



LOWER MISSISSIPPI DELTA INITIATIVE
LOCAL HERITAGE GRANTS

2022 CALL FOR PROPOSALS

APPLY BY THURSDAY, APRIL 15, 2022



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The Lower Mississippi Delta Initiative (LMDI) is a comprehensive and innovative effort established in 1994 by Congress through Public Law 103-433 to assist with implementation of the Delta Initiatives Report, which called for government action on natural resource protection, preservation of regional culture and history, and the enhancement of educational, economic, and other opportunities for Delta residents.

In its first quarter century, the initiative has actively worked to bring archeology, history, natural resources, cultural resources, heritage, and tourism projects to the region, local communities, and local organizations. Since its inception, more than 240 cultural entities and programs have been supported with total funds exceeding \$3.2 million disbursed in support of the initiative. Through these projects, the initiative has supported local cultural entities in their work toward research, interpretation, and preservation goals for the region's cultural resources.

Grant requests are now being accepted for small-scale cultural heritage projects designed to fulfill the goals of the Lower Mississippi Delta Initiative.

WHO: Authorized recipients of LMDI grant funds include not-for-profit organizations that are exempt from federal income tax, such as, but not limited to:

- Organizations with preservation, conservation, cultural, historical, or archeological missions
 - Organizations partnering with state or local public land agencies and related sites
 - Coordinating entities associated with federally-designated National Heritage Areas
 - Tribal groups, organizations, and institutions
 - Historically Black Colleges and Universities
 - Visitor bureaus and destination marketing organizations
 - State and local government entities and political subdivisions
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WHAT: Projects must fit within one or more of the categories below, be located within the geographic boundaries of the Delta Region and be carried out by the recipient organization.

- Regional Native American culture and heritage interpretation
- Regional African-American culture and heritage interpretation
- Public Roads and Visitor Use Plans – including interpretive additions to public ways
- Regional Music Heritage – with specific emphasis on Mississippi Delta Blues
- Museums – planning, implementation, education, and collection integrity
- HBCUs – to complete surveys (including efforts to designate historic and archeological sites for the National Register of Historic Places or as a National Historic Landmark)
- HBCUs – to stabilize, preserve and interpret historic sites and structures
- Non-HBCU Archeological Sites, Historic Buildings or Structures



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WHAT: Continued...

Priority consideration may be given to projects that:

1. Can be completed within 12-18 months of award.
2. Are funded by 50% or more in matching support from non-federal sources.
3. Demonstrate long-term sustainability through the involvement of multiple partners.
4. May result in increased heritage tourism in the Delta Region.
5. Require \$25,000 or less in grant funding.
6. Are developed in consultation with a national park system unit (see list below).

Local Heritage Grants are ideal for high-quality projects where time is of the essence and outcomes are compelling:

- The program seeks participants who will be able to report their successes that, when shared, may act to inspire further development and support of the LMDI program.
 - Sponsoring organizations should demonstrate a strong need for funding assistance as well as the capacity to execute their project with excellence and without delay.
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WHERE: Geographic and other restrictions to consider:

- Your project must be physically located within the Delta Region (see map).
 - Your project may not be physically located on federal property. However, it may be sited on non-federal property within a National Heritage Area.
 - Your project may not benefit a federal agency, including NPS programs or national park system units.
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WHEN: APPLY ONLINE BY THURSDAY, APRIL 15, 2022, 4:00 p.m. CDT

- Visit <https://www.nps.gov/locations/lowermsdeltaregion/grant-application-form.htm>. Applications will only be accepted via the online grant portal.
- An optional video call to learn about this opportunity is tentatively scheduled for March 15, 2022, 2pm CDT. A final confirmed date and time will be posted at the application link above.
- For inquiries regarding your project and its suitability for this grant program, contact Cynthia Walton (Cynthia_walton@nps.gov). For technical matters regarding the online application, contact Kristin Cross (cross@jnpsa.com).
- Selected projects will be announced late Spring 2022, with funding available after July 1, 2022.



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LEGISLATED BOUNDARY OF THE LOWER MISSISSIPPI DELTA REGION

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Contact information for NPS units affiliated with the Lower Mississippi Delta Initiative

• <u>Arkansas Post National Memorial</u>	nps.gov/arp
• <u>Buffalo National River</u>	nps.gov/buff
• <u>Cane River Creole National Historical Park and Heritage Area</u>	nps.gov/cari
• <u>Fort Donelson National Battlefield</u>	nps.gov/fodo
• <u>Fort Smith National Historic Site</u>	nps.gov/fosm
• <u>Gateway Arch National Park*</u>	nps.gov/jeff
• <u>Gulf Islands National Seashore (Mississippi Unit)</u>	nps.gov/guis
• <u>Hot Springs National Park</u>	nps.gov/hosp
• <u>Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve</u>	nps.gov/jela
• <u>Lincoln Home National Historic Site*</u>	nps.gov/liho
• <u>Little Rock Central High School National Historic Site</u>	nps.gov/chsc
• <u>Medgar and Myrlie Evers Home National Monument</u>	nps.gov/memy
• <u>Natchez National Historical Park</u>	nps.gov/natc
• <u>Natchez Trace Parkway</u>	nps.gov/natr
• <u>New Orleans Jazz National Historical Park</u>	nps.gov/jazz
• <u>Ozark National Scenic Riverways</u>	nps.gov/ozar
• <u>Pea Ridge National Military Park</u>	nps.gov/peri
• <u>President William Jefferson Clinton Birthplace Home National Historic Site</u>	nps.gov/wicl
• <u>Shiloh National Military Park</u>	nps.gov/shil
• <u>Ste. Genevieve National Historical Park</u>	nps.gov/stge
• <u>Ulysses S. Grant National Historic Site*</u>	nps.gov/ulsg
• <u>Vicksburg National Military Park</u>	nps.gov/vick

*Denotes a national park unit that is not physically located within the Delta Region but may serve as a collaborating partner and resource for a project located within the boundary.

APPLICANTS, PLEASE NOTE:

Though it is not required, applicant organizations may wish to discuss the suitability of their project and/or opportunities for potential collaboration with the National Park Service in advance of their submission. Contact information for Park Superintendents and Program Managers from LMDI-affiliated sites is provided via the links above. We suggest choosing the National Park Service unit nearest to your project. Alternately, Cynthia Walton, the agency contact providing oversight of the LMDI program, may be reached at cynthia_walton@nps.gov.

Funding for this program is provided through the National Park Service and administered by Jefferson National Parks Association, the official non-profit partner of the LMDI Program. *Recipients of funding under this grant program are subject to the requirements of 2 CFR § 200.92 Subaward; 200.101 Applicability; and 200.332 Requirements for pass-through entities.*