown of expenses which indicates how the funds from the Community History Fund will be spent.

Legitimate expenses might include:

- Travel
- Printing
- Plaque fabrication
- Virtual exhibit development
- Honoraria for invited speakers
- Fees associated with workshop hosting (refreshments, renting space, etc.)

***\*\*Expenses related to equipment and ongoing operating costs will not be funded.***

***\*\*Please provide information regarding other external funding sources if applicable.***

## 3. CV or Resume

Individuals must submit an up-to-date CV or resume. Community groups or societies must submit up-to-date CVs or resumes for the project leaders, indicating what roles each individual will fulfill on the project.

## 4. Community References

Individuals must provide the names of at least two references from the community that the proposed project is intended to serve who can speak to their support for the project. Groups and societies must submit the names of at least two references who can speak to the group's positive relationship with the community it is intended to serve, and the community's interest in the project.

***\*\*For those needing assistance filling out the application please contact [nswomenshistory@gmail.com](mailto:nswomenshistory@gmail.com)***

## DEADLINE

Applications must be submitted to [nswomenshistory@gmail.com](mailto:nswomenshistory@gmail.com) by 30 October 2026. Candidates can expect to hear back by mid-December 2026.

## REPORTING BACK

May 2027: recipients must provide a progress report of what has been accomplished so far which can be shared at the NSWHS Annual General Meeting.

May 2028: a final report is due.