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Alabama Historical Commission Announces 2026 Historic Sites Grant Program

Montgomery, Ala. – The Alabama Historical Commission (AHC), the State Historic Preservation Office, has opened the application period for its 2026 Historic Sites Grant Program, funded through an appropriation by the Alabama Legislature and Governor Kay Ivy. Eligible historic sites may submit applications beginning February 11, 2026.

The AHC will administer a \$3,600,000 grant program to support capital improvements and educational programming at historic sites and monuments across Alabama.

“Our state’s history is important, and the Legislature realizes this,” said Senator Arthur Orr. “All across Alabama we have sites that remind us of who we are and who we were as a people. Thanks to our partnership with the Alabama Historical Commission, we are able to preserve and maintain elements of our past.”

Grants are available to public or nonprofit entities that own monuments commemorating historical events or places, or that operate sites with a mission centered on historical education. Priority consideration will be given to:

- Properties listed in or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places that were built before 1840 and are publicly owned and accessible
- Properties built in or before 1943 that are listed in or eligible for the National Register
- Properties built after 1943 that made significant contributions to the civil rights movement

Individual grant awards will not exceed \$75,000 and must be expended within two years of receipt.

Last fiscal year, the Historic Sites Grant Program helped facilitate improvements such as roof replacements, window restorations, and exterior painting,” said Lisa D. Jones, Executive Director of the Alabama Historical Commission. “The goal of the 2026 grant program is to assist historic sites throughout Alabama with both preservation needs and educational programming, ensuring these places endure for future generations. We are grateful to the Alabama Legislature and Governor Kay Ivey for supporting this much-needed program.”

Applicants must submit an official 2026 Historic Sites Grant application through the AHC’s Submittable platform. Additional information is available on the Grants page of the Alabama Historical Commission website.

To learn more about the Alabama Historical Commission, please visit ahc.alabama.gov

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About the Alabama Historical Commission

Located in historic downtown Montgomery at 468 S. Perry Street, the Alabama Historical Commission is the state historic preservation agency for Alabama. The agency was created by an act of the state legislature in 1966 with a mission to protect, preserve and interpret Alabama’s historic places. AHC works to accomplish its mission through two fields of endeavor: Preservation and promotion of state-owned historic sites as public attractions; and statewide programs to assist people, groups, towns, and cities with local preservation activities. For a complete list of programs and properties owned and operated by the AHC, hours of operation, and admission fees please visit ahc.alabama.gov