

**Small Matching Historic Preservation Grants  
Formal Solicitation for Applications  
April 1, 2026 – June 1, 2026  
for Fiscal Year 2028**

The Florida Department of State is soliciting applications for Small Matching Grant-in-Aid assistance for historic preservation projects. Applications will be accepted **online** at [dosgrants.com](https://dosgrants.com). The application submission period **will open April 1, 2026, and close at 5:00 p.m. (Eastern) on June 1, 2026**. Applications will only be accepted electronically and must be complete to be considered for evaluation.

**SMALL MATCHING GRANTS PROGRAM**

The purpose of the Small Matching Grants Program is to provide funding to assist local, regional and state-wide efforts to protect and preserve Florida’s significant historic and archaeological resources. The program does not fund operational support for historic preservation organizations.

Project types include: Survey; Planning; Nominations to the National Register of Historic Places; Wayfinding (CLG and Main Street Applicants only); Temporary/ Traveling Exhibits; and state Historical Markers. For questions about project types or the eligibility of a project or work item, please refer to the *Small Matching Grant Guidelines* on FLHeritage.com/grants. **Note: Temporary/traveling Exhibit Projects are only for Florida History museums.**

**STATEWIDE PRESERVATION PRIORITIES**

Though the Division of Historical Resources will accept applications for all eligible project types, this cycle’s priorities are:

- Projects to survey historic resources within, proximate to, or overlapping with the boundaries of active Florida Main Street program areas
- Projects to research and prepare a draft National Register nomination for a historic district overlapping any part of the boundaries of an active Florida Main Street program or a Certified Local Government (a professional historic structures survey must have already been completed)
- Projects that support survey of or sites that have not been surveyed in 10 or more years

**ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS**

Eligible Applicant Organizations are either a public entity or an active Florida nonprofit. For questions about eligibility, please refer to the *Small Matching Grant Guidelines*.

**AWARD AMOUNT AND MATCH REQUIREMENTS**

Maximum award amount: \$50,000 (depending on project type).

Match requirement: 1:1, unless waived as explained below, with a minimum cash match contribution of 25 percent.

Match waiver: Applicants that are Certified Local Governments (CLGs), active Main Street Programs, and all National Register Nomination projects are eligible for match waivers as stipulated in the *Small Matching Grant Guidelines*. A waiver is also available for projects proposed to be located within REDI-qualified counties or communities at the time of application submission, as stipulated in the *Small Matching Grant Guidelines*. State agencies, state colleges, or state universities are not eligible for a waiver regardless of project location.

**APPLICATION RESTRICTIONS**

An Applicant Organization may submit only one (1) Small Matching Grant Application under a single application deadline for a particular application cycle. State agencies, county or city governments, or universities may submit single applications from more than one division or department under a single application cycle provided that those divisions or departments are separate and distinct budgetary units, and provided that applications do not address the same facility, project, property, or site.

CLG applicants may submit separate applications for federal funding and state funding under a single application submission period. When applying for federal funds, a CLG Applicant Organization shall apply only for Survey, Planning and National Register Nomination projects. CLGs may also submit a separate application for a *different* project type to compete for state funds with match waived. However, no more than two (2) grant applications may be submitted under a single application deadline using the CLG designation.

### **APPLICATION REVIEW AND PROJECT SELECTION**

Eligible applications will be evaluated on a competitive basis by a Secretary of State appointed Grant Panel in a public meeting. The Grant Panel will review and score applications pursuant to criteria in the *Small Matching Grant Guidelines*, and recommend to the Secretary of State those applications that should be forwarded to the 2027 Legislature for funding consideration in State Fiscal Year 2028.

The Grant Panel's recommendation to the Secretary of State will not result in any immediate grant award. The award and level of funding for each Small Matching project will be subject to specific legislative appropriation.

### **RELEASE OF FUNDS**

**For projects receiving funding from the 2027 Legislature, funds will become available after July 1, 2027, which is the beginning of the 2027-2028 State Fiscal Year.** To receive grant funds, grantees will be required to sign a Grant Award Agreement containing specific administrative responsibilities. Any unexpended balance of grant funds will revert to the state at the end of the 12-month period, on June 30, 2028.

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

If you have any questions regarding proposed projects, eligibility, or the online application form, please call the Historic Preservation Grants Program, Division of Historical Resources, at 800.847.7278 or 850.245.6333 or email at [DHRgrants@dos.fl.gov](mailto:DHRgrants@dos.fl.gov).