



NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

New Jersey Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission: 2027 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 18, 2027.



Grant amount will be 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 70th anniversary of the Little Rock Nine students.

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

****APPLICATION DEADLINE: 3:00 PM on Friday, October 30, 2026****

○ **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 02/19/2027*)*
- 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 complete the Electronic Payment Authorization Instructions for Non-Procurement Vendors form available on the MLK Commission website <https://www.state.nj.us/state/mlk.shtml>



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WHO IS ELIGIBLE:

Eligible agencies include public or private non-profit organizations incorporated in NJ (<https://nj.gov/state/nonprofit.shtml>) (501-C3 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 to apply online <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/g/a95Rbqi6uv>
Orientation via Zoom: Monday, Sept 21 at 1PM – recording will be posted to our website.
Register to attend: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/64KojTv-Fsdb2rp2-g>
2. Use the subject line: *MLK27 Commemorative* and email *Narrative* (1 – 2pgs) and *Budget* (use form on website) to MLKCommission@sos.nj.gov
3. Application deadline **Friday, October 30, 2026 at 3:00 PM**
4. MLK Commission will review *only* applications submitted by **registered** entities. (see #1).

ABOUT THE AWARD:

1. Awards will be announced November 2026.
2. Funds will be made available by December 31. *Pending grantee compliance with terms.*
3. All events must be completed by February 19, 2027
4. Funds must be spent by March 12, 2027
5. **A final report** (minimum 1 page), expenditure report and photographs are due to the MLK Commission by **March 12, 2027 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