



## America250 Mississippi Grants Frequently Asked Questions

- **May I receive more than one America250 Mississippi grant?**
  - a) No, applicants may receive only one America250 Mississippi grant.
  
- **When can my program take place?**
  - a) All programs funded with America250 Mississippi grants must take place during 2026.
  
- **How do the deadlines work?**
  - a) There are three grant types (Legacy Grants, Program Grants and Minigrants), each with their own deadlines. Legacy Grants and Program Grants have set deadlines—please refer to the grant website for details. Minigrants are accepted on a rolling basis until all funding is exhausted. Minigrant applications must be received a minimum of four weeks before the planned program or activity.
  
- **Do I have to apply by September 15 to be sure the funds do not run out?**
  - a) No. There will be a total of \$850,000 awarded in America250 Mississippi grants, therefore we do not anticipate the funds running out until well into 2026.
  
- **Can I partner/collaborate with other organizations on the same grant?**
  - a) Absolutely! Collaborating with other organizations in your community to create an America250 Mississippi event is encouraged!
  
- **Can these grants fund a pre-existing event?**
  - a) Yes, as long as the planned event aligns with one or more of the grant themes and as long as the event occurs during 2026.

- **If funded, when will I receive the money?**
  - a) Upon receipt of a signed regranting agreement, the MHC will disburse 90% of awarded funds. The remaining 10% will be disbursed upon receipt of final reporting documents.
  
- **If I receive an America250 Mississippi grant, am I still eligible to apply for Mississippi Humanities Council grants?**
  - a) Yes, but you may not apply for an MHC grant to support a component of any program or project being funded with an America250 Mississippi grant.
  
- **Why are the America250 Mississippi logos so important?**
  - a) The Mississippi Legislature designated funds for the America250 Mississippi grants program to engage as much of the state as possible in marking this important anniversary in our nation's history and, importantly, Mississippi's contributions to our national story. By using the America250 Mississippi logo consistently and prominently with your funded programs and communication, you help create a unified visual identity that connects local projects to this larger national commemoration. The logo serves as a recognizable symbol of Mississippi's role in America's 250-year journey, strengthening awareness, credibility and pride in the initiatives supported by the grant. It also ensures audiences recognize how individual stories, events and programs are part of a coordinated effort to honor history, foster reflection and inspire participation in this once-in-a-generation milestone.
  
- **Will these grants fund artistic performances?**
  - a) Yes, if they help audiences understand our state's unique history and foster a deeper understanding of Mississippi's vital role in the American story. The America250 Mississippi grants may not be used for commemorative murals or public art related to the semiquincentennial, but the Mississippi Arts Commission will soon announce a separate grant program for that type of project.
  
- **What is the grant review process?**
  - a) A grant review panel consisting of representatives from the America250 Mississippi Commission, Visit Mississippi and the Mississippi Department of Archives and History will convene within 1-2 weeks after each deadline to review submissions and make funding decisions. The Mississippi Humanities Council will not participate in funding decisions. Award packets will go out to successful applicants within 3 weeks of each deadline.