# Many Voices, One Nation

**Smithsonian Institute Exhibition Starter Kit Presented by Wyoming Humanities**

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## Frequently Asked Questions

**Q: What makes this different from a traditional Museum on Mainstreet (MoMS) Exhibit?**
A: Traditional exhibitions from MoMS are larger, static and travel from venue to venue in a set period. These exhibits capture a national story with little localized elements. The Starter Kit looks at the localized element as the focus with the national story taking a smaller role.

**Q: How many years must my organization commit to for the Starter Kit?**
A: Five years. The first year and half will be for training, meetings and development of the exhibit. In 2026 the exhibit will open, and you are allowed to move the exhibition around your community and/or tear it down at your leisure until 2029. Reach out to Lucas Fralick at lucas@thinkwy.org if you want to discuss logistics on moving the exhibit in your community.

**Q: How many staff members can participate in the trainings/meetings?**
A: As many as you need! Once the schedules and agendas are set you are welcome to rotate staff members and volunteers to each meeting as necessary or you can have the same batch participate every time. Please note that every venue is expected to send at least one staff member or volunteer per meeting!

**Q: Will the meeting be held over Zoom or other digital platforms?**
A: Yes, though we are required to have one in person meeting before the exhibition officially opens in 2026—this can be done at a time of our choosing and we can discuss any topic related to MVON. Suggestions include a celebration in 2026 for the grand opening of our exhibits!

**Q: How long will each meeting/training last?**
A: On average, each meeting will be about 1 hour. Expect about 2 or 3 per 4-month period, on average.

**Q: Who can I partner with?**
A: You can partner with almost any organization in your community. You will be primarily responsible for the coordination at the local level and for the exhibition, but you are welcome to include chambers of commerce, city halls, Mainstreet's, businesses, churches and other community venues. Please reach out to Lucas Fralick at lucas@thinkwy.org if you want to discuss further.

**Q: How much will Wyoming Humanities help?**
A: WY Humanities will provide funding to cover all fees associated with the cost of the Starter Kit for the first year and half of the project. Following the exhibition launch, further discussions will be needed for additional funding. Wyoming Humanities will not be able to provide much staff assistance beyond statewide coordination.

**Q: I am a small organization with only 1 or 2 staff, how can I get the Starter Kit?**
A: Good news! Your organization can partner with others in your community to bring the exhibit together-either by hosting, providing volunteers additional staff to attend the training and other possibilities-please reach out to Lucas Fralick at lucas@thinkwy.org and we can talk about it!

**Q: I have an interesting idea regarding the Starter Kits-how flexible can I be?**
A: We are one of the first states to experiment with Many Voices, One Nation—therefore we are open to trying new things with making this work best in your community. We have some guardrails, but options are available! Let's talk about it: lucas@thinkwy.org