2023 MLK Day of Service

VIRGINIA SERVICE FOUNDATION
DAYS OF SERVICE MINI GRANT PROGRAM

The Virginia Service Foundation is now accepting applications for the 2023 MLK Day of Service mini grant program! These mini grants are available for public or private nonprofit organizations hosting service projects to engage communities in service. Observed each year on the third Monday in January, MLK Day is the only federal holiday designated as a National Day of Service to encourage all Americans to volunteer to improve their communities.

Mini grants are available to eligible organizations for up to $250. **Applications must be submitted by November 7th at midnight.** Preferred submission is through the online form available here, but PDF forms for manual entry are available upon request.

Eligibility

Applicants must represent public or private nonprofit organizations that serve the Commonwealth of Virginia. This includes faith-based and other community organizations, public or private schools, institutions of higher education and government entities. The funding will be provided on a reimbursement basis to the applying organization after the reimbursement request is received by the Virginia Service Foundation.

Timeline

October 17, 2022 - Notice of Mini Grant Funding Opportunity
November 7, 2022 - Applications Deadline
By November 28, 2022 - Award Announcements
January 14-16, 2023 - Projects take place*
*While your project may occur on a date outside of this weekend, all projects **must** be completed in January 2023.

Note: ALL invoices must be submitted within 30 days of the completed project date.

Service Project Guidelines

Making time to volunteer for MLK Day of Service is a great way to engage with your community while honoring the legacy of Dr. King. Whether you plan on cleaning up a public space, mentoring a young person, or assisting those who are food insecure, what you do makes a world of difference.

Service projects must engage volunteers but are not required to focus on a specific topic area or include a specific elements. Applicants are encouraged to consider the connection between their project and the legacy of Dr. King, however, there is no requirement for projects to add this if it is not already an element of the planned project.

Application Questions

Organization name and address

Contact name, role, phone number and email

Service project date and location

Is this a new event, or a repeat or recurring project?

     This project is a new event, a repeat event, or part of an ongoing project (select one)

Please describe your proposed project *(recommended: 50-100 words)*

What is the planned outcome or result of your project? *(recommended: 50-100 words)*

How will the mini grant funds be used to support the project?

     A full budget is not required, but please describe the proposed use of funds
     (recommended: 50-100 words)

How many volunteers will be involved or engaged in this project?

     Please include the number of volunteers, as well as if this is a public project or for your
     organization's members or beneficiaries.
     (recommended: 50-100 words)

Does your project have any planned connection to the legacy of Martin Luther King Jr., MLK Day of Service, or incorporate elements like civic reflection? If so, please describe.

     There is no requirement for your project to make a clear connection to the day of service
     or incorporate civic reflection. For more information about the MLK Day of Service,
     please visit https://americorps.gov/newsroom/events/mlk-day
     (recommended: 50-100 words)

Acknowledgements and agreements: that you will abide by the terms of the mini grant program, including submitting reimbursements in a timely manner, providing a short project summary to the Virginia Service Foundation, and keeping the Foundation aware of any changes to your proposed project.

We look forward to reviewing your proposed project. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Virginia Service Foundation at VirginiaServiceFoundation@gmail.com.