



# THE ELEPHANT FREE SCHOOL

## COMMUNITY PROGRAMMING MINI-GRANT APPLICATION

Grant Awards: Up to \$5,000 • Application Deadline: Rolling  
Program Period: October 1, 2026 – September 30, 2027

### PURPOSE OF THE MINI-GRANT

The **Community Programming Mini-Grant** supports initiatives that align with The Elephant Free School's core themes of **Memory, Mourning, and Migration** and foster dialogue, learning, cultural exchange, and community connection. We aim to empower local leaders, artists, educators, and community organizations to create meaningful impact through innovative, accessible programming.

### WHAT WE ARE LOOKING FOR

- Creative approaches to Memory, Mourning, and Migration
- Programs that engage diverse community members and encourage participation
- Projects with a clear plan for implementation and community impact
- Collaboration among local artists, educators, organizers, and community organizations
- Programs that strengthen community connection and expand access to learning and culture

### ELIGIBLE PROGRAMMING

**Workshops & Education:** Skill-sharing sessions, community classes, educational seminars, and learning experiences.

**Cultural Programming:** Art exhibitions, performances, film screenings, storytelling circles, and other cultural experiences.

**Dialogue & Community Building:** Discussion groups, restorative circles, community forums, and facilitated conversations.

**Community-Based Learning:** Programs that bring learning, creativity, and knowledge directly into the community.

### WHO CAN APPLY?

Applications are open to individual artists, community organizers, educators, nonprofit organizations, community-based organizations, and other community leaders. Applicants should demonstrate a meaningful connection to the community they intend to serve and a commitment to the values of The Elephant Free School.

## FUNDING AVAILABLE

Mini-grants of **up to \$5,000** may be used for facilitator, artist, or speaker compensation; program supplies and materials; food and hospitality; outreach and promotion; participant support; documentation; and other direct program expenses.

## GRANT TAX REPORTING

**Grant awards to individuals may be considered taxable income.** Recipients are responsible for determining and fulfilling any tax obligations associated with grant funds they receive. The Elephant Free School may issue a Form 1099 when required by applicable law. Recipients should consult a tax professional regarding their individual tax situation.

## APPLICANT INFORMATION

Applicant Name\* \_\_\_\_\_

Organization Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email\* \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Briefly describe your organization, work, or community involvement.\***

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## PROPOSED PROGRAM

Program / Project Title\* \_\_\_\_\_  
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**What will you offer, who will participate, and what will the experience look like?\***

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**Programming Area(s)\***

- ☐ Workshops & Education ☐ Cultural Programming  
☐ Dialogue & Community Building ☐ Community-Based Learning

## COMMUNITY IMPACT

Who will participate in the program?\*

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Approximately how many people do you expect to serve?\*

What need or opportunity does this program address in your community?\*

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What do you hope participants will learn, experience, or take away from the program?\*

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## PLAN

Program Date(s)\*

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Who will facilitate or lead the program?\*

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## BUDGET

Amount Requested\*: \$

| Expense Category                            | Amount    |
|---------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Facilitator / Artist / Speaker Compensation | \$        |
| Program Supplies                            | \$        |
| Food / Hospitality                          | \$        |
| Outreach / Promotion                        | \$        |
| Participant Support                         | \$        |
| Documentation                               | \$        |
| Other                                       | \$        |
| <b>TOTAL REQUESTED</b>                      | <b>\$</b> |

Briefly explain how the grant funds will be used.\*

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## PARTNERSHIPS

Are you partnering with another organization, artist, educator, or community group?\*

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, identify the partner(s) and describe their role:

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## EVALUATION & SUCCESS

How will you know the program was successful? Examples include attendance, participant feedback, completed projects, community stories, surveys, or other measures.

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How will you document or share the impact of the program with The Elephant Free School?

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## GRANTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

If selected for funding, the applicant agrees to:

- Use grant funds for the approved program
- Deliver the proposed programming during the agreed-upon program period
- Acknowledge The Elephant Free School as a funding partner
- Provide basic documentation of the program
- Share participant or community impact when appropriate
- Provide a brief final report and budget reconciliation
- Provide any tax information required for grant reporting
- Comply with applicable tax reporting requirements

Grant recipients understand that grant funds **may be taxable income** and that the recipient is responsible for any applicable tax obligations.

## APPLICANT CERTIFICATION

I certify that the information provided in this application is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and that requested funds will be used for the proposed community programming.

I understand that grant funds may be taxable income and that The Elephant Free School may issue a Form 1099 when required by applicable law. I understand that I am responsible for determining and fulfilling my own tax obligations associated with any grant received.

**Applicant Name\***

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**Title, if applicable**

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**Signature\***

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**Date\***

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## SUBMISSION

Please email the completed application to [admin@elephantfreeschool.com](mailto:admin@elephantfreeschool.com)

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