

2026 Parish America 250 Program Mini Grants

Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities

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You've submitted your Letter of Interest, and now you'll complete a more detailed form that will include a preliminary budget, a project description and timeline, and confirmation of program location and dates. You may contact Grant Manager Wayne Dowdy at dowdy@leh.org with questions.

Organizations that submit a proposal during the priority application period will be notified of funding decisions in early June.

Organizations submitting an application after May 8 will be notified monthly.

In commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence, the America 250 Louisiana State Commission, the Louisiana Office of the Lieutenant Governor, and the Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities will be accepting applications for the Parish America 250 Program Mini Grant. Grants of up to \$1,500 will be available to support public humanities programming proposals that engage local audiences with Louisiana's significant contributions to the founding and development of the United States.

Applicants may request up to \$1,500 and demonstrate a 1:1 matching cost share in cash or in kind.

Eligible project formats include but are not limited to:

- lectures (or lecture series) that involve audience participation and discussion;
- scholar-led film viewing and discussion;
- author/artist talks and discussion;
- panel discussions.
- Live historical reenactment
- Theatrical productions
- Local commemorative events or festivals
- Artistic or historical exhibit curation
- Public art or mural production
- Local historical marker development
- School field trips, student fairs, or other school events
- Archival or museum collection acquisitions

This grant can support program-related expenses like:

- Honoraria for scholars, musicians, artists, or other individuals
- Supplies and materials;
- Technical support for in-person or online events;
- Program-specific publicity
- Facility rental

I. Site Information and Location (10 Questions)

Organization Type*

The Parish America 250 Program Mini Grant prioritizes awards to parish governments, local tourism commissions, and school boards operating within the sixty-four parishes of Louisiana.

Also eligible are nonprofits with 501(c)(3) status; public-facing organizations operating within accredited institutions of higher learning; state or local government agencies; or state or federally recognized Native American tribal governments in Louisiana.

Please select from the drop-down list the category that best describes the applicant organization.

Choices

Archive
 Arts-related Organization (including art museums)
 Community Organization or Center
 Cultural Heritage Organization
 Festival
 Foundation
 Government - State or Local
 Higher Ed – Affiliates (Press, radio station, archive, library, etc.)
 Higher Ed - Four-year College
 Higher Ed - Two-year College
 Historical Site/House
 Historical Society
 Incarceration or Detention Facility
 Independent Research Library and Center
 Indigenous Tribal Organization or Community
 K–12 School or School System
 Local Tourism Commission
 Media Organization
 Membership Organization or Association
 Museum – History
 Museum - Other

Nature Center/Botanical Garden/Arboretum
Other
Public Library
Social Services or Health Organizations
State or National Park

Organization History*

Please provide a brief history of your organization, including annual audience and mission. Please note whether your organization has experience hosting public programming.

Character Limit: 2500

Tax ID Number*

Please provide your organization's tax ID number.

Character Limit: 50

SAM.gov Unique Entity Identifier*

Please enter the applicant organization's SAM.gov UEI number. If you have applied for one, but have not yet received it, please enter PENDING in this field.

All nonprofit entities seeking grants from the Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities must have a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) in SAM.gov. Put simply, a UEI is a validation that your entity is what you say it is: a unique organization with its own physical address.

If your entity does not have a UEI, you can apply for one easily here.

If you have questions about this requirement or process, please email Wayne Dowdy at dowdy@leh.org.

Character Limit: 50

Proof of Status*

If sponsoring agent is a nonprofit organization, upload a copy of the organization's IRS determination letter. If a new organization, upload a letter of application for nonprofit status. If your organization is not a nonprofit but another type of eligible entity, please upload the equivalent form, such as the R-1056.

File Size Limit: 2 MB

Parish*

For the organization's physical address.

Choices

Acadia
Allen
Ascension
Assumption
Avoyelles

Beauregard
Bienville
Bossier
Caddo
Calcasieu
Caldwell
Cameron
Catahoula
Claiborne
Concordia
DeSoto
East Baton Rouge
East Carroll
East Feliciana
Evangeline
Franklin
Grant
Iberia
Iberville
Jackson
Jefferson
Jefferson Davis
Lafayette
Lafourche
LaSalle
Lincoln
Livingston
Madison
Morehouse
Natchitoches
Orleans
Ouachita
Plaquemines
Pointe Coupee
Rapides
Red River
Richland
Sabine
St. Bernard
St. Charles
St. Helena
St. James
St. John
St. Landry
St. Martin
St. Mary
St. Tammany
Tangipahoa
Tensas

Terrebonne
 Union
 Vermilion
 Vernon
 Washington
 Webster
 West Baton Rouge
 West Carroll
 West Feliciana
 Winn

Region*

For LEH purposes, geographic regions are categorized as follows:

Northeast (Caldwell, East Carroll, Franklin, Madison, Morehouse, Ouachita, Richland, Tensas, Union, West Carroll Parishes)

Northwest (Bienville, Bossier, Caddo, Claiborne, De Soto, Jackson, Lincoln, Natchitoches, Red River, Webster, Winn Parishes)

Central (Avoyelles, Catahoula, Concordia, Grant, La Salle, Rapides, Sabine, Vernon Parishes)

Southeast (Ascension, Assumption, East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, Jefferson, Iberville, Lafourche, Livingston, Orleans, Plaquemines, Pointe Coupee, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. Helena, St. James, St. John the Baptist, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, Terrebonne, Washington, West Baton Rouge, West Feliciana Parishes)

Southwest (Acadia, Allen, Beauregard, Calcasieu, Cameron, Evangeline, Jefferson Davis, Iberia, Lafayette, St. Landry, St. Martin, St. Mary, Vermilion Parishes)

Choices

Northeast
 Northwest
 Central
 Southeast
 Southwest

U.S. Congressional District*

For the sponsoring organization's physical address. Visit the website of the Louisiana Legislature to identify the appropriate member of Congress.

Choices

U. S. Congressional District 1
 U. S. Congressional District 2
 U. S. Congressional District 3
 U. S. Congressional District 4

U. S. Congressional District 5

U. S. Congressional District 6

LA House District*

For the sponsoring organization's physical address. Visit the website of the Louisiana Legislature to identify the appropriate state representative.

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- LA House District 2
- LA House District 3
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LA Senate District*

For the sponsoring organization's physical address. Visit the website of the Louisiana Legislature to identify the appropriate state senator.

Choices

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II. Project Details (8 Questions)

Project Name*

Please provide the name of your proposed project.

Character Limit: 250

Note: All project activities must occur between January 1, 2026 and December 31, 2026.

Programming Start Date*

Please list the start date of the proposed programming.

Character Limit: 10

Programming End Date*

Please list the end date of the proposed programming. If your programming is occurring on one day, this date should be the same as your start date.

Character Limit: 10

Programming Implementation and Impact*

Please give a brief overview of how the proposed funding will help you to implement the program and what impact you anticipate for participants. Specifically, please describe how this project will expose your audience to the humanities.

Character Limit: 2500

Audience Attendance*

Estimate the total audience that will take part in programming activities.

Character Limit: 10

America 250 Commemoration*

Does your project relate to the upcoming commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States?

Choices

Yes

No

America 250 Commemoration Detail

If your project relates to the upcoming commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the United States, please explain.

Character Limit: 2500

Partnerships

If applicable, please note whether your organization is partnering with other organizations to either plan, promote, and/or implement this project.

Character Limit: 1500

III. Project Team (8 Questions)

Project Director Name*

Character Limit: 250

Project Director Email*

Character Limit: 250

Project Director Phone Number*

Character Limit: 20

Authorizing Official*

Please provide the name of the person at your organization who will need to sign any relevant paperwork in the event that your organization is awarded a grant.

Character Limit: 100

Authorizing Official Email*

Please provide the email address of the person at your organization who will need to sign official paperwork in the event that your organization is awarded a grant.

Character Limit: 100

Number of Scholars*

Specify the number of humanities scholars taking part in the planning, implementation and/or evaluation of the program.

Character Limit: 3

Participating Scholar(s)*

If applicable, list scholar(s) who will assist with the development and implementation of the program. Scholars can be professors, local historians, culture bearers, writers or others

qualified to discuss the subject matter being presented to your community. **Please note if participation has been confirmed.**

Character Limit: 1000

Scholar Information

Please provide vitae for confirmed participating scholars. Please combine all documents into a single PDF.

File Size Limit: 5 MB

IV. Outreach Information (2 Questions)

Outreach*

How will you promote your program? Please list any specific materials, outlets or partnerships that will help spread the word about the program.

Character Limit: 1250

Social Media for Project and/or Organization*

Please list any social media used for the project. (e.g. Facebook, Instagram, etc.)

Character Limit: 400

V. Budget (4 Questions)

This grant can support program-related expenses like:

- Honoraria for scholars, musicians, artists, or other individuals
- Supplies and materials;
- Technical support for in-person or online events;
- Program-specific publicity
- Facility rental

Advanced Payment or Reimbursement Grant*

Are you requesting grant funds in advance of your proposed project or as a reimbursement?

Grant applications must be submitted at least 6 weeks before the project performance period to receive grant funds in advance of your project.

Reimbursement grant awards will be issued to grantees with projects beginning after January 1, 2026. Any program relating to America 250 that has already occurred or will occur less than 6 weeks after the application submission date, is eligible for a reimbursement grant.

Choices

Advanced Payment Grant
Reimbursement Grant

Amount Requested*

Each site is eligible for up to \$1,500.

Character Limit: 20

Cost Share*

Cost share is the amount of funding provided by non-LEH sources. This support may be either in actual cash or in the form of in-kind contributions including volunteer time, contributed equipment and supplies, contributed facilities, and indirect costs.

Applicants may request up to \$1,500 and must demonstrate a 1:1 matching cost share in cash or in kind.

Character Limit: 20

Budget*

Please upload a completed LEH budget form. [Click here to download the form.](#)

Your budget should demonstrate how the grant funds will be used. All expenses must occur within the grant's period of performance. <http://www.leh.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/Budget-Form-2014.xls>

File Size Limit: 2 MB

Budget Narrative*

The LEH requires a detailed breakdown of your budget summary to fully analyze the implementation plan for the grant. You can access a sample budget narrative [here](#).

Your narrative should:

- List by name and function all key project staff, humanities scholars, and consultants involved in your project; indicate payment and services for each.
- Detail the costs you propose in each category on the LEH budget form, itemizing within each category demonstrating unit cost.
- If applicable, distinguish between cash and in-kind cost share items.*
- Explain or justify any unclear costs in your budget form.

Character Limit: 3000

VI. Support Materials (3 Questions, Optional)

Letters of Support

Please provide letters of support from the participating institution and any relevant groups or individuals who will participate in the project. Please upload as a single document.

File Size Limit: 5 MB

Other

Use this area to add any additional pertinent information.

Character Limit: 1000

File Upload

Use this area to upload any additional supporting documents.

File Size Limit: 5 MB

VII. Acknowledgement of Grantee Obligations (Signature)

Please note: By submitting this application you agree to being contacted for current and future LEH grant-affiliated outreach.

Electronic Signature*

The applicant organization assumes all responsibilities as grantee and may not operate simply as the fiscal agent for the project. In signing and submitting a Grant application, the authorizing official certifies that the applicant organization will ensure that the acceptance paperwork and required reports are submitted on time and will comply with the certifications listed below.

Character Limit: 100

LEH is required to ask each applicant for certification of compliance with nondiscrimination statutes, debarment, and suspension. By signing and submitting this form, the organization's authorizing official is providing these certifications.

Nondiscrimination Statutes and Regulations:

(a.) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000 et seq.), which provides that no person shall, on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity for which the applicant received federal financial assistance;

(b.) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. 794), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicap in programs and activities receiving federal financial assistance;

(c.) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended (20 U.S.C. 1681 et seq.), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in education programs and activities receiving federal financial assistance;

- (d.) The Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. 6106 et seq.), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age in programs and activities receiving federal financial assistance, except that actions which reasonably take age into account as a factor necessary for the normal operation or achievement of any statutory objective of the project or activity shall not violate this statute; and
- (e.) The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990.

Certification regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility, and Voluntary Exclusion (45 CFR 1169):

- (a.) The applicant organization certifies, by submission of this proposal, that neither it nor its principals are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any federal department or agency;
- (b.) Where the applicant is unable to certify to any of the statements in the certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.