



## Purpose

In celebration of America's 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary, ServMO in partnership with the America 250 Missouri Commission, invites applications for mini-grants to support impactful service and service-learning\* initiatives. This collaboration seeks to unite Missourians in service, strengthening community connections while embodying the American spirit of volunteerism on or around the 9/11 Day of Service and during Missouri Good Neighbor Week, from September 28 to October 4, 2026.

\* A service-learning activity is a teaching and learning strategy that integrates meaningful community service with instruction and reflection to enrich the learning experience, teach civic responsibility and strengthen communities.

---

Organizations are encouraged to apply for funding to support activities recognizing one or both of the following events:

- 9/11 Day of Service and Remembrance is an initiative that encourages individuals and organizations across nationwide to transform a day of tragedy into a day of action through volunteerism and community service. As we commemorate the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of 9/11, this initiative carries a special significance by providing an opportunity to reflect on the enduring spirit of unity and recommit to service as a powerful force for good.
- Good Neighbor Week is a nationwide effort held each September. This effort promotes intentional acts of kindness that build relationships and strengthen communities. This event has gained national attention as communities increasingly recognize the importance of social connection, civic trust, and local engagement.

Thank you for partnering with ServMO to celebrate America's spirit of service!

---

## Eligible Applicants

- Public or private nonprofit organizations, including faith-based and other community organizations;
- School districts and Institutions of higher education;
- Government entities within states or territories (e.g., cities, counties);
- Labor organizations;
- Partnerships and consortia;
- Native American tribes.

***All projects must take place in the state of Missouri.***

Applicants must provide the following information:

1. Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification (W-9)
2. Employer Identification Number (EIN)
3. Organizations must have an active vendor profile in the MOVERS system and a SAM II vendor number with the State of Missouri

## Project Period and Types

Projects under this proposal should take place between **September 1, 2026 – October 4, 2026**. They should incorporate elements of neighbor-to-neighbor engagement and service-oriented action.

Eligible project types include but are not limited to:

1. Hosting a neighborhood clean-up or organizing a community meal
2. Organizing group travel and participation in a September 11 meal packing event
3. Projects honoring first responders, veterans, or community heroes
4. Youth-led service initiatives promoting civic responsibility

## Funding Information

Eligible applicants may request funding ranging from **\$500 to \$3,000**. This opportunity is a cost-reimbursement grant, which means funds will be disbursed after the submission of the project report and supporting documentation for expenses. Only those expenses incurred during the project period will be eligible for reimbursement.

Recipients will be selected based on the quality of application, the necessity and impact of the proposed activities, and the organization's ability to effectively implement the proposed project. In the event of competition for funding, priority will be given to organizations that serve underrepresented and vulnerable populations, as well as those serving in rural areas.

## Grant Application Submission

All completed applications must be submitted by **Friday, June 19, 2026**, via email, to [ServMO@ded.mo.gov](mailto:ServMO@ded.mo.gov). Incomplete applications, those sent directly to program staff, or submissions made after the deadline ***will not*** be considered.

## Responsibilities of Mini Grant Recipients

Mini Grant recipients will be required to:

- Complete all activities within the project period.
- Engage at least **5** volunteers in community service or service-learning projects.
- Track and report impact of service project including
  - Number of volunteers
  - Number of volunteer hours
- Include the ServMO logo on all program materials and publicity.
- Approved grantees ***must*** attend the Technical Assistance Call. Missing this training will result in withdrawal from the grant.

## Reporting Requirements

Mini grant recipients must submit a final report along with a reimbursement form by **Friday, October 30, 2026**.

All requests for reimbursements must include supporting documentation for all expenses. The State of Missouri requires adequate documentation to verify that costs are allowable, reasonable, and directly related to the approved project. Acceptable forms of documentation include but are not limited to:

- Itemized receipts
- Paid invoices
- Vendor billing statements
- Proof of payment (cancelled checks, credit card statements, or transaction confirmations).

In addition to financial reporting, awardees are strongly encouraged to document and share the story of their project. Submitting photos, participant testimonials, and any media coverage will help demonstrate community impact and supports broader storytelling efforts for America 250 across Missouri.

## Funding Restrictions

- Funds may not be used for staffing, gift cards, volunteer stipends, subawards, or indirect costs
- Match funds must be incurred during the project period
- Grant funds are intended to supplement, not supplant
  - Supplement means to add to; to enhance; to expand; to increase; to extend; to create something new.
  - Supplant means to take the place of; to replace by something else.
- Grant funds under this program are federal funds from AmeriCorps, [CFDA No. 94.003](#), therefore the Commission will not fund projects that engage in:
  - Political activity and advocacy.
  - Religious activity.
  - Benefiting for-profit entities.
  - Voter registration.
  - Abortion services.
- Grants under this program are subject to applicable Cost Principles under the [Office of Management and Budget \(OMB\) Circulars](#) A-21 (2 CFR part 220), A-87 (CFR part 225), or A-122 (2 CFR part 230), and the Uniform Administrative Requirements for grants under A-102 (45 CFR part 2541) or A-110 (45 CFR 2543 or 2 CFR part 21).

## Mini Grant Timeline

Mini Grant Announcement	May 15, 2026
Application Opens	June 1, 2026
Application Closes	June 19, 2026
Award Announcement	July 31, 2026
America 250 Missouri Mini Grant Technical Assistance Call	August 4, 2026
Grant Award Start Date	September 1, 2026
Grant Award End Date	October 4, 2026
Final Report and Reimbursement Form Due	October 30, 2026
Goal Reimbursement Date	November 30, 2026

## Contact Information

For technical assistance and/or questions about this grant opportunity, please email ServMO at [ServMO@ded.mo.gov](mailto:ServMO@ded.mo.gov).

## General FAQ

### 1. What is the Missouri Community Service Commission dba ServMO?

- The Missouri Community Service Commission (MCSC) was established in 1994 as a direct response to the National and Community Service Trust Act of 1993. MCSC receives funds from the Corporation for National and Community Service, which is used grant funds to local organizations for establishing AmeriCorps programs.
- In 2023, the Commission finalized the 2023-2026 MCSC Strategic Plan, which included a goal to rebrand the Commission. In 2024, Commissioners voted to rename it ServMO. While the legal name will remain the Missouri Community Service Commission, the organization will be “doing business as” ServMO.
- For more information about ServMO, visit <https://serv.mo.gov/>.
- Learn more about the Missouri Community Service Commission’s enabling statute and membership requirements [here](#).

### 2. What is AmeriCorps?

- AmeriCorps is a federal agency focused on volunteering, service, and civic engagement. The agency engages millions of Americans in citizen service through its AmeriCorps and AmeriCorps Seniors programs, leading national efforts in volunteering and service.
- For more information, visit [www.americorps.gov](http://www.americorps.gov).

### 3. What is the America 250 Missouri Commission?

- The America 250 Missouri Commission is tasked with planning, promotion, and implementation of public celebrations and commemorations of the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Declaration of Independence and the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the United States of America.
- For more information about the America 250 Missouri Commission, visit <https://showme250.mo.gov/about-the-commission/>.

### 4. What is the source of funding?

- ServMO has been awarded \$15,000 from the America 250 Missouri Commission to engage local communities in celebrating America’s 250<sup>th</sup> birthday.
- Applicants may request up to **\$3,000**, with a minimum request of **\$500**.
- The number of grants awarded will depend on total available funding and quality of applications.

**5. What is the 9/11 Day of Service and Remembrance?**

- The 9/11 Day of Service and Remembrance is led by the 9/11 Day Foundation, a nonprofit organization.
- Their mission is to transform September 11 from a day of tragedy into a day of doing good by inspiring millions of people to volunteer, give back, and support their communities. For more information, visit [911day.org](http://911day.org).

**6. What is Good Neighbor Week?**

- Missouri Good Neighbor Week, held annually from September 28 to October 4, is a state designated initiative that encourages residents to build stronger community connections and resilience through acts of kindness.
- Key Aspects of Missouri Good Neighbor Week
  - i. Purpose: To promote acts of kindness, strengthen community ties, and improve public safety through engagement.
  - ii. Activities: Residents are encouraged to organize block parties, conduct acts of service, and welcome new neighbors.
  - iii. Nominations: Visit the [Missouri Good Neighbor Week](http://Missouri Good Neighbor Week) website to nominate your neighbors, community, and or city.
- Learn more about Missouri Good Neighbor Week's enabling statute [here](#).

**7. Who is eligible to apply?**

- Eligible applicants include public or private nonprofit organizations, including faith-based and other community organizations, school districts, institutions of higher education; government entities within states or territories (e.g., cities, counties), labor organizations, partnerships and consortia, and Native American tribes.
- Applicants must have an active MOVERS account and SAM II vendor number with the State of Missouri.

**8. What types of projects will be funded?**

- Eligible project types include but are not limited to:
  - o Travel Support to a 9/11 Day of Service Meal Packing Event
  - o Launching a Good Deed Challenge/Kindness Campaign
  - o Fundraisers/Collection Drives
  - o "Dear Hero" Cards
- More information about types of service projects and toolkits can be found on the [9/11 Day Foundation](#) and the [Good Neighbor Day](#) websites.

***All projects must take place in the state of Missouri.***

**9. What can the funds be used for?**

- Mini grant funds may be allocated for:
  - o Travel to a meal packing event
  - o Supplies and materials
  - o Volunteer support (e.g., T-shirts, food, water)
  - o Outreach and promotional items
  
- Funds may **not** be used for staffing, equipment costs, gift cards, volunteer stipends, subawards, or indirect costs.
  
- Grant funds are intended to supplement, **not** supplant.
  - o Supplement means to add to; to enhance; to expand; to increase; to extend; to create something new.
  - o Supplant means to take the place of; to replace by something else.
  
- Grant funds under this program are federal funds from AmeriCorps, [CFDA No. 94.003](#), therefore the Commission will **not** fund projects that engage in:
  - o Political activity and advocacy.
  - o Religious activity.
  - o Benefiting for-profit entities.
  - o Voter registration.
  - o Abortion services.
  
- Grants under this program are subject to applicable Cost Principles under the [Office of Management and Budget \(OMB\) Circulars](#) A-21 (2 CFR part 220), A-87 (CFR part 225), or A-122 (2 CFR part 230), and the Uniform Administrative Requirements for grants under A-102 (45 CFR part 2541) or A-110 (45 CFR 2543 or 2 CFR part 21).

**10. What is MOVERS and how do I register?**

- MOVERS (Missouri Vendor Services) is the state's vendor registration system, all applicants must have a current, approved MOVERS account to receive funds.
  
- Visit [Supplier Registration | MissouriBUYS Statewide eProcurement System](#) to register or check your status.

**11. What is SAM II and where can I find my vendor number?**

- SAM II is the State of Missouri's integrated financial management system monitored by the Office of Administration, Division of Accounting.
  
- To obtain a number, submit a Vendor Input/ACH-EFT Application (Form MO 300-1489).
  
- For number confirmation, please contact the Office of Administration, Division of Accounting at (573) 751-2971.

**12. When is the application due?**

- The application must be submitted Friday, June 19, 2026, by 5:00 PM CST via email to [ServMO@ded.mo.gov](mailto:ServMO@ded.mo.gov). Late or incomplete applications will not be reviewed.

**13. When will awards be announced?**

- Award notifications will be sent by Friday, July 31, 2026. Funded projects should start planning immediately to be prepared for implementation.

**14. Are reports required after the project?**

- Yes, grantees must submit a Final Report and Reimbursement Form to ServMO by Friday October 30, 2026. The report will include:
  - o Number of Volunteers
  - o Total Service Hours
  - o Summary of Outcomes
  - o Budget Reconciliation\*
  - o Photos/Media Coverage (if available)
- Awardees are also encouraged to complete the [Missouri Good Neighbor Week](#) survey to record their acts of service. This data will support broader storytelling efforts for Good Neighbor Week in Missouri.

**15. Who should I contact if I have questions?**

- For technical assistance or questions regarding eligibility, the application, or reporting, please email ServMO at [ServMO@ded.mo.gov](mailto:ServMO@ded.mo.gov).