

Grants for World War I Research, Events, and Memorials Available

In recognition of the importance of the centennial of the First World War (1914-1918), funding for World War I–related research, commemorative events, and the cleaning and restoration of WWI memorials is now available through a partnership of the Department of Veterans and Military Affairs and the Division of State History. Eligible projects could include public lectures, commemorations, and events about Utah and WWI, as well as Memorial Day and Veterans Day events. Additional possibilities include conducting oral histories of the descendants of WWI veterans, transcribing personal records and correspondence, surveying and recognizing WWI veteran gravesites, and cleaning or repairing (not replacing) WWI monuments. (To clean or repair a monument, grantees must work in conjunction with the land title owners of the monuments.)

It is the World War I Commission’s goal to have local commemorative events throughout Utah.

The funding range is \$500 to \$1,500 for events and research. Grants up to \$5,000 are available for the cleaning and restoration of WWI memorials. More details on grant requirements are provided below.

Grant opportunities are available for schools and educators, nonprofit organizations, local historical societies and arts agencies/municipalities, and others. Grant funding is provided by the State of Utah. Grants are competitive and panel-reviewed. Bring us your great ideas!

All grant applications must be submitted online. Click [HERE](#) to submit a grant request. Please make sure to view the grant guidelines prior to starting your online application to ensure eligibility.

DUNS Number

All applicants that identify as organizations are required to have a Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number, a unique nine-digit identification number provided by Dun & Bradstreet (D&B) and required for all applicants for federal grants and cooperative agreements. If you are applying as an individual, you do not need to get a DUNS number. DUNS numbers are required for our regional and federal reports and help us track Utah’s creative vitality. Obtaining a DUNS number is absolutely free for all entities securing the number to apply for grants. In any correspondence with D&B, be sure to identify yourself as a grant applicant.

Final Reports Are Due Within 30 Days of Completing Your Project

Following the completion of a project, successful candidates will have 30 days to submit a final report detailing the expenditures of the grant funds. A final report should consist of an updated budget indicating actual expenses AND a description of the project. This description should include such things as the impact of the project on the community, a head count and description of those participating in the event, and a copy of any research. The description should also detail the role of volunteers, and the role of partners.

Charitable Solicitation Permit

Unless otherwise exempt, all organizations that solicit funds for a charitable purpose are required by Utah law to register as a charitable organization with the Utah Division of Consumer Protection. **Before you can submit an application (if you are not a government agency or educational institution or**

otherwise exempt), you must provide a copy of your current Charitable Solicitation Permit. If you have questions about whether this applies to your organization or not, you can read the [law](#) or contact the [Department of Consumer Protection](#).

If you are applying for less than \$1,500, you may be eligible for the exemption in the law:

13-22-8 Exemptions.

(1) Section 13-22-5 does not apply to:

(m) a solicitation by an applicant for a grant offered by a state agency if:

(i) the terms of the grant provide that the state agency monitors a grant recipient to ensure that grant funds are used in accordance with the grant's purpose; and

(ii) the sum of the amount available to the applicant under grants offered by a state agency that the applicant applies for in a calendar year is less than or equal to \$1,500.

(2) Any organization claiming an exemption under this section bears the burden of proving its eligibility for, or the applicability of, the exemption claimed.

NowPlayingUtah

[NowPlayingUtah](#) is the one-stop source for listing cultural events, performances, exhibitions, sports, and recreation throughout the state. All grantees hosting an event are required to post their activities on [NowPlayingUtah.com](#), which is a free service.

Questions for the World War I Commission?

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