

9/11 National Day of Service Mini-Grant Guidelines

PURPOSE

The 9/11 National Day of Service and Remembrance is the culmination of an effort originally launched in 2002 by 9/11 family members and support groups who worked to establish the charitable service day as a forward-looking way to honor 9/11 victims, survivors, and others who rose up in service response to the attacks. In 2009, Congress designated September 11th as a National Day of Service and Remembrance and charged AmeriCorps with supporting this effort across the country. With funding from AmeriCorps, the Kansas Volunteer Commission is working with organizations across Kansas to engage volunteers in tribute projects.

ELIGIBLE ENTITIES

Entities that are eligible to apply are 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. *All projects must take place in the state of Kansas.*

All entities must have an Employer Identification Number (EIN), Unique Entity Identification (UEI) Number AND must have an active registration in the System for Award Management (SAM) prior to applying. Please go to [FAQ and General Information](#) for more information. *Organizations that apply using the EIN and UEI of a fiscal sponsor are required to submit a Letter of Support written on the fiscal sponsor's letterhead.*

GRANT PROJECT PERIOD

Projects under this proposal should occur from **September 1-30, 2026**. Mini-grant award recipients will be notified on or around **July 13, 2026**.

FUNDING INFORMATION

The Kansas Volunteer Commission will make available up to \$30,000 in grants and expects to award up to **\$5,000** per eligible entity. Applicants will be reimbursed 100% (not to exceed the approved amount) of their costs by **November 16, 2026**. This is a cost-reimbursement grant funding opportunity that will be paid upon submission of the project report and documentation of expenditures. Only those expenses incurred after the grant starts will be eligible for reimbursement.

There is a dollar-for-dollar cost match requirement. This means if an applicant requests \$4,500 for this grant, they must include a \$4,500 match. See [Mini-Grant FAQ](#) for more information.

- Grantees will be required to include documentation for match expenses in final reports.
- Matching funds may be a combination of cash or in-kind match and must be non-federal funds. *The value of volunteer hours is not considered an acceptable source of match.*

Recipients will be selected based on the quality of application, the need and impact of the proposed activities, and the organization's demonstrated readiness to implement the proposed project. Should there be competition for funds, priority will be given to organizations serving underrepresented and vulnerable populations as well as those serving in rural areas.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF MINI-GRANT RECIPIENTS

Mini-grant recipients will be required to:

- Engage at least **10** volunteers in community service or service-learning projects within the grant period. Track and report impact of service project including
 - Number of volunteers
 - Number of volunteer hours
- Include the Kansas Volunteer Commission logo on all program materials and publicity.
- Submit a final report by October 12, 2026. *A form will be provided.*

FUNDING RESTRICTIONS

- Funds may not be used for staffing, equipment, gift cards, awards, 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, [OMB CIRCULAR A-133](#), 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 6 Administrative Requirements for grants under A-102 (45 CFR part 2541) or A-110 (45 CFR 2543 or 2 CFR part 21).

APPLICATION TIMELINE

Grant guidelines released by or around	May 8, 2026
Application due by	June 8, 2026
Award announcement by or around	July 13, 2026
Grant award period start date	September 1, 2026
Grant award period end date	September 30, 2026
Final report due	October 12, 2026
Reimbursement by or around	November 16, 2026

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

- The grant application can be found at [9/11 Day of Service Mini Grant](#).
- All applicants must submit a signed W-9 form to volunteer@ksde.gov.
- All applicants will receive confirmation of receipt of their application within one business day. If you do not receive confirmation of receipt, please email tierney.kirtdoll@ksde.gov.

CONTACT INFORMATION

For technical assistance and/or questions about this grant opportunity, please contact Tierney Kirtdoll at tierney.kirtdoll@ksde.gov or (785) 368-6211.

RESOURCES

- [9/11 Day Resources | AmeriCorps](#)
- [9/11 Day – Support the 9/11 National Day of Service \(911day.org\)](http://911day.org)

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