



2018 African American Civil Rights Preservation Grant – Fact Sheet

Grant Due Date: October 8, 2018

African American Civil Rights (AACR) Preservation Grants

The National Park Service's (NPS) FY 2018 African American Civil Rights Grant Program (AACR) will document, interpret, and preserve the sites related to the African American struggle to gain equal rights as citizens in the 20th Century. The NPS 2008 report, "Civil Rights in America, A Framework for Identifying Significant Sites," will serve as the reference document in determining the appropriateness of proposed projects and properties. AACR Grants are funded by the Historic Preservation Fund (HPF), administered by the NPS, and **will fund a broad range of preservation projects for historic sites including: architectural services, historic structure reports, preservation plans, and physical preservation to structures.** Grants are awarded through a competitive process and do not require non-Federal match.

Evaluation Criteria

Project descriptions must address, and applications will be rated on, each of the criteria listed below. NPS will evaluate and consider only complete applications that separately address each of the **four criteria**. You are required to provide a detailed narrative of these elements using the project information form.

1. Significance: Describe the historic resource(s) in the proposed project that played a role in the African American civil rights movement in the 20th Century. Describe the community and the historic resources affected by this project including its significance, whether listed in the National Register of Historic Places and/or designated at the state, tribal, or local level, and the story that its continued preservation tells. Preference may be given to sites listed in the National Register of

Historic Places or designated as National Historic Landmarks. **(25 points)**

2. Need/Urgency/Threat: Describe how the proposed work will enhance the recognition, understanding, and preservation of resources association with the African American civil rights movement in the 20th Century. Describe the need, urgency, and threat the project addresses and how the activities are necessary to achieve the project objectives. Tell how the proposed project will help preserve the resources and cultural assets associated with communities that are currently underrepresented in the stories of your jurisdiction. **(25 points)**

3. Feasibility: Demonstrate how you will successfully complete the project within the given timeframe (2 to 3 years) and resources while meeting all federal requirements and guidelines. List and describe all tasks and their results. Provide a detailed timeline for the work and budget justification, using the form provided, for all project costs to show why costs are necessary, reasonable, and allowable. Describe who will be involved in carrying out the project and their qualifications.

Projects will be evaluated to determine if the project is feasible, if the costs are eligible, and if the project is the next logical step toward the resource(s) preservation. Partnerships, matching funds and other forms of community support, though not required, will be considered. **(25 points)**

4. Sustainability: Describe how the public will be actively involved, and how the project meets the goals of relevant state, tribal, or local historic preservation plans. The specific goal(s) and plan(s) should be identified. Describe the impacts of the project after completion, including long lasting effects. Describe the public-



private partnerships and community engagement involved in the project and how these partnerships will sustain and continue to support the resource(s) after the grant project is complete. Extra consideration may be given to projects with cross-generational involvement, educational results, or those with maintenance plans for historic resources. **(25 points)**

Evaluation and Selection Process

Reviewers' evaluations are based solely on the material provided in the application. Additional materials not specifically required by the application, and materials sent separately from the application, will not be considered.

NPS personnel, and in some cases, other Federal reviewers, will review all the proposals. All proposals for funding will be considered using the criteria outlined above. A summary of the review panel comments may be provided to the applicant if requested.

Each of the 4 criteria elements will be scored on a scale of 0 to 25, with 25 being the highest score possible for each criteria.

- **25:** Superior
- **20 – 24:** Good
- **14 – 19:** Satisfactory
- **10 – 13:** Marginal
- **6 – 9:** Poor
- **0 – 5:** Not acceptable

The average score of a successful grant application for FY 2017 was a 23.5 per criteria or 94 average overall score. The scoring of each criterion is based on the strengths and weaknesses of the application narrative.

Previous Awards

The projects below were announced on March 12, 2018 and were awarded to entities in the state of Alabama:

- **Mount Zion Center Foundation - \$500,000**
 - The Restoration of Mount Zion A.M.E. Zion Church Memorial Annex
- **Perry County Commission - \$500,000**
 - Restoration and Rehabilitation of the Perry County Jailhouse
- **Sixteenth St. Baptist Church - \$500,000**
 - Preservation, Repair and Restoration of the Historic Sixteenth Street Baptist Church: Phase III
- **Alabama Historical Commission - \$365,720**
 - Moore Building Master Plan and Phase I Rehabilitation
- **Historic Brown Chapel AME Church Preservation Society, Inc. - \$300,000**
 - Second Phase Continuation in the Preservation of Brown Chapel AME

Important Dates

In order to apply, all applicants must have an up-to-date SAMS and DUNS number and will need to have their applications submitted on grants.gov in order to be considered.

- **Posted: August 7, 2018**
- **Due: October 8, 2018**

Additional Information

For more information about the FY 2018 African American Civil Rights Preservation Grant, go to: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=308042>.

For questions about the grant or to request a letter of support, please contact Kaia Greene, Grants Coordinator, at 205.254.1960 or Kaia.Greene@mail.house.gov