



## VOLUNTEER AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT PROJECT NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

Volunteer Mississippi, the Governor-appointed commission on service and volunteerism, announces grant awards to support Volunteer and Civic Engagement projects. Projects must take place from **January 1, 2024-June 1, 2024**. These projects will engage Mississippians of all ages and backgrounds in service to their communities.

**Eligible Applicants:** 501(c)(3) designated nonprofits with an active registration with Secretary of State's office OR public entity.

**Project Periods:** January 1, 2024 – June 1, 2024

**Award Range:** \$1500 minimum - \$10,000 maximum

**Award Type:** Cost reimbursement

**Application due date:** February 29, 2024

Examples of volunteer and civic engagement projects include (but not limited to)

- Mentoring and tutoring projects
- Projects advocating for change and social justice
- Restoring natural areas (parks, rivers, beaches, etc.)
- Literacy projects
- Community arts projects
- Projects that address food insecurity, poverty, and homelessness

Eligible organizations will request between \$1500 and \$10,000 in funding for their project.

### FUNDABLE EXPENSES:

Reimbursable expenses under the proposed project scope include, but are not limited to:



- Facility expenses
- Printing
- Supplies (i.e safety equipment, cleaning supplies, tarps, hand-held tools, office supplies)
- Advertising
- Training costs related to volunteer management

#### **NON-FUNDABLE EXPENSES:**

- Personnel costs (salaries/stipends)
- Indirect costs
- Cash prizes or gift cards
- Food
- Travel
- State tax

#### **GRANT RECIPIENT RESPONSIBILITIES:**

Applicants who receive grant awards will be responsible for:

- Engaging at least 10 volunteers within the grant period
- Having a project specifically related to volunteer and/or civic engagement
- Display of Volunteer Mississippi signage at project site during project period (provided by Volunteer Mississippi)
- Submission of itemized expenditures and supporting documentation (receipts, etc.) no later than **June 1, 2024.**
- Submitting an end-of-project report to accompany reimbursement request no later than **June 1, 2024.** End-of-Project Report must include:
  - Number of volunteers engaged (as accurate as possible)
  - Number of volunteer hours (as accurate as possible)
  - How the project benefited the community
  - Images and impact story

Grant recipients compliant with the above responsibilities will receive reimbursement for allowable expenses **no later than June 1, 2024.**