

# 2026 Parish America 250 Program Mini Grants

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## *Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities*

### *Grant Description and Instructions to Apply*

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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 letters of intent (LOIs) 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

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This form is a Letter of Intent (LOI) for sites seeking Parish America 250 Program Mini Grants. LOI's will be open in 2 rounds:

Round 1.) April 8, 2026 - May 8, 2026

Round 2.) May 9, 2026 - October 31, 2026

LOI submissions will be reviewed on a weekly basis. Upon review, applicants will receive feedback and be required to complete an Application form that will include a preliminary budget, a project description and timeline, and confirmation of program location and dates.

## *Project Name and Description*

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### **Project Name\***

Please provide the name of your proposed project.

*Character Limit: 250*

### **Project Description\***

Please provide a high-level overview of your project including:

- project format (e.g. lecture, viewing and discussion, panel discussion, etc.);
- subject matter to be explored *including why this subject matter is relevant to your audience;*
- names of individuals and partner organizations that will plan and implement the project;
- scholars who will participate in the project;
- targeted audience, including projected number of attendees;
- location and dates for your project.

*Character Limit: 1500*

### **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*

## Site Information

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### 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*

## Proof of Status

If host site 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*

## 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 the Grants Office at [voisin@leh.org](mailto:voisin@leh.org) or [dowdy@leh.org](mailto:dowdy@leh.org).

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## Project Team

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### Project Director Name\*

Name of person managing program logistics and final grant reporting including final budget, if awarded.

*Character Limit: 100*

### Project Director Email Address\*

*Character Limit: 250*

### Project Director Phone Number\*

*Character Limit: 20*

## *Location*

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### **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.

#### Choices

- LA House District 1
- LA House District 2
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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.

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