

SC 250

ANNIVERSARY

American Revolution

FY27 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**



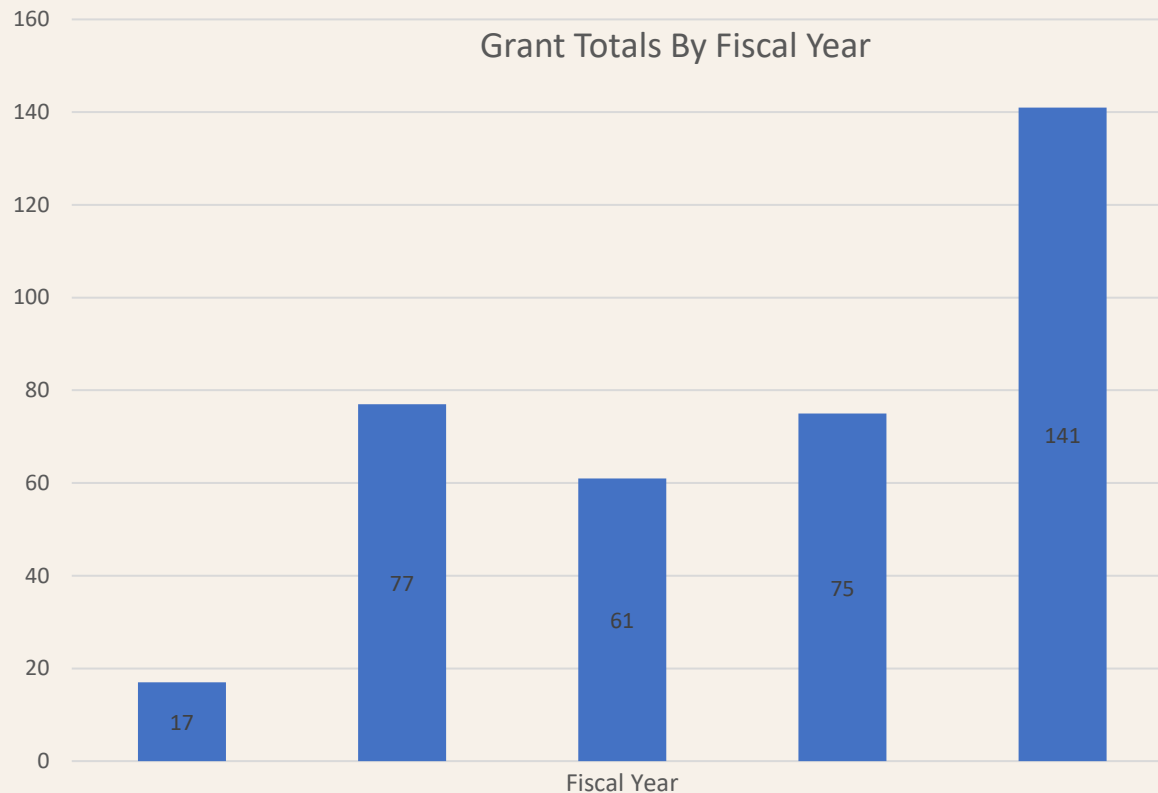
IS IT OVER?

Fireworks on July 4, 2026 were great! But, there is so much more!

Revolutionary Era 1770-1783 | 2020-2033

SC250 GRANTS BY THE NUMBERS

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



371

Total Number of Grants Awarded

\$13,589,618.97

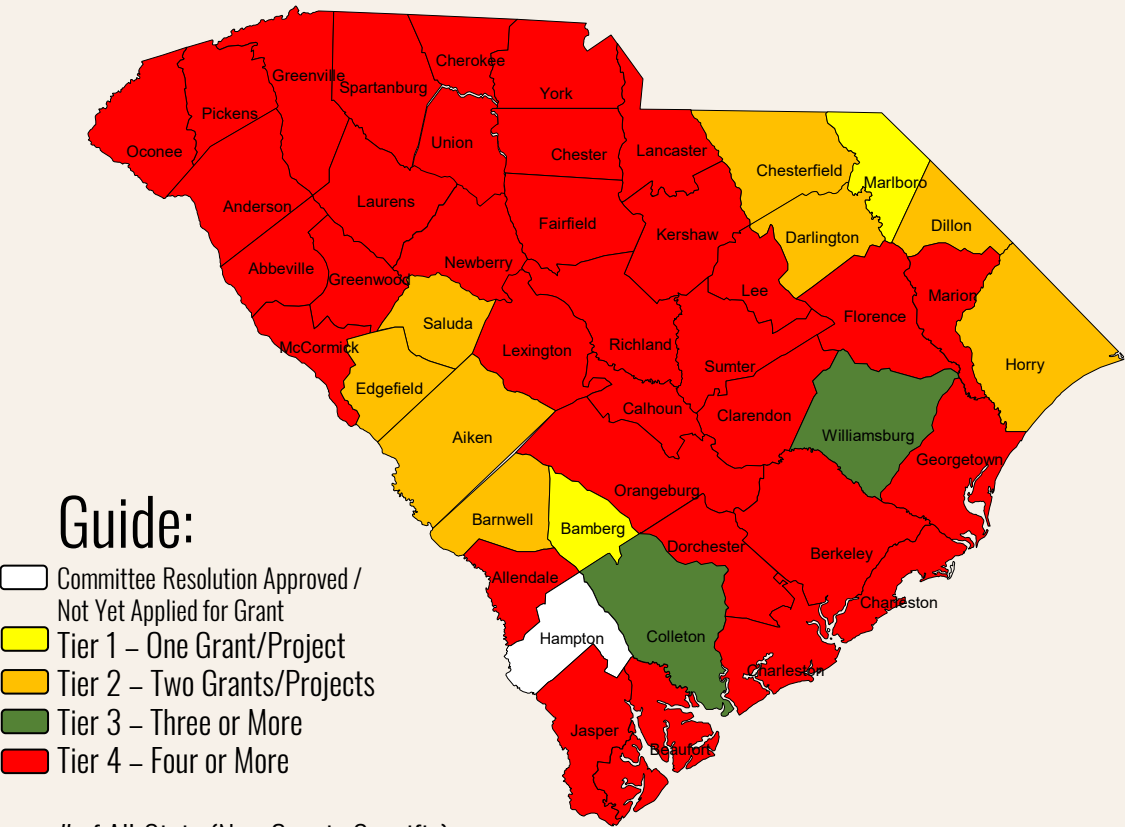
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FUNDING DISTRIBUTION: YEAR OF THE COUNTIES CHALLENGE

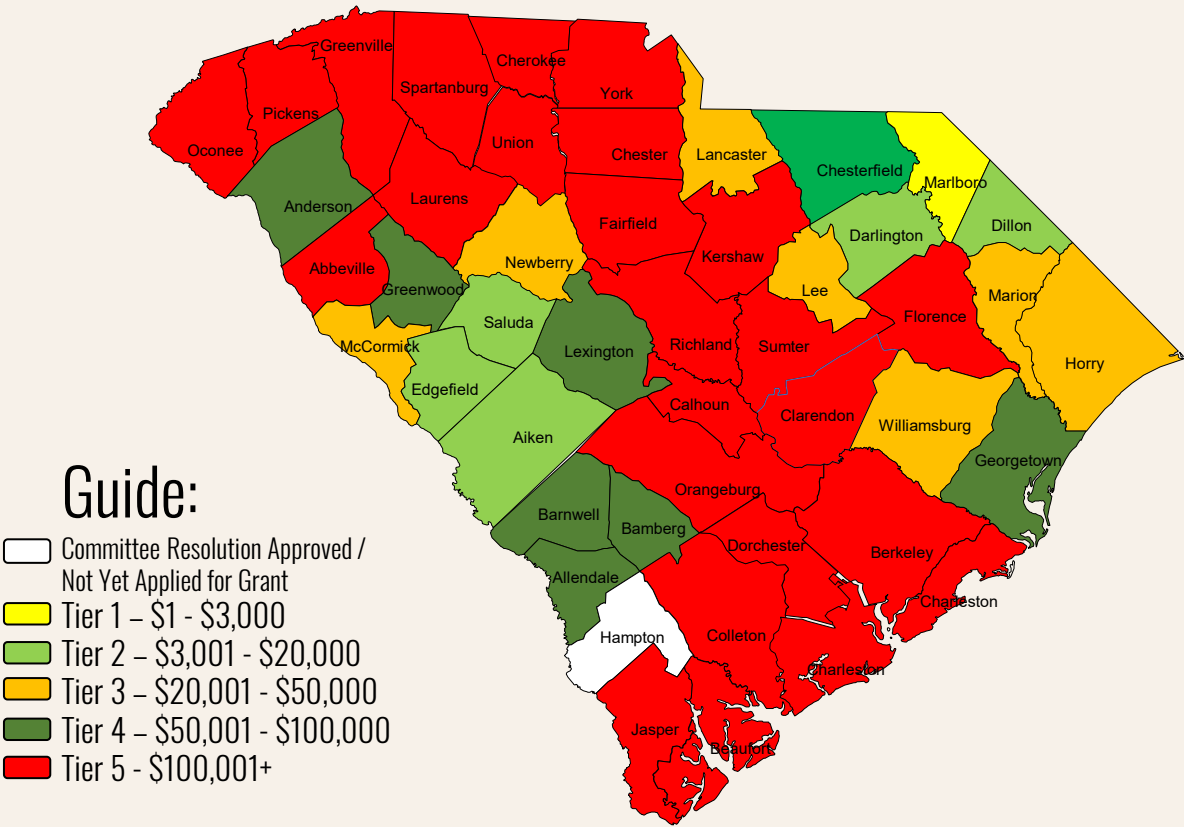


Includes County Organizing Grants, Competitive Grants, and Commission Driven Projects Budgeted Amounts



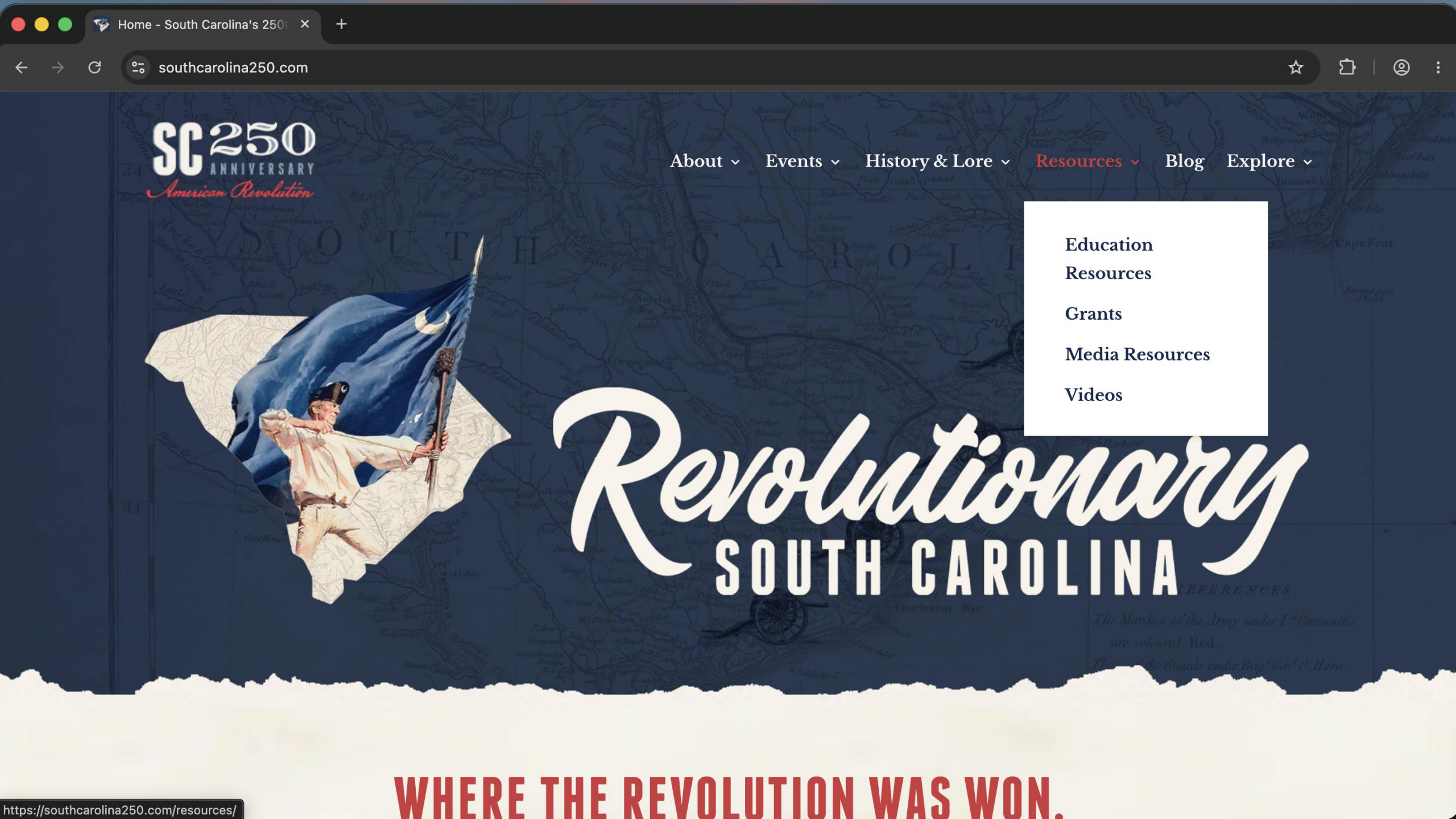
of All-State (Non-County Specific)
Grants/Projects: 50

Number of Projects



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

Funding Total Amount



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Revolutionary SOUTH CAROLINA

WHERE THE REVOLUTION WAS WON.

GRANTS & FUNDING

SC250's Grant Program was designed to support organizations' and communities' efforts to explore, commemorate and celebrate the people, places and events of the American Revolutionary War in South Carolina from 1770 – 1783. We do this through investments in public programs, scholarly research preservation and historic tourism projects.

SC250'S GOALS FOR FUNDING AND GRANTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:



GRANTS OVERVIEW

Are you a nonprofit, public/private partnership or local government organization interested in funding opportunities for your American Revolutionary War project? Click below to begin your exploratory journey through the funding levels, grant types, eligibility and the funding and approval process. Our goal is to educate and equip you for a successful funding round.

[Explore Funding](#)

GRANTS OVERVIEW

SC250 grants support projects that focus on South Carolina's role in the American Revolution and must be clearly tied to the 1770–1783 timeframe. Projects should demonstrate a direct connection to Revolutionary-era events, people, places, or experiences in South Carolina.

WHAT'S NEW

2026 launched the story. Now we build the legacy. Starting in 2026 (the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence), we have the opportunity to deepen public understanding, preserve our sites and stories, engage new audiences, and prepare for the national attention that will come in 2029-2033 with the anniversaries of so many battles & skirmishes in SC.

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Funding Priorities

- Site acquisition, interpretation and signage
- Education and curriculum
- Historic Preservation
- Genealogy
- Trails and tourism infrastructure
- Digital engagement (AR/VR, video)
- Portable or digital exhibits
- Teacher training, youth engagement and adult learning



Key Dates

- September 1, 2026
- December 1, 2026
- March 1, 2027
- June 1, 2027



Funding Levels

- Community Impact – Up through \$15,000
- Major Projects – Up to \$50,000
- Premier Projects – Up to \$125,000



Review Cycle

- Quarterly



HOW TO APPLY

Ready to get started on your application? We've laid out step by step guidance for you to walk through that will ensure your organization and application are ready for submission and success. For first-time grant requests this is your place to start.

Get Started



GET STARTED

Welcome! This page lays out the major steps, decisions and information you need to be prepared with to successfully submit for SC250 funding consideration. If you have questions along the way, visit our help sections at the bottom of every page.

#1

FIT AND FISCAL AGENT

Determining your fit and selecting a fiscal agent are the critical first steps. All SC250 grants must relate to the American Revolution in SC from 1770 – 1783. It's our reason for existence and your project needs to focus on this period of time for consideration.

“Select Fiscal Agent” means choosing the organization or entity that will be legally and financially responsible for managing the grant funds. When the application asks “Who will be managing your grant funds?”, this is where you answer. Best practice is for the fiscal agent to also serve as the applicant whenever possible.

Responsibilities Include:

- Receives and manages the grant funds.
- Signs the grant agreement if the project is awarded.
- Maintains financial records (receipts and proof of payment).
- Provides financial documentation required by SC250.
- Submits information needed for reimbursement and audit purposes.

Looking to explore what's been funded in the past? Check out our SC250 Awarded Grants:

[Previous Grant Awards](#) 

Grant Funding Distribution



80% UPFRONT / 20% REIMBURSEMENT
UPON APPROVAL OF FINAL REPORT
WITH DELIVERABLES, MEASUREMENT
OF SUCCESS, RECEIPTS & PROOF OF
PAYMENT



ONLY ITEMS PURCHASED OR
CONTRACTS MADE AFTER AWARD DATE
CAN BE PAID FOR WITH GRANT FUNDS.



BEST PRACTICE: NEGOTIATE
CONTRACTS ACCORDINGLY

SELECT YOUR FUNDING LEVEL

Funding levels have recently changed and the SC250 grants team has put together a simple high level overview of funding levels with key information for prospective submitters.



Community Impact Grants

Maximum Award:
Up through \$15,000

Match:
No matching funds are required but highly encouraged.

Final Approval:
SC250 Executive Director

Award Notification:
The first business day of the month following submission unless further due diligence is required.



Major Project Grants

Maximum Award: 15,001 to \$50,000

Match Requirement: 20% cash match of your total budget not your ask amount

Match Calculation: Match = (Grant Request ÷ 0.80) × 0.20

Additional Requirements:

- Consultation with SC250 staff is suggested before submitting an application.
- Virtual grant worksession allowing for Commissioner questions.
- A second consultation may be required following the grant worksession to address any Commission-requested revisions.
- Availability (in-person or virtual) at the next Commission meeting for any Q&A.

Final Approval: Full SC250 Commission (with exception for Executive Committee Review)

Award Notification: The first business day following Commission meeting



Premier Project Grants

Maximum Award: \$50,001 to \$125,000

Match Requirement: 25% cash match of your total budget not your ask amount

Match Calculation: Match = (Grant Request ÷ 0.75) × 0.25

Additional Requirements:

- Consultation with SC250 staff is required before submitting an application.
- Virtual grant worksession allowing for Commissioner questions.
- A second consultation may be required following the grant worksession to address any Commission-requested revisions.
- 5 Slides / 5 Min. Presentation at the next Commission meeting with Q&A.

Final Approval: Full SC250 Commission

Award Notification: The first business day following Commission meeting

#3

DETERMINE YOUR GRANT PROJECT TYPE

It's critical that you determine the type of project you're trying to fund as each project has specific funding criteria and requirements. All projects must be clearly tied to the 1770–1783 timeframe. Explore grant types and their specific requirements below.



Museum & Library-Style Exhibit Grants

Funding for the creation of museum and library-style exhibits to connect communities to their local SC American Revolution history.

[Learn More](#)

Local Activities Grants

Seed funding to help communities plan and execute local Revolutionary War activities, including public art, performances, living history, presentations, or more.

[Learn More](#)

Historic Tourism & Marketing Grants

Grants to help communities plan and execute on tourism development projects to share their American Revolution story with visitors and history lovers alike.

[Learn More](#)

Research Grants

Funding to advance research, publications, genealogy, digitization projects to expand our knowledge of SC's role in the American Revolution.

[Learn More](#)

Education Grants

Grants and funding to support teachers and scholars as they educate South Carolinians and visitors of all ages on SC's role in the birth of our new nation.

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Signage & Marker Grants

Grants for interpretive signage and historic markers to expand knowledge around the local area's American Revolution significance.

[Learn More](#)

Site Grants

Funding for the planning, acquisition, development and renovation of historic sites including battlefields, pull offs and interpretive sites.

[Learn More](#)

#4

GET YOUR PAPERWORK READY

Paperwork is where a lot of applicants get stuck. In addition to general requirements below, each grant type has specific requirements that you can see by clicking on Grant Type. The following are some of the most common paperwork submissions applicants get hung up on.



Fiscal agent documentation:

- Signed W-9
- Current adopted budget
- Most recent operating financial statement
- State Vendor Number
- Key contacts

(Project Director, Fiscal Officer, Authorizing Official)



Nonprofit documentation (if applicable):

- IRS 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(6) determination letter
- Secretary of State charity registration letter
- Board member list
- Mission statement



Project information:

- Deliverables & Measurement of Success
- Timeline
- Budget and quotes

Supporting documents such as plans, research, letters of support, or peer review documentation, depending on the grant type.



#5

EXPLORE PARTNERS & FUNDING

Now that you have selected your funding amount and grant type, consider how partnerships can help strengthen your project. Partnerships are an excellent way to demonstrate community support, encourage cost share, and enhance the overall impact of your application. Strong partnerships can improve project outcomes and make your application more competitive, especially if they bring funding to the table.

Potential partners may include:

- **Local Organizations:** Official County 250 Committees, municipalities, and tribal governments.
- **Cultural Institutions:** Museums, historical societies, libraries, and visitor centers.
- **Education & Commerce:** Chambers of commerce, colleges and universities, schools, and public-private business partnerships.

[Download SC250 Partners List](#) 



#6

APPLY!

If you've made it this far, then you're primed and ready to start your submission. Click on the link to register with Discover SC and begin the application process.

Apply Now

 Login

 Enter your user id and password

SIGN IN

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 **Announcements**

REGISTER FOR DISCOVER SC WEB GRANTS

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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.
- 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.
- 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 THE GRANT PAY?



Food



Insurance



**Travel
& Accommodation**



Security



**Acquisition
of Artifacts**



PARTNERSHIPS / COST SHARE / MATCH



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

- Community Impact Grant – Not Required but Encouraged
- Major Grant – 20% Total Budget
- Premier Project – 25% Total Budget
- If your grant does require a match, remember that the percentage is part of the **total budget** not 20% or 25% 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:

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

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

 Login

 Enter your user id and password

SIGN IN

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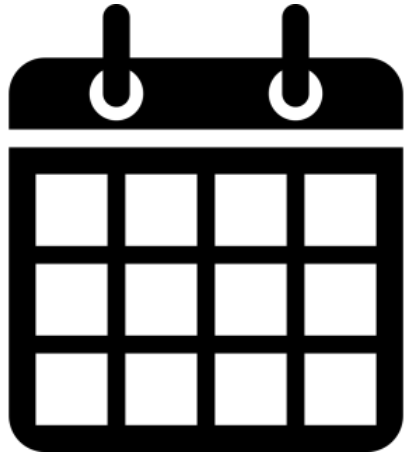
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 **Announcements**

REGISTER FOR DISCOVER SC WEB GRANTS – *DEMO TIME!*

General Info | Cover Sheet | Narrative | Assurances | Support Documents | Budget



**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



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Meet the Funders, A Rich Opportunity

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



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



SC STATE LIBRARY

[HTTPS://GUIDES.STATELIBRARY.SC.GOV/GRANTS-RESEARCH-ASSISTANCE](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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