

SC 250

ANNIVERSARY

American Revolution

FY26 Grants: How-To Apply
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250th Anniversary of the American Revolution

WHY CELEBRATE?

Q: WHERE WERE THERE OVER 400+ SKIRMISHES, BATTLES, AND BLOODSHED DURING THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR – THE STATE WITH THE SECOND MOST INCIDENTS? A: South Carolina



When is the Anniversary?

Now! Yes, there will be fireworks on July 4, 2026, but so much more!

Revolutionary Era **1770-1783 | 2020-2033**



Carolina Days

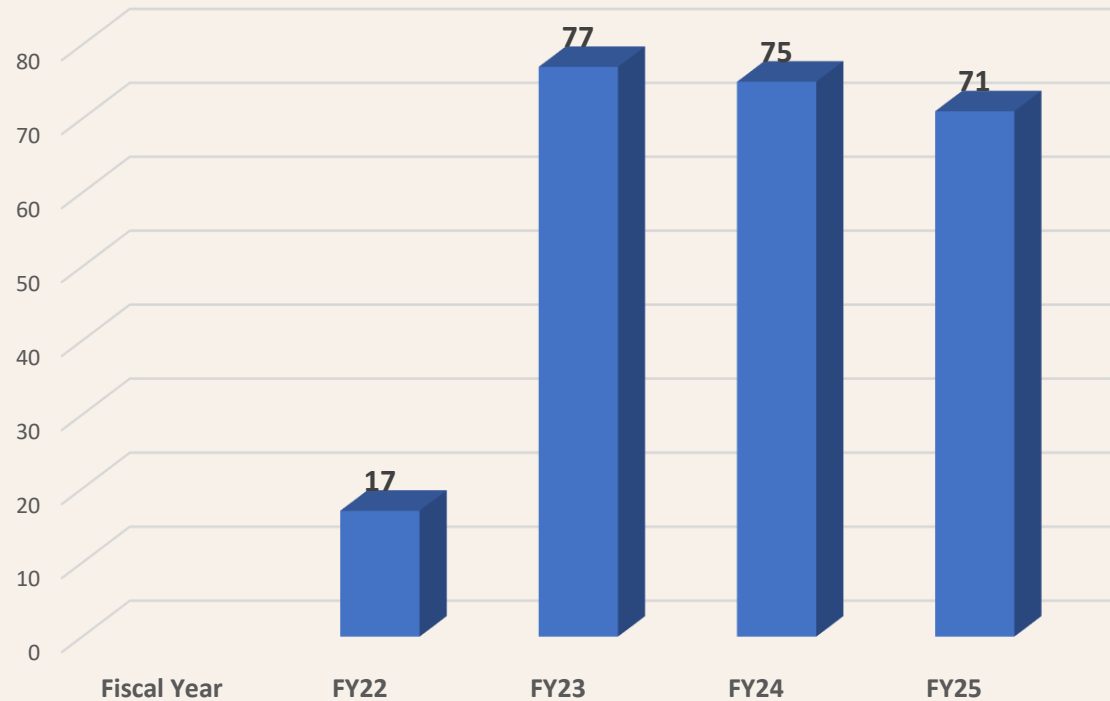
June 19-July 5, 2026

SC250 GRANTS BY THE NUMBERS

*Numbers do not include funding for commission-driven projects nor applications still in due diligence.



Grant Totals By Fiscal Year



240

Total Number of Grants Awarded

\$6,365,019.91

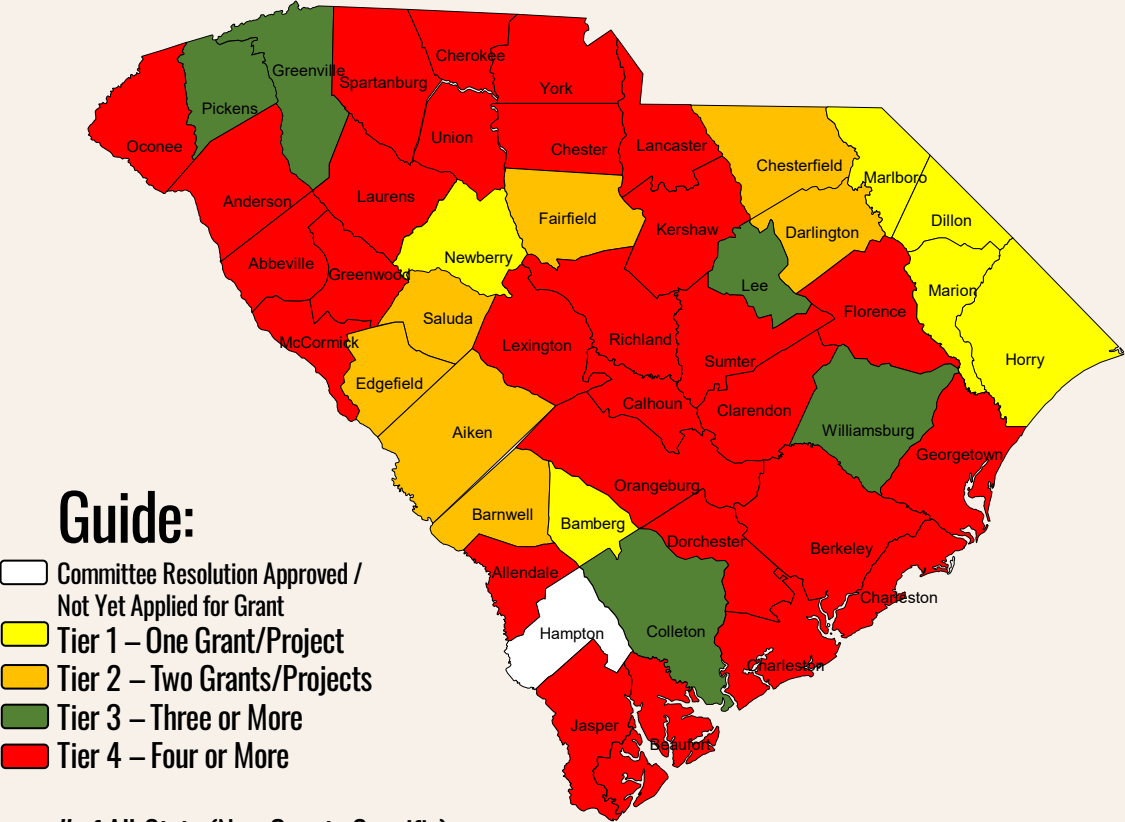
Total \$ Amount Awarded



FUNDING DISTRIBUTION: YEAR OF THE COUNTIES CHALLENGE

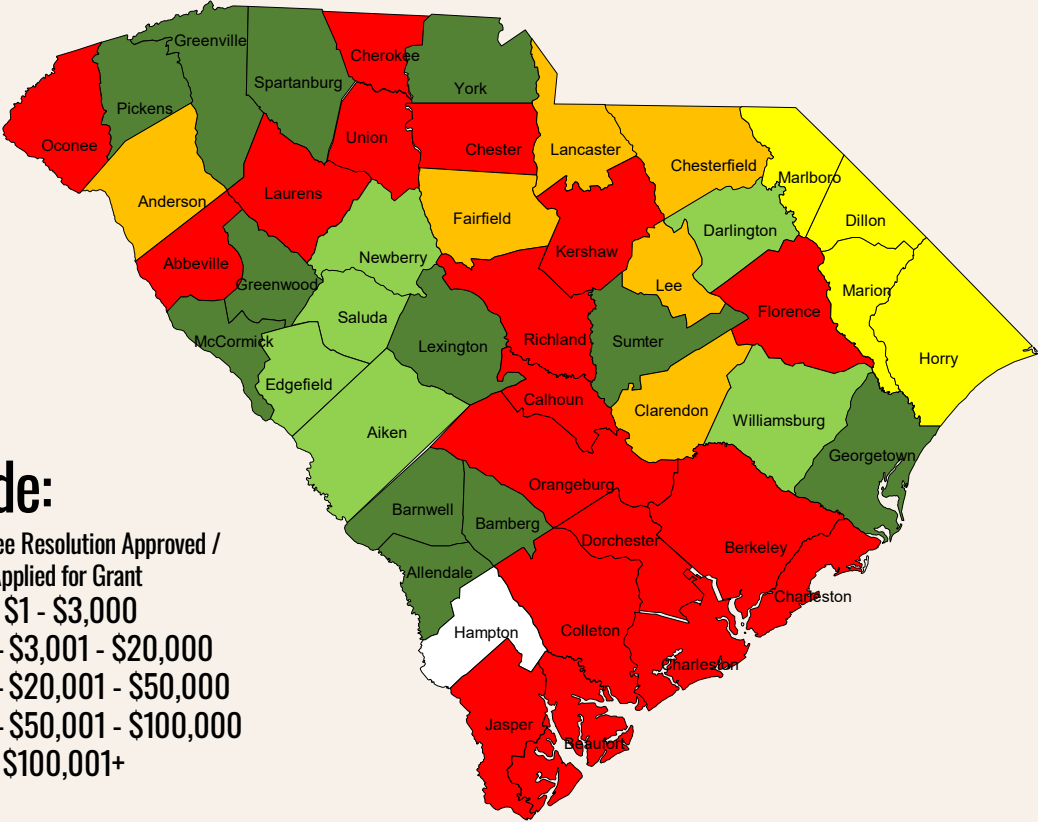


Includes County Organizing Grants, Competitive Grants, and Commission Driven Projects Budgeted Amounts



of All-State (Non-County Specific)
Grants/Projects: 50

Number of Projects



Amount of All-State (Non-County Specific)
Allocated Grant/Project
Funding: \$3,173,123.29

Funding Total Amount



SC250 Grant Funding Opportunities / Levels



COUNTY 250 ORGANIZING
GRANTS



MONTHLY GRANTS



MAJOR GRANTS



PREMIER PROJECT GRANTS





Monthly (Reviewed Monthly) Competitive Grants

Amount: up to \$15,000

Timeline: up to 12 months

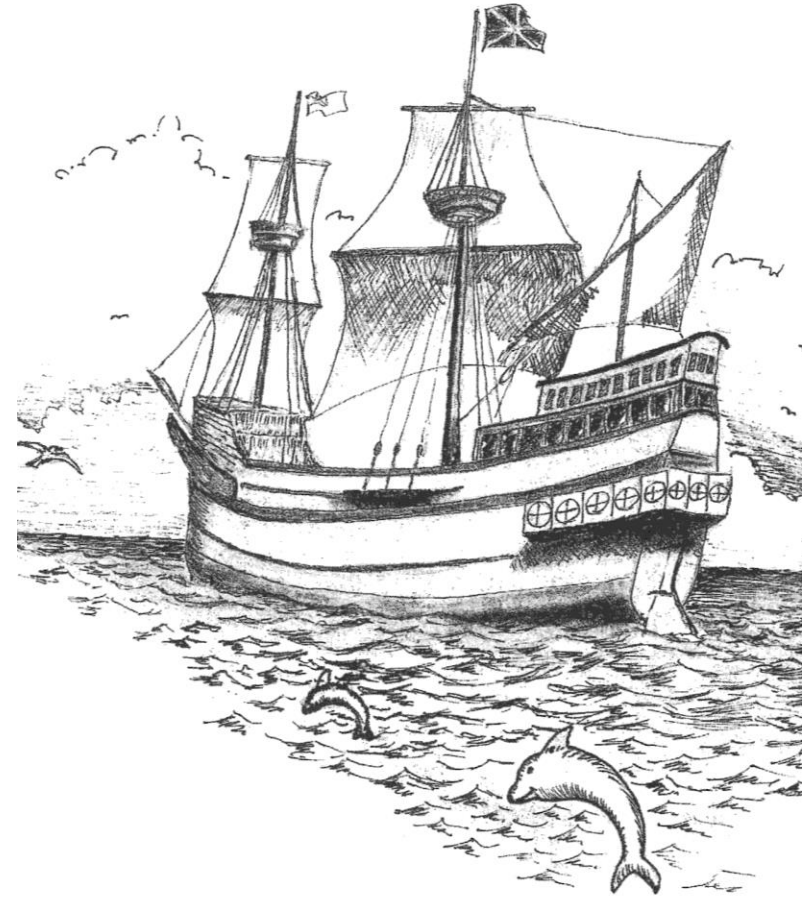
Reviewed: Monthly

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) *Dates Subject to Change*

Match Required: Not required, however, partnerships and cost share matching funding are highly encouraged.

Grant Distribution: 80% upfront, 20% at completion of paperwork



Ship bound for America

From *Courageous
Kate* by Sheila Ingle



Major Competitive 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) *Dates Subject to Change*

Match Required: 20% of total budget

Grant Distribution: 80% upfront with 20% at final report
Select acquisition projects may require 100% of grant be held in escrow by closing attorney.





Premier Project Competitive Grants

Amount: \$125,001+

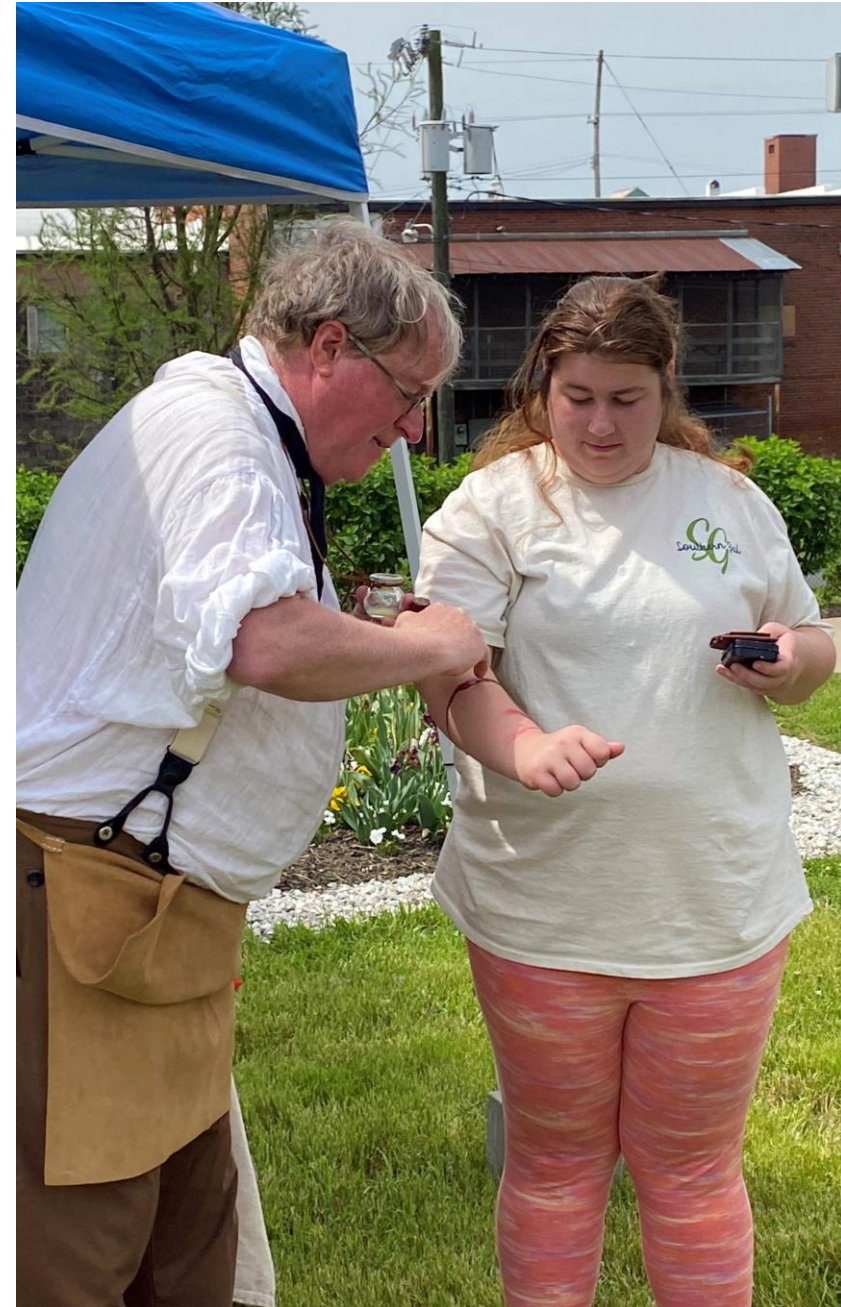
Timeline: completed no later than 2033

Deadlines: Quarterly | Review level 2 presentation required

FY26 Anticipated Deadlines: 9/26/25, 12/12/25, 3/26/26, 6/26/26
(all @ 3p) *Dates Subject to Change*

Match Required: 25% of total budget

Grant Distribution: 80% upfront with 20% at final report
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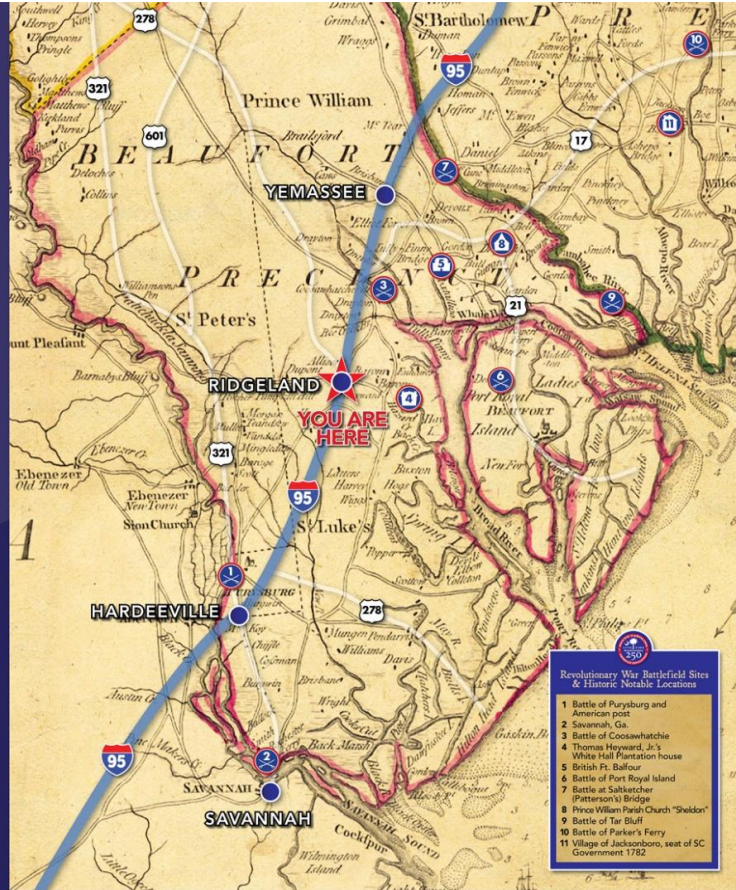
Thomas Heyward, Jr. (1748 - 1807) was the eldest son of Daniel Heyward, the wealthiest planter in the Beaufort District at the time of the American Revolution. Heyward studied law in England, returned to South Carolina and practiced law. In 1776 Heyward became one of the South Carolina delegates to the Second Continental Congress. He was one of South Carolina's four signers of the Declaration of Independence. During the war he was active in military operations and was a prisoner of the British for over a year. After the revolution Heyward participated in the convention which crafted South Carolina's Constitution. He was born and died at the traditional family home, Old House Plantation, which was burned in 1864. Heyward's grave is in the family cemetery near the ruins of the house. The Heywood family remained prominent in South Carolina and one of his descendants, Dubose Heyward, received national distinction as the author of the novel Porgy which was later adopted by George Gershwin into the opera Porgy and Bess.



Purysburg

In the spring of 1779 Purysburg, initially a settlement of Swiss colonists trying to establish the silk trade, was occupied by Patriot forces. British forces under Brigadier General Prevost crossed the Savannah River and advanced on the village in Prevost's attempt to capture Charleston. On April 29, 1779, the two forces met near Purysburg. The contest delayed the British advance so that Patriot forces under General William Moultrie could escape to conduct a successful defense of Charleston.

Sheldon Church (1753, 1856)

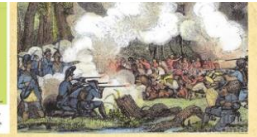


- Revolutionary War Battlefield Sites & Historic Notable Locations
- 1 Battle of Purysburg and American post
 - 2 Savannah, Ga.
 - 3 Battle of Coosawhatchie
 - 4 Thomas Heyward, Jr.'s White Hall Plantation house
 - 5 British Ft. Mifflin
 - 6 Battle of Port Royal Island
 - 7 Battle at Salkehatchee (Patterson's Bridge)
 - 8 Prince William Parish Church "Sheldon"
 - 9 Battle of Tar Bluff
 - 10 Battle of Parker's Ferry
 - 11 Village of Jacksonboro, seat of SC Government 1782



Pon Pon Chapel of Ease - (1725) was one of two churches serving St. Bartholomew's Parish. In 1754 a brick chapel was erected to replace an earlier wooden structure. It was the home church for many of the local leaders in the Revolutionary War including Isaac Hayne and Aedanus Burke.

Colonel Isaac Hayne, Jr. - served in the Colleton County Regiment until captured and paroled in May 1780. The British later demanded that Hayne take up arms against the Patriots in violation of his parole. Hayne refused and rejoined the Patriot forces. He was captured and imprisoned in Charleston. Hayne was charged with treason and hanged on August 4, 1781. Buried in Jacksonborough in the family cemetery, he was called "a noble martyr on behalf of liberty."



Battle of Parker's Ferry - On August 10, 1781, Francis Marion's men lured the British into a classic ambush on a causeway near Parker's Ferry where they suffered 125 killed and 80 wounded compared to Patriot losses of one killed and three wounded. Parker's Ferry is the exemplar of Marion's guerilla warfare tactics which contribute to the extraordinary legend of the Swamp Fox.

The South Carolina General Assembly convened in Jacksonborough in early 1782. It's most important work was its decision to confiscate Loyalist estates. This volatile issue became more heated when John Laurens proposed that slaves from confiscated estates be enlisted in the Continental army. His proposal won few adherents, though an opponent noted that legislators fought a "hard Battle on the Subject of arming the Blacks."

Jim Capers

African American Revolutionary War Veteran

Jim Capers was born into slavery in South Carolina. During the American Revolution he served as a drummer for seven years participating in many major battles including Savannah, Port Royal, Camden, Eutaw Springs (where he was seriously wounded), and even Yorktown. Capers eventually obtained his freedom after the war. He died in Alabama at the age of 111. He was posthumously awarded a pension for his service.



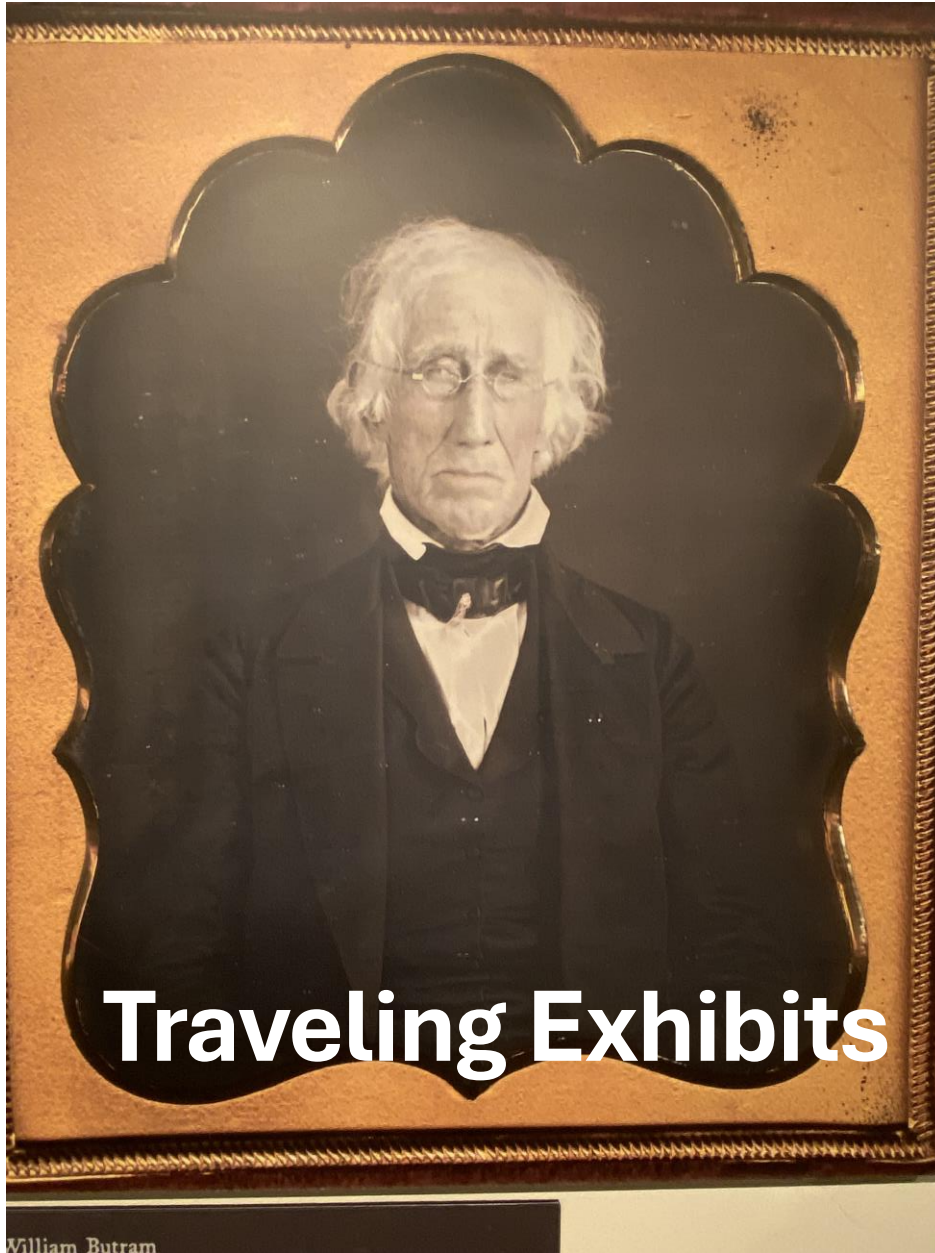
Local Museum
Style Panel
Grants

Museum & Library Style Exhibit Grant

Consider Locating the Panel Outside a Museum Where There is Foot Traffic



SOUTH CAROLINA
HISTORICAL SOCIETY



William Butram



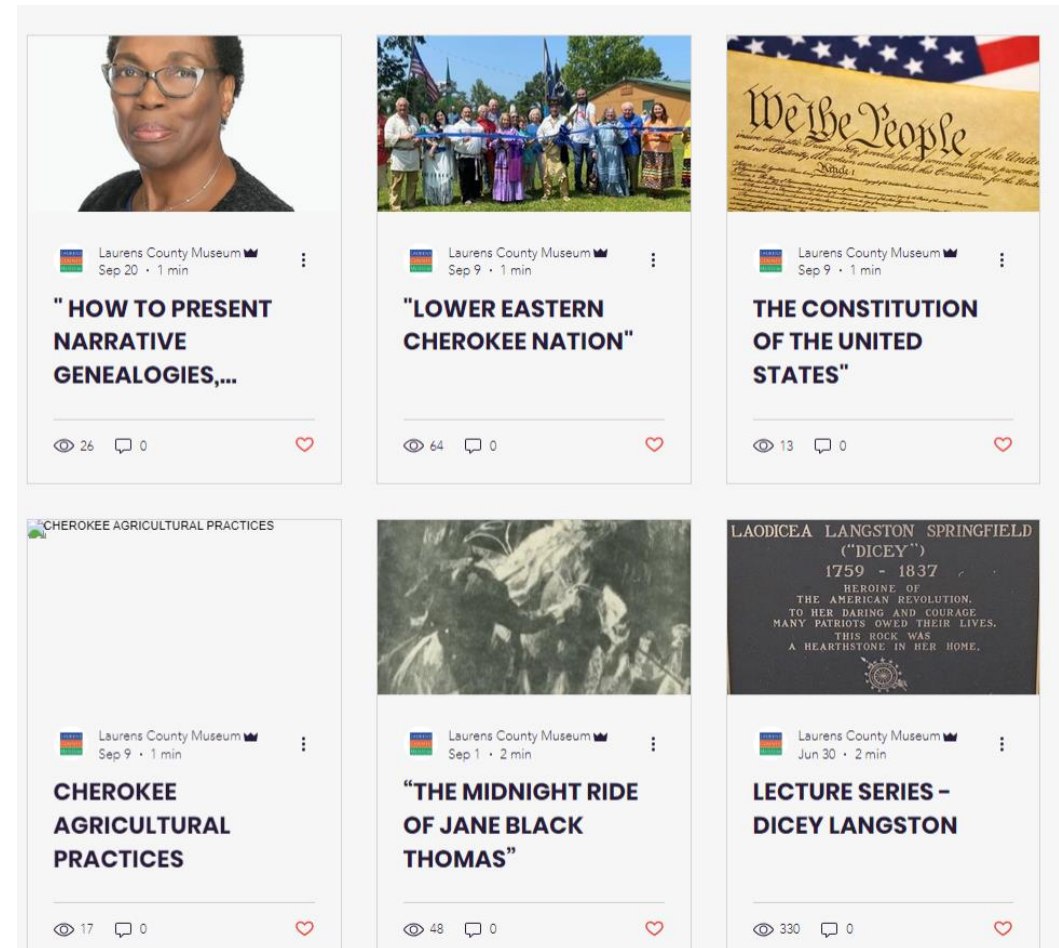
SOUTH CAROLINA
CONFEDERATE RELIC ROOM &
MILITARY MUSEUM



Local Activities Grant

How Do You Reach People Outside The Tent?

Local Activities Grant: Lecture Series & Events





Site Grants:
Development,
Acquisition,
Renovation

Historic Tourism & Marketing Grant:

Cultural Tourists:

- Spend 38% more than the average tourist
- Eat Local / Stay Local
- Look for Local Experiences



Research
Grants

Research, Publication, Genealogy, & Digitization Grants

Eligibility: In addition to non-profits, County 250 Committees, and institutions, individuals may also apply for this grant



Research Grant: Upcountry History
Museum Researching Greenville
American Revolution Connections

Publication Grant: Lake
Hartwell Country American
Revolution Website &
Searchable Resources





Education
Grants

Education Grants
One of SC250's Primary Goals

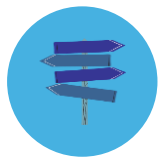
**Education Grant:
Anderson County
American Revolution
Traveling Trunks**



Education Grant: Southern Campaign 1780 Liberty Live Education Project



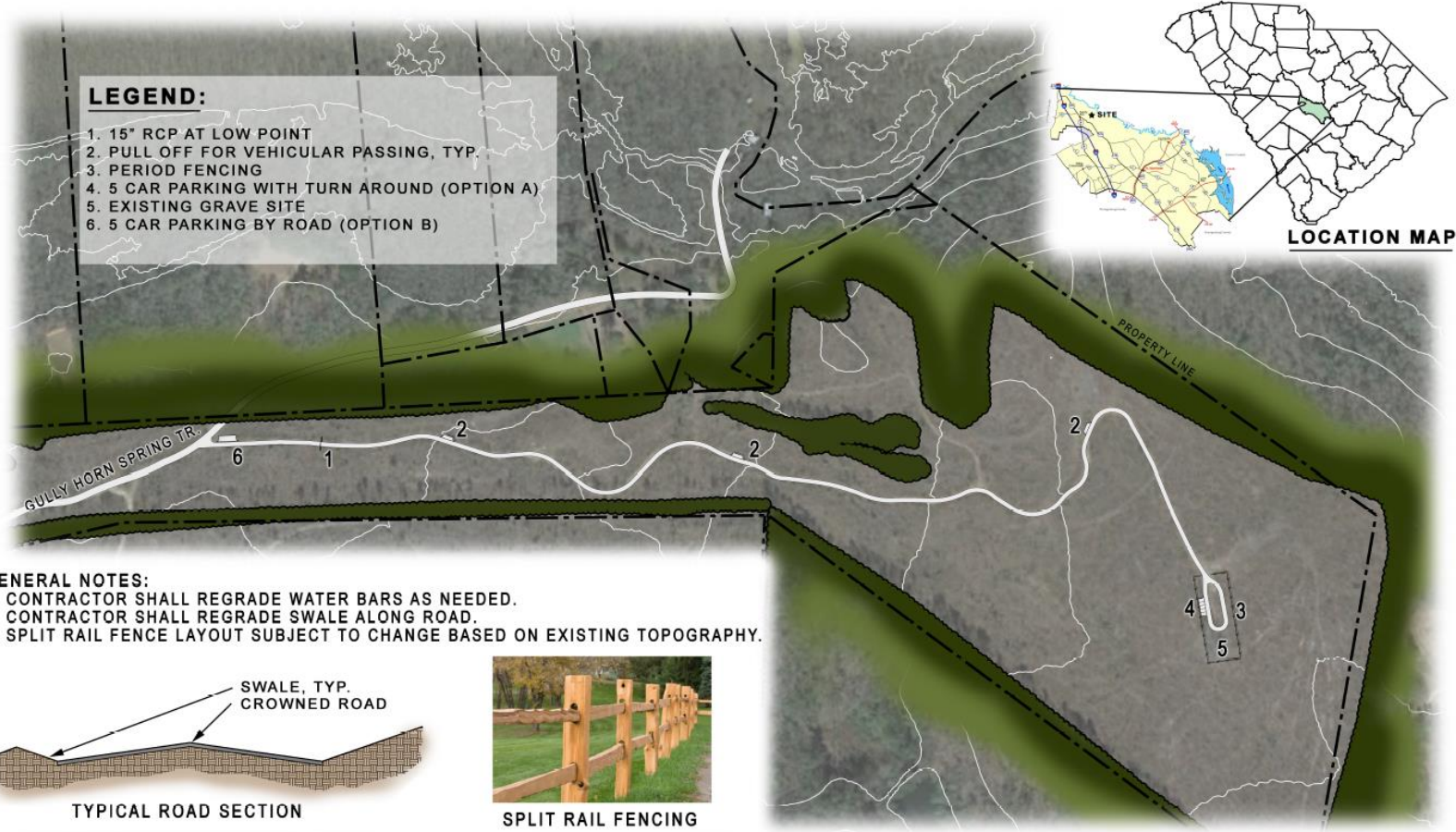
<https://southerncampaign1780.org/liberty-live-education>



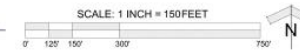
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Markers Grants

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From interpretive signs to tourism directional signs,
from historic markers to marking 18th century roads

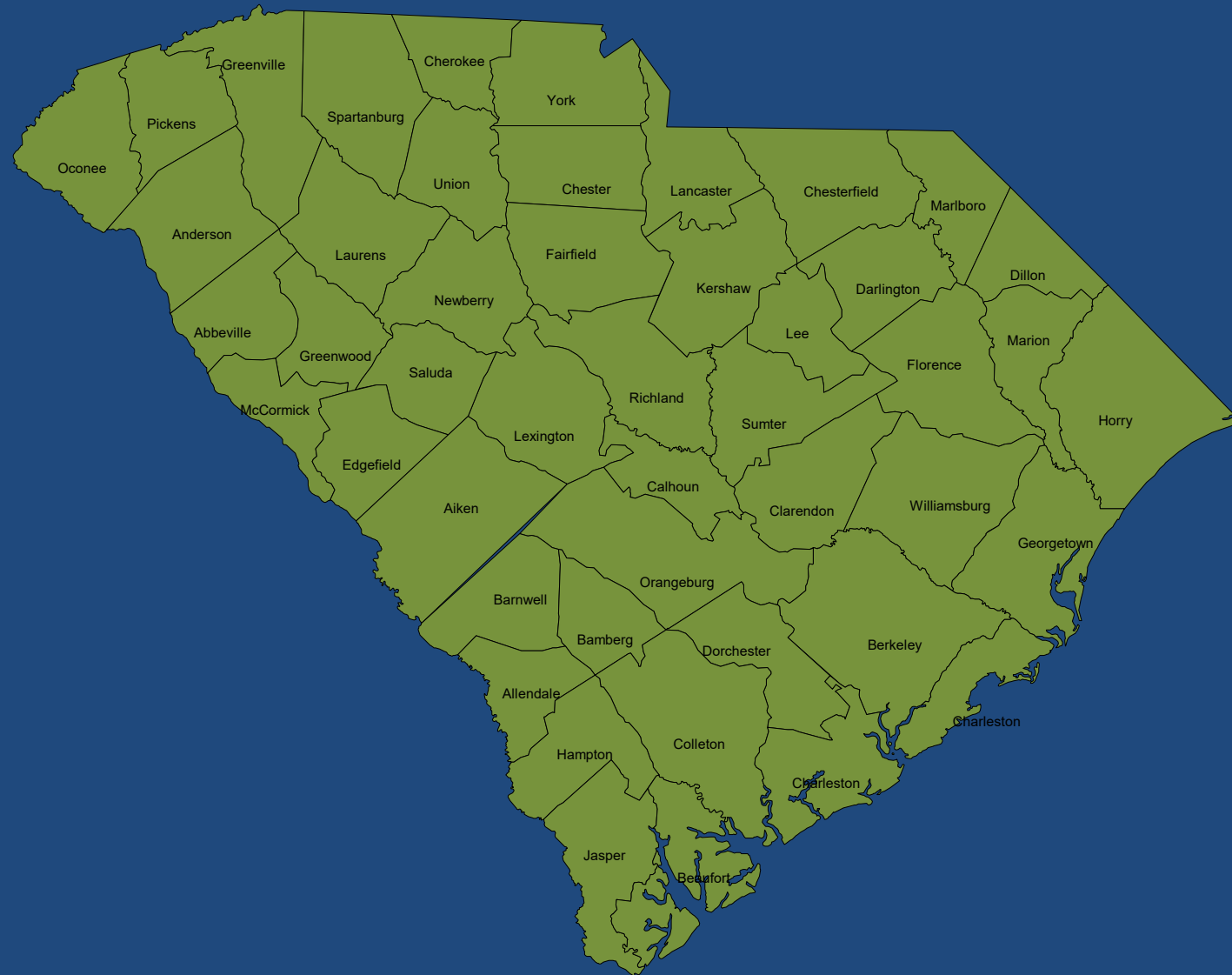


SC 250 COMMISSION - COMMODORE GILLON
CONCEPT LAYOUT PLAN
CALHOUN COUNTY
MARCH 07, 2023

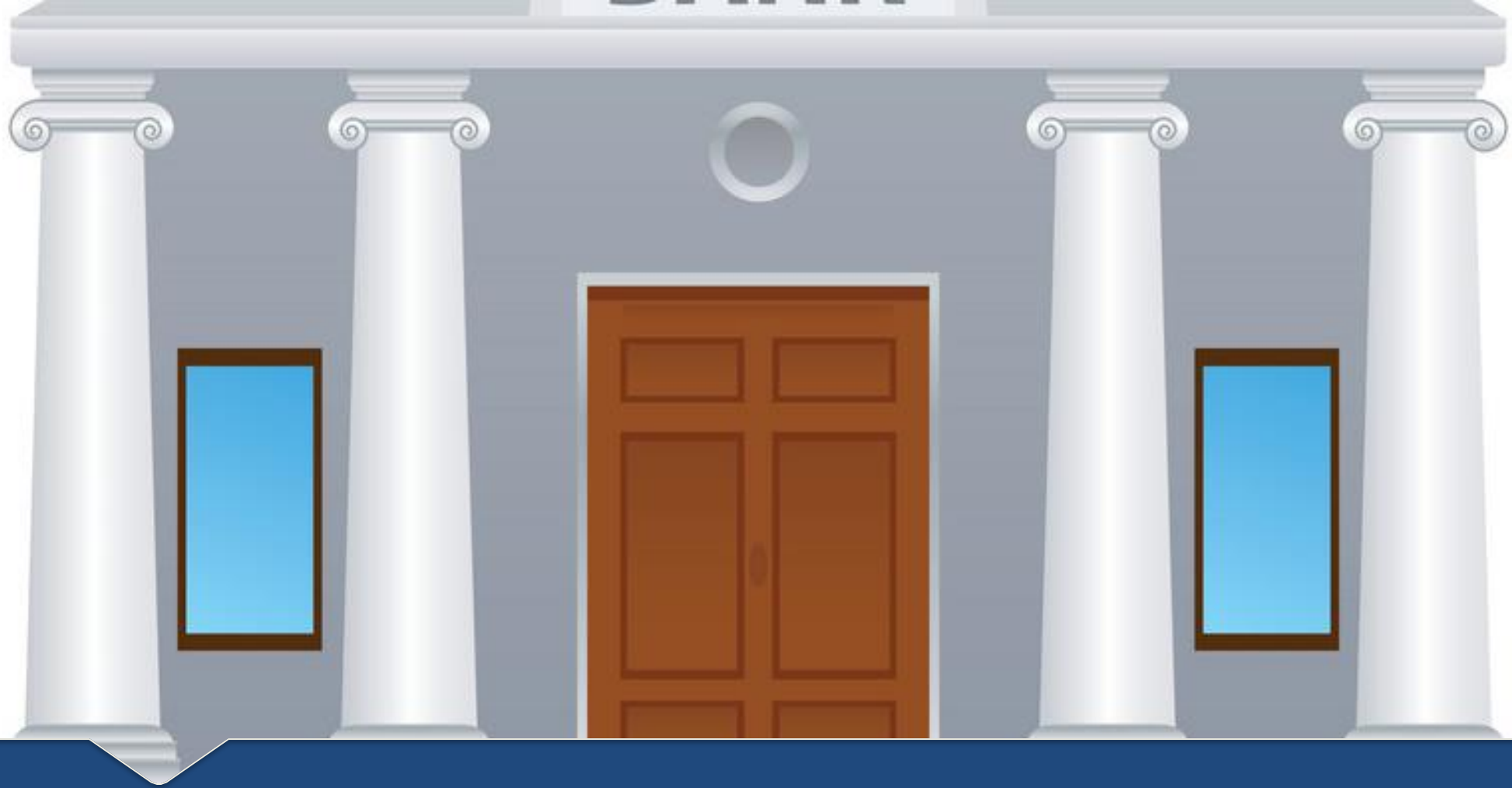


**Site Grants:
 Development,
 Acquisition,
 Renovation**

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



**You are asking to Spend the People's Money.
This means documentation & paperwork.**



Fiscal Agent Responsibilities

- Provide fiscal agent documentation for the application
- Officially sign the grant agreement in WebGrants online
- Follow local procurement policy
- Manage cash flow for last 20%
- Manage receipts – provide for final report
- Available for audit of funds if randomly selected by state auditors

Grant Funding Distribution

County 250 Organizing Grants:

County/Municipality Fiscal Agents 100% upfront

All other Fiscal Agents 80% upfront / 20% upon final paperwork

All Other Grants: Competitive

80% upfront / 20% upon final paperwork with receipts

Best Practice: negotiate contracts accordingly

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Narrative Best Practices:

- Use Word Version to Practice (Watch character count)

Project Summary

- 1) Elevator Speech
- 2) How does it relate to the American Revolution in SC?

Deliverables / Impact

- 1) Tangible items that can be provided by the grant budget.
- 2) Measurement of Success
- 3) Longevity

Budget Best Practices:

- Don't create the budget based on the most amount available.
- Do your homework – get quotes.
- Not all budget categories may be compatible with your grant type. Feel free to skip a section. For example: we do not expect to see land acquisition in the County 250 Organizing Grants.
- If the grant request amount is part of a larger budget, please only include SC250 funding requests in each breakdown section.
- Make sure to not exceed the total amount available for this grant type in the breakdown SC250 request sections. This up to amount is listed on the Funding Opportunity main page.
- For the County 250 Organizing Grants, the SC250 Requested Amount must total \$3000 exactly. (However, the total budget could be larger if you have additional funding from other sources. If there are any additional funds in your total budget, document them in the Cost Share / Matching Funds section.)
- Personnel refers to staffing, while contractual refers to any person you are hiring for a specific task.
- Administrative staffing should represent no more than 20% of the budget request.

For what can't you pay?



Partnerships / Matching Funds



Even if not “required” to
apply, SC250
encourages Cost Share!

- If your grant does require a match, remember that the percentage is part of the total budget not 20% or 50% of your ask.

Matching Funds

The formula for calculating the match is:

**SC250 Award Amount = Adjusted (Total) Project Costs
SC250 Share Percentage**

Required Recipient's Share Percentage x Adjusted Project Costs = Required Match

**Example: 80%/20% match requirement—for a SC250 award amount of \$300,000,
match would be calculated as follows:**

$$\frac{\$300,000}{.80} = \$375,000$$

$$.20 \times \$375,000 = \$75,000 \text{ match}$$

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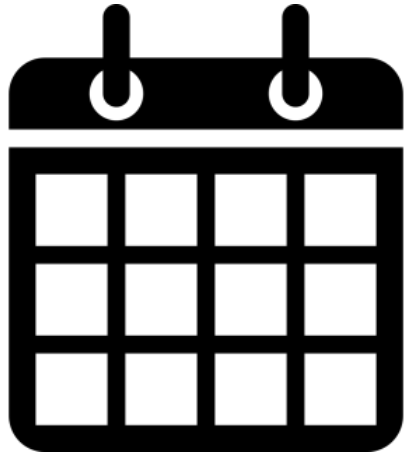
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SC250 Grants



- Explore SouthCarolina250.com > SC250 Grants
- Make sure your project has the American Revolution in SC at its center > must be between **1770-1783**.
- Completed one application already? > Copy the Application when you go to apply for another.
- Show Partnerships & Cost Share – even if not required.
- Demonstrate clear deliverables and a researched budget.
- Demonstrate impact on longevity.
- Go ahead and register for a State Vendor Number and set up direct deposit.



**Check out the Recordings at:
SouthCarolina250.com > Resources > Grants > Webinars**

**One-On-One Application Support by Appointment
Tuesdays & Thursdays**

To Request a Meeting Click the Doodle Appointments Link or email hhawkins@southcarolina250.com



Be Revolutionary! Meet the Funders, A Rich Opportunity

<https://southcarolina250.com/grants/webinars/>



Recorded: Friday, October 11, 2024
SC Department of Archives & History



National Park Service – Semiquincentennial Grants

<https://www.nps.gov/subjects/historicpreservationfund/semiquincentennial.htm>

Semiquincentennial Grants

- “Restore and **Preserve** sites and structures **listed** in the National Register of Historic Places that commemorate the founding of the nation.”
- Eligible applicants include states, tribes, local governments, and non -profits
- Preference for state owned properties
- Sites prior to December 31, 1800 (first contested election in US)
- Broad start date, pre -contact forward
- No match required
 - FY2021 \$10 million
 - FY2022 \$10 million
 - FY2023 \$10 million
- FY2023 Applications available July 2023

go.nps.gov/semiquin



The Colburn House was built by Major Reuben Colburn in 1765 and is closely associated with Benedict Arnold's campaign to take Quebec from the British early in the Revolutionary War, before he was considered a traitor.
Maine



**South Carolina Historic
Preservation Office
National Register Contact:**
Virginia Harness
803-896-6179
vharness@scdah.sc.gov

Funding Opportunity for Organizations

Celebrate America!

Chairman's Grants in Honor of America's 250th Anniversary

Maximum award amount: \$25,000

Period of performance: Up to 12 months, starting as early as August 1, 2025; Applications will be accepted and reviewed on a rolling basis.

Application available: April 14, 2025

Project start date: August 1, 2025 – July 4, 2026

[Apply Now on Grants.gov](#)

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<https://guides.statelibrary.sc.gov/grants-research-assistance>



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Grants Research Virtual Appointments

Can't get to the SC State Library? We are offering virtual appointments for assistance in grants research.

[REQUEST A VIRTUAL APPOINTMENT](#)

For any questions regarding grants research you may also contact us by [email](#).

Funding Resources

Looking for emergency funding for your nonprofit? Candid has information on [philanthropy's response to the pandemic](#) and sources of funding.

Grants Classes for Spring 2023

New Fall Dates Coming Soon

Grants Research: Finding a Funder for Your Nonprofit Organization

Webinar

Friday, March 31, 2023 11:00AM - 12:00PM

Grant Writing: Creating a Winning Proposal

Webinar

Thursday, March 2, 2023 10:30AM - 12:00PM

Wednesday, April 19, 2023 10:30AM - 12:00PM

Wednesday, May 17, 2023 10:30AM - 12:00PM

Check out these [free webinars and tutorials](#) from Candid

About the Grants Research Collection

The South Carolina State Library is a [Funding Information Network](#) partner of Candid.

The Grants Research Collection at the South Carolina State Library is designed to assist nonprofit organizations and individuals seeking grant funding from private and corporate foundations and government agencies.

The Collection includes resources for finding foundation and government grant programs, the grantseeking and proposal writing process, nonprofit organization management, and general fund raising strategies.



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