



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 **July 1, 2024-December 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 entities (state agencies, municipalities, etc.) Eligible organizations may request between **\$1,500 and \$10,000** in funding for their project. Please note that the grants are awarded on a *cost-reimbursement basis*; successful applicants are expected to incur related expenditures until such a time a reimbursement is processed and completed.

Project Period:	July 1, 2024 – December 1, 2024
Award Range:	\$1,500 minimum - \$10,000 maximum
Award Type:	Cost reimbursement
Application Due Date:	August 1, 2024

Examples of volunteer and civic engagement projects include (but are 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

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 Volunteer Mississippi signage at project site during project period (provided by Commission)
- Submission of itemized expenditures and supporting documentation (receipts, etc.) no later than **1 December 2024**.
- Submitting an end-of-project report to accompany reimbursement request no later than **1 December 2024**.
- The 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 December 2024**.

FUNDABLE EXPENSES:

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

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

NON-FUNDABLE EXPENSES:

- Personnel costs (salaries/stipends)
- Indirect costs
- Cash prizes or gift cards
- Food or meals
- Travel (mileage, fuel, lodging, etc.)
- State tax