



Mini-Grant Frequently Asked Grant Questions

Who is eligible?

Non-profits, local governments, academic institutions, and tribal entities with projects located within The Corridor's four states: North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida, and Georgia. The Corridor runs from Pender County, North Carolina to St. John's County, Florida within 30 miles inland from the coastline.

What projects are eligible?

Projects must be located in & support the mission of the Corridor & be linked to a Gullah Geechee theme. Grants are for twelve months.

How do I apply?

Instructions & forms are at <https://gullahgeecheecorridor.org/grants/>. All grant submissions are completed online.

When do I apply?

Check <https://gullahgeecheecorridor.org/grants/> for announcements of grant cycles & deadlines. Also sign up for The Corridor's newsletter to stay abreast of grant opportunities:

<https://gullahgeecheecorridor.us8.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=6cfd5c0a70e52919a5ea7bb87&id=01c73b3372>

What happens after I apply?

Qualified & objective grant readers review & score it. We may need to ask you for clarification or additional documentation at this point. Within sixty days of the application deadline, we'll email you regarding the status of your application. Then, if your application is approved, we'll prepare your contract, have it reviewed & signed by the appropriate folks & then email it to you. As soon as you sign & date the contract & return it to us, it's actionable.

How are grants paid?

Awards are amounts of \$2,500-\$7,500 & aren't official until both parties sign a contract. No money spent before you sign your contract will be reimbursed. In addition, GCCHC grants require a 1:1 match.

What do "actionable," and "1:1 match" mean?

"Actionable" means that your contract isn't in effect until you sign & date it--you can't use any expenses or match contributions made before that date in your final reporting. "1:1 match" means that in addition to paying your expenses (the grant amount agreed upon in the contract), you invest an equal amount into the project through additional expenses or in-kind contributions such as volunteer labor & goods-and-services

donations. For example, if you request \$5,000 for interpretive signage, you have to invest an additional \$5,000 into the interpretive-signage project through other non-federal donations or in-kind contributions.

When will I receive the check?

Once your final contract has been signed and your ACH payment information has been submitted, your paperwork will be routed through the approval process before payment is issued. To help avoid delays, please carefully follow all instructions and contact us immediately if you have any questions or if any of the terms outlined in your contract change.

Will GGCHC help me with the application?

If you submit a draft of the application no later than 15 days before your deadline, GGCHC will review it for completeness & notify you of missing elements.

How many grants will be awarded?

The number of grants awarded each cycle will vary. Applicants not approved may reapply in the next cycle. GGCHC has a limited amount of funds available to award grants; once those funds are depleted, the grants program will be suspended & will reopen once the next fiscal year's budget is approved.

How will I be notified if I've received an award?

Applicants are notified of their status within 60 days of the deadline. All correspondence is via email.

Any other comments or questions? Contact Brigitte Griswold, GGCHC Research and Grants Manager at bgriswold@gullahgeecheecorridor.org.