



The Alabama Historical Commission (AHC) will administer a \$1,075,000 Grant Program with funds appropriated by the Alabama Legislature in Fiscal Year 2021 (October 1, 2020 – September 30, 2021), for improvements to and educational programming at historic sites in Alabama. Grant amounts will not exceed \$30,000 for any one entity and must be used within two years of receiving the grant.

## **I. ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS**

Grants will be awarded to public or non-profits entities who own and operate historic sites in Alabama, reflect an education-based mission, concentrate on educational programming, and reflect the geographical diversity of the state.

Preference will be given to properties built before 1840 that are listed in or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places, historic school structures, and properties built before 1943 that are listed in or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.

## **II. NON-ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS**

Grants will not be awarded to the following: any state agency; any entity receiving funding directly or indirectly from the Education Trust Fund or the General Fund, including the Alabama Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit Program; or any private or for-profit business or organization.

## **III. APPLYING FOR FUNDS**

Applicants must complete a 2021 Historic Sites Grant application available at the AHC website, <https://ahc.alabama.gov/Resources/grants21.aspx>. Print, complete, and sign the application. The authorized official of the organization who has the authority to apply for grants and sign grant agreements for the organization must sign the application. The application must retain the format of the original with the order, pagination, and spacing unchanged when printed or reproduced.

All applicants must have a Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN) to be eligible to apply and must attach a copy of the completed and signed Certificate of Compliance with the Alabama Beason-Hammon Act, and a copy of the E-Verify Memorandum of Understanding (if applicable). All applicants must register with STAARS, the state's accounting system at <https://procurement.staars.alabama.gov/webapp/PRDVSSIXI/AltSelfService>. Contact Clara Nobles, Assistant Executive Director with any questions at 334.230.2675 / [Clara.Nobles@ahc.alabama.gov](mailto:Clara.Nobles@ahc.alabama.gov).

Nonprofit organizations, in addition to the above forms, are required to submit their entity or charter identification number from the Secretary of State of Alabama or a copy of their tax exemption letter from the Internal Revenue Service. Nonprofit organizations are required to complete, sign and attach a copy of the notarized State of Alabama Disclosure Statement (Required by Act 2001-955). Nonprofit organizations are subject to verification of their non-profit status prior to being evaluated for funding.

**Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.** Applications must have all attachments and information requested (names and contact information of personnel, hours of operation, geographic area served, budgets, attachments, signatures, etc.). **\*\*Please follow the checklist on page 5 of the application.\*\***

#### IV. ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

These funds may be used for improvements to or educational programming at historic sites in Alabama.

- Eligible improvement activities are any repairs to historic buildings that follow the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation (<https://www.nps.gov/tps/standards/four-treatments/treatment-rehabilitation.htm>). These repairs and alterations must not damage or destroy materials, features or finishes that are important in defining the building's historic character. Applicants are strongly encouraged to read applicable technical information available at <https://www.nps.gov/tps/education/online-pubs.htm>. Published by the National Park Service, these guidelines contain state-of-the-art information about caring for historic buildings.
- Eligible activities include, but are not limited to work to correct any structural deficiencies; keeping moisture out of the building; correcting conditions that may pose a safety hazard to the building occupants or to the building itself; making any changes necessary to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA); upgrading or repair of mechanical systems; roof repair or replacement; painting; and removal of vegetation; educational programming; and interpretive signage.
- Eligible cemetery projects include grave marker cleaning and repair; fence repair, and removal of vegetation necessary for cemetery preservation. Repairs must follow good preservation practice. (<https://www.nps.gov/tps/how-to-preserve/briefs/48-preserving-grave-markers.htm>)

For questions about the National Park Service Standards, contact Chloe Mercer at 334.230.2669 or [Chloe.Mercer@ahc.alabama.gov](mailto:Chloe.Mercer@ahc.alabama.gov).

#### IV. INELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

Funds may not be used to purchase alcohol, to fund social activities, ceremonies, banquets, entertainment, lobbying, as contributions to endowment funds, personnel, advertising, or to purchase real estate or historic artifacts.

#### V. DEADLINE

Applications must be hand-delivered or mailed to René Fuller, Contracts and Grants, Alabama Historical Commission by **August 21, 2020**. If the application is mailed, a postmark no later than August 21, 2020, must be on the envelope. If the application is hand-delivered, it must be received by the AHC no later than 5:00 PM, August 21, 2020. If the application is sent, but not received by the AHC in time to be evaluated, the AHC cannot be held responsible. Faxed or emailed applications will not be accepted. AHC will announce the grant awards in October 2020.

**Deliver to:** Alabama Historical Commission  
Attn: René Fuller  
P. O. Box 300900  
Montgomery, Alabama 36130-0900

**Physical Address:**  
Alabama Historical Commission  
Attn: René Fuller  
468 South Perry Street  
Montgomery, Alabama 36104

#### VI. DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS

Grant funds will be authorized when the applicant and the AHC have received a fully executed agreement signed by the grantee, AHC Executive Director, and the Governor. Funds will be distributed in one lump sum. **All work funded by this grant program must be completed by September 30, 2023.**

#### VII. SPECIAL THANKS

The Alabama Historical Commission would appreciate any expression of thanks that grant applicants might give their local legislators for funding this program to help preserve and promote history across our state.