



NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

New Jersey Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission: 2026 MLK Holiday Commemorative Mini Grant

The New Jersey Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission is offering mini-grants to support commemoration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and his work & legacy, on or around the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day holiday on January 19, 2026.



The Commission will award mini-grants to community organizations and programs to highlight and commemorate Dr. King on or around the 2026 MLK Holiday. Funding based on the reach of the program; grants up to \$1000 for local programs; \$2500 for regional programs; and up to \$5000 for statewide programs. **NOTE: Priority will be given to events that incorporate observation or commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence and/or New Jersey's pivotal role in the founding of our country.**

We are seeking applications of up to 3 pages, including a budget, that will propose events or programs that might include: Community Service or Clean-up; Presentation of archival material/film: Arts event; Civil Rights Discussion/Roundtable' Interview vets of the Civil Rights Movement; Sports Event; etc.

****APPLICATION DEADLINE: 9:00 AM on Monday, October 6, 2025****

- **APPLICATION:** The three-page application should address the following
 - **NARRATIVE:** (2 page maximum)
 - Description of the program or event
 - Date of the program (*all events must be completed by 02/17/2026*)*
 - Location or venue
 - Lead organization
 - Point of contact information
 - Expected audience
 - Anticipated number of participants
 - Anticipated outcome(s)
 - List of Partners--if applicable
 - **BUDGET:** (1 page). NOTE: *No direct gifts or gift cards can be purchased with this grant.*

To receive funding, grantees **must** be either registered in [NJStart](#) or submit a completed [NJ Non-procurement W9](#) as directed on the form. Please direct any questions about these processes to the contacts listed on the forms.



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WHO IS ELIGIBLE:

Eligible agencies include public or private non-profit organizations (501C3 only), community and faith-based organizations; American or NJ Indian Tribal communities; local education agencies, charter schools and institutions of higher education; local, county or state government; labor organizations; and partnerships or consortia consisting of the aforementioned.

ABOUT APPLYING:

1. Register online at: <https://forms.office.com/g/4eWgdpyu87> to apply.
2. Use the subject line: *MLK26 Commemorative* and email *Narrative* (1 – 2pgs) and *Budget* (use form on website) to MLKCommission@sos.nj.gov
3. Application deadline **Monday, October 6, 2025 at 9:00 AM**
4. MLK Commission will review only applications submitted by **registered** entities. (see #1).

ABOUT THE AWARD:

1. Awards will be announced early November 2025.
2. Funds will be made available by December 31. Pending grantee compliance with terms.
3. All events must be completed by February 17, 2026
4. Funds must be spent by March 17, 2026
5. **A final report** (minimum 1 page), expenditure report and photographs are due to the MLK Commission by **March 31, 2026 by 5PM**

*All events will be listed on the New Jersey Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission website.
The MLK Commission will provide commemorative items for the events*

*FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION INCLUDING BUDGET FORM, VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT
<https://www.state.nj.us/state/mlk.shtml>*

Questions? Please email the Commission at MLKCommission@sos.nj.gov