SC 250
ANNIVERSARY
American Revolution
1770-1783 | 2020-2033

FY26 GRANT PROGRAMS

The following entities are eligible for applying to SC American Revolution Sestercentennial Commission grants unless noted otherwise: Official County 250 Committees, Local Governments, Tribes, Museums, Historical Societies, Visitor Centers, Chambers of Commerce, Universities/Colleges, Non-Profit Organizations, SC Council of Governments, Regional Tourism Commissions, Other Select SC Organizations or Businesses in Public/Private Partnerships | Individuals are only eligible for Research & Publication Grants. Contact SC250 for clarification or exemption requests.

County 250 Organizing Grants

Reason: Kick-start your county's celebration, education, and/or tourism planning efforts.
Eligibility: Only Official County 250 Committees or a fiscal agent on their behalf
Amount: $3,000/ County | Non-Competitive
FY26 Anticipated Deadline: Accepting Applications Anytime Through May 7, 2026 at 3:00 P.M.
Match or Cost Share Required: No. <u>However, partnerships and cost share are encouraged.</u>
Grant Distribution: All upfront for Counties/Municipalities | Other Entities 80% upfront, 20% reimbursed after completion of final report.

Dates & Details Subject to Change - Visit SouthCarolina250.com for the Latest Info.

COMPETITIVE GRANT FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Monthly Grants

Amount: up to $15,000
Timeline: up to 12 months
Reviewed: Monthly
FY26 Anticipated Deadlines: 8/1/25, 9/2/25, 10/1/25, 11/3/25, 12/1/25, 1/2/26, 2/2/26, 3/2/26, 4/1/26, 5/1/26, 6/1/26 (all @ 3p)
Match Required: <u>Not required, however, partnerships and cost share matching funding are highly encouraged.</u>
Grant Distribution: 80% upfront, 20% reimbursed at completion of final report. (Note: not monthly stipend, "monthly" refers to grant review cycle.)

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Major Grants

Amount: $15,001-$125,000
Timeline: up to 24 months
Reviewed: Quarterly
FY26 Anticipated Deadlines: 9/26/25, 12/12/25, 3/26/26, 6/26/26 (all @ 3p)
Match Required: 20% of total budget
Grant Distribution: 80% upfront, 20% reimbursed at completion of final report. | Select acquisition projects may require 100% of grant be held in escrow by closing attorney.

Premier Project Grants

Amount: $125,001+
Timeline: completed by 2033
Deadlines: Quarterly
Review level 2 presentation required
FY26 Anticipated Deadlines: 9/26/25, 12/12/25, 3/26/26, 6/26/26 (all @ 3p)
Match Required: 25% of total budget
Grant Distribution: 80% upfront, 20% reimbursed at completion of final report. | Select acquisition projects may require 100% of grant be held in escrow by closing attorney.

For More Info Visit SouthCarolina250.com or Call 803-898-3392.

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All grants must be applied for through the Discover SC WebGrants program. Watch webinars, sign up for one-on-one consultations, and register for the online application WebGrants program at SouthCarolina250.com.

Contact Heather Hawkins, Grants Manager at 803-898-3392 or hhawkins@southcarolina250.com.

Museum & Library Style Exhibit Grants

Reason: Create American Revolution indoor panels and/or digital displays, telling local American Revolution stories (meant to be permanent or extended installations). SC250 is also sponsoring **"interpretive centers"** featuring one American Revolution topic with information about how to learn more at other venues. Call for more information.

Local Activities Grants

Reason: Provide seed money for local 250th celebrations. What activities are you planning in your community?

Historic Tourism & Marketing Grants

Reason: Support cultural tourism marketing related to the American Revolution in SC. From regional American Revolution brochures to promoting visitation of a fully developed site to promoting an annual event, how will your team support American Revolution tourism in SC?

Research, Publication, Genealogy, & Digitization Grants

Reason: Advance **research** and **public availability** of **publications** on SC's role in the American Revolution. SC250 is also supporting **genealogy center**s so the public has access to materials used to trace lineages back to the American Revolution, particularly for researching African American and Native American genealogy. Let's make SC during the American Revolution research easier with online primary sources through **digitization**.

Education Grants

Reason: One of the primary goals of the SC250 Commission is education. This can be for **K-12 or kids of all ages**. K-12 projects should be aligned with state standards and in collaboration with local districts.

Signage & Marker Grants

Reason: Aid in placing or replacing American Revolution in SC signage from **interpretive signs** to labeling 18th century roads to installing wayside **directional signage** to funding for **state historic markers**. All state historic markers will need to comply with SCDAH standards and approval process. All other interpretation must be approved by SC250 Peer Review prior to production.

SC American Revolution Site Grants:
Planning, Acquisition, Development, Renovation

Reason: Planning can include a pull-off design or due diligence before acquisition. All **archaeology** applications should be to establish the site's significance and to prepare the site for cultural tourism development. Site grants also assist with **acquisition** and/or development of new American Revolution sites. Note that construction of new buildings (particularly multi-use buildings) is not the primary goal of SC250 and should be discussed with SC250 Executive Team before applying. **Development** could include **docent training** costs and/or signage. Any **renovation** requests should be added value to a site not just for deferred maintenance.

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