

Grant and Funding Report

for the Jeffersontown Colored School (the Alexander-Ingram
Rosenwald School) and for the Church

Church: First Baptist Church of Jeffersontown, 10600 Watterson Trail, Jeffersontown (Louisville), Kentucky 40299

Building: The Jeffersontown Colored School, known locally as the Alexander-Ingram School, 10400 Shelby Street, Jeffersontown, Kentucky. A Rosenwald school built 1929 to 1930, listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1985.

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Executive summary

Fifty-three doors are open or opening; the two built for this building open in 2027, and the church's work this year is to become the applicant they fund.

FUNDING SOURCES WRITTEN UP 53 Each checked at the funder's own site on 2026-09-18	BY BUCKET: SCHOOL / CHURCH / BOTH 25/3/25 Parts A, B and C	PROGRAMS CHECKED AND EXCLUDED 60 With the reason, in Section 11	LARGEST SINGLE AWARD IN THE TOP TEN \$750,000 National Park Service, no match; round expected 2027	ACTION FUND DEADLINE (EXPECTED) 2027-02-06 Opens about 2027- 01-12; awards July 2027	SACRED PLACES DEADLINE 2027-03-03 Opens 2027-01-12; church bucket, 1:1 cash match
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This report lists every grant, in-kind donation, volunteer-labor program, loan fund, tax credit, and public appropriation that the research found for First Baptist Church of Jeffersontown and for the Rosenwald school building it owns. Every program was checked at the funder's own website or the official government portal on September 18, 2026, and the date of the check is written on each entry. Nothing is included on the strength of a news story or a summary alone.

What the report contains. Fifty-three funding sources the church can still apply to, or can position itself for, are written up in full in Parts A, B and C. Each is placed in one of three buckets: money for the Rosenwald school building (Part A, 25 sources), money for the church itself (Part B, 3 sources), and money that could cover either building or a combined campus project (Part C, 25 sources). A further 60 programs were checked and set aside, with the reason, so the church does not spend time chasing them (Section 11). One master table (Section 9) lists all 53 sources in order of their next deadline.

The shape of the landscape. The two programs built for exactly this building, the National Park Service's African American Civil Rights preservation grant (federal share \$75,000 to \$750,000, no match required) and the National Trust's African American Cultural Heritage Action Fund National Grant Program (\$50,000 to \$150,000, no match required), are both between rounds. The federal round most likely reopens sometime in 2027; the Action Fund round is expected to open in mid-January 2027. The largest program for the church itself, the National Trust's Preserving Black Churches program (\$50,000 to \$500,000, no match), closed on September 11, 2026, one week before this report, and a further round is probable but not announced. The Kentucky African American Heritage Commission grant, which funded two Rosenwald school roofs in 2025 and names churches as eligible applicants, closed on September 7, 2026. The corporate program with the largest potential award, Lowe's Community Impact Grants (publicly called Lowe's Hometowns), is expected to reopen for nominations in mid-February 2027.

What is open right now. Eight sources have a date in the next six weeks, all of them small planning, interpretation or stabilization grants: Kentucky Humanities (September 30, letter of intent), the National Trust's Bruckheimer Fund for Kentucky, the National Trust Preservation Funds, and the Preservation Kentucky fund (all October 1), the Kentucky Historical Society Local History Trust Fund (October, window to be confirmed by phone), the James Graham Brown Foundation letter of interest (October 15), the LG&E and KU Foundation window (October 2026), and the Daughters of the American Revolution Historic Preservation Grant (October 31). Several rolling sources (Republic Bank, U.S. Bank, PNC, The Home Depot Foundation, GAF roofing, Vital Sites loans) can be started at any time.

Rules that shape what the church can ask for. Four findings changed the picture from what a first reading of these programs would suggest:

- Louisville Metro Council's Neighborhood Development Fund cannot pay for capital improvements to a faith-based organization's property, under Metro's own rule. It can fund programs open to the public at either building.
- Louisville Metro's Community Development Block Grant money is the only Metro money that can pay for construction on the school, and it is awarded by council and staff decision, not by an application form. The sanctuary cannot be funded with it under federal rule.
- The church cannot receive a congressional earmark from the U.S. House directly; nonprofits have been excluded since April 2024. Every earmark path needs Louisville Metro or the City of Jeffersontown to sponsor the request.
- Nearly every corporate program admits a church only if the funded space serves the whole community without regard to religion. A written community-use plan for the school and a board-adopted non-discrimination policy are the two documents that open those doors.

Programs the church cannot use. Save America's Treasures requires national significance, and the school's National Register listing is at the local (Jefferson County) level. USDA Rural Development's community facilities program caps eligible communities at 20,000 people, which Jeffersontown exceeds. The federal historic rehabilitation tax credit requires an income-producing building. The Paul Bruhn program requires a rural county. Several of the largest Louisville foundations (Gheens, Brown-Forman, Norton Healthcare) exclude churches or capital projects in writing.

What the church must supply. No application can be scored until the church has a conditions assessment and cost estimate for the school, a SAM.gov registration and Unique Entity Identifier for any federal or federally-passed-through dollar, the deed showing when and from whom it acquired the school, current photographs and a statement of the building's condition, and the community-use plan and non-discrimination policy mentioned above. Section 10 lists these in full, together with the calls the church should make. Section 3 explains where applications like this one are eliminated before they are scored, lists every document the top ten sources ask for, and gives a build order for this fall.

Facts still to be confirmed. The date the church acquired the school and the building's present condition are not documented anywhere the research could reach and must come from the church. The Louisville Metro Council district (District 11) is confirmed against the county's own council-district boundaries for both the church and the school. Items on individual entries marked "page blocked" or "confirm" were read from the funder's own text as indexed by search engines because the funder's page refused automated access on the day of the check.

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Recommended sequence

Do the eight prerequisites this fall, take only the small grants that cost an afternoon, and build the year around the January to March 2027 window.

This section is written for the church board. It says what to do this month, this fall, and in the first quarter of 2027, in that order, and why. It ends with a twelve-month calendar, honest odds for the ten sources that matter most, the three questions the research left open, and the fit scores that were changed.

2.1 The strategy in one paragraph

The two funders that exist for exactly this building, the National Park Service African American Civil Rights preservation grant and the National Trust's Action Fund National Grant Program, both open in 2027, and both will ask for the same five things: proof of title, current photographs, a conditions assessment with a cost estimate written to the Secretary of the Interior's Standards, a plan for what the school will be used for, and a board that has already voted to apply. Everything between now and January is about producing those five things. The small grants that close in the next six weeks are worth taking only where they cost an afternoon; none of them will fix the roof, and chasing them instead of the prerequisites would cost the church the January window. The church-bucket money (Preserving Black Churches, the National Fund for Sacred Places) runs on a separate track that depends on one fact only the church can supply: the year the sanctuary was built.

A board should also hear this plainly: over the next twelve months the cash that actually arrives will be small, likely a few thousand to a few tens of thousands of dollars from planning and stabilization grants. The two large applications decide in July 2027 (Action Fund) and, at the earliest, late 2027 (National Park Service). If Preserving Black Churches runs a further round, it decides in February 2028. The work of the next year is to be the applicant those three programs want to fund when they open.

2.2 What gates everything

These eight items are prerequisites. Each one is named because at least one of the top ten sources cannot be filed without it.

- 1 **SAM.gov registration and a Unique Entity Identifier.** Start this week. It is free, it takes several weeks, and it gates every federal dollar in this report, including Metro's block grant money, FEMA's security grant, and Kentucky Humanities. Assign one person and have them keep the login.
- 2 **The deed to the school.** Pull it from the Jefferson County Clerk's deed index. The county property record already shows the church as owner, but every preservation funder asks for the recorded instrument, and the date and grantor are currently unknown (Section 4.8, item U2).
- 3 **The year the sanctuary was built.** The church knows this; the research did not (Section 4.8, item U12). It decides whether the church can apply to Preserving Black Churches and the National Fund for Sacred Places at all.
- 4 **Current photographs and a written condition statement for the school,** inside and out, roof, utilities, present use (Section 4.8, item U10).

- 5 **A conditions assessment and cost estimate** from an architect or contractor with historic rehabilitation experience, written to the Secretary of the Interior's Standards. This is the single item that turns the church from "interested" into "fundable," and it is the one most likely to be delayed while the church waits for a grant to pay for it. If the church can pay for it from its own funds this fall, it should. Get two quotes in October. The report's planning grants (National Trust Preservation Funds, Preservation Kentucky, the Action Fund's planning track, the Metro-sponsored CLG grant) are sized to reimburse or replace that spending, but none of them will deliver a finished assessment before the January Action Fund window.
- 6 **A two-page community-use plan for the school and a board-adopted non-discrimination policy.** These are the two documents that open every corporate door, the James Graham Brown Foundation, the Kentucky Colonels, and Metro's block grant money (Section 10.2). The use plan is also the strategic decision of this whole effort: what the school will be. The board should decide that before it asks anyone for money, because the answer changes which funders fit. A heritage center with youth and senior programs open to the public is the framing that fits the most doors.
- 7 **The call to Savannah Darr** at Louisville Metro's Office of Planning (502-574-5705, savannah.darr@louisvilleky.gov). One question: will Metro's Certified Local Government program sponsor a Kentucky Heritage Council CLG grant for a National Register property inside the City of Jeffersontown? If yes, the March 2027 CLG round is the cheapest way to fund the conditions assessment, at 60 percent federal money. If no, the fallback is Nicole Roth at the Kentucky Heritage Council (502-892-3606). Make the call in October so the answer is known before the CLG guidelines post in January.
- 8 **A board resolution** authorizing the officers to apply to the programs in this section and to accept a preservation covenant if a funder requires one (Section 10.6, item 41). One resolution covering the list saves a meeting per application.

2.3 This month: September 18 through October 31, 2026

Do the prerequisites. Take the three small applications that cost little. Skip the ones that need what the church does not yet have.

Do now:

- Register at SAM.gov (prerequisite 1). Pull the deed (2). Confirm the sanctuary date (3). Photograph the school and write the condition statement (4). Get two quotes for the conditions assessment (5). Draft the community-use plan and non-discrimination policy for the board's next meeting (6). Call Savannah Darr (7). Pass the resolution (8).
- Call Tressa Brown at the Kentucky African American Heritage Commission (502-892-3607) to ask whether any late or rolling consideration exists for the round that closed September 7, and to put the school on her list for the 2027 round. Email Craig Potts at the Kentucky Heritage Council about the building. Ask Jeffersontown City Hall (502-267-8333) for a council resolution naming the school a city heritage priority. Write to Rep. McGarvey's office asking him to cosponsor H.R. 8887. These four letters cost nothing and each one is a page in the January applications.
- **Kentucky Historical Society Local History Trust Fund, October 2026 (confirm).** Call the Society at 502-564-1792 this week to confirm the 2026 window; the last window posted on its site ran July 17 to October 13, in the 2017 cycle, and no 2026 date is posted. If the window is open, apply for up to \$1,500 to digitize photographs and produce a school-history display panel. It is a short form, match not stated, and it would be the church's first documented grant for the building.

- **National Trust Preservation Funds and the Bruckheimer Fund for Kentucky, both due October 1.** A \$5,000 planning request toward the conditions assessment (Preservation Funds) and a stabilization item of up to \$10,000 (Bruckheimer) are exactly what these two funds exist for. Membership in the National Trust's Preservation Leadership Forum is not required to apply; a selected grantee must join before funds are released. File both on October 1 if one architect's or contractor's quote is in hand. If no quote is in hand, file both February 1, 2027; the money is the same.
- **Kentucky Humanities, letter of intent by September 30.** The September 30 date is a two-page letter of intent; full applications are by invitation and due October 31, and SAM.gov must be active by that October 31 date, not by September 30. The real gate is the Principal Humanities Scholar, who must have agreed to serve. Send the letter by September 30 only if a scholar (University of Louisville or Kentucky State University historian) has said yes by then; otherwise target the 2027 cycle and use the year to recruit the scholar and record alumni interviews. Contact: Zoe Kaylor, zoe.kaylor@kyhumanities.org, 859-257-5932.
- **Republic Bank, rolling.** Send the donation request form for one named item (a window repair, a section of roof, an accessible restroom), with the two-month lead time the bank asks for. It is Louisville's most church-friendly bank program and it has funded a Louisville historic site before.

Skip this cycle, with the reason:

- **James Graham Brown Foundation letter of interest, October 15.** The foundation's minimum grant is \$150,000 and its reviewers will ask for a scope and a use plan the church does not yet have. A first letter of interest to Louisville's largest foundation is a first impression; make it in the January 15, 2027 window with the conditions assessment attached.
- **Preservation Kentucky, October 1.** It pays for stabilization or a feasibility study, requires the church to put up dollar-for-dollar cash, and needs a contractor's quote for a specific item. Without the condition statement and the cash there is nothing specific to ask for. February 1, 2027.
- **Daughters of the American Revolution, October 31.** Only if a congregant is a DAR member or a chapter agrees to sponsor within the month, and only if the church has \$10,000 in secured cash to match. Ask the congregation once; otherwise skip.
- **LG&E and KU Foundation, October window.** Apply only if the church can name an education program (Rosenwald history sessions for local schools, for example). Low odds, small money, but the form is short.

2.4 This fall: November and December 2026

- **Commission the conditions assessment** as soon as the quotes are in. It should be finished, with a cost estimate, by mid-January.
- **Kentucky Colonels Good Works Program.** Send the letter of intent when the cycle opens in early December. Ask for one tangible, photographable item on the school in the \$10,000 to \$30,000 range. Note the reimbursement model: the church buys first and is repaid by October 30, 2027. Have the 1833 founding history ready alongside the 2025 IRS letter for the five-year rule.
- **Finish the community-use plan** and adopt the non-discrimination policy at the November or December board meeting.
- **Decide the church-bucket track.** If the sanctuary is more than 50 years old, the church can plan for the National Fund for Sacred Places (opens January 12, due March 3; requires a 1:1 cash match) and for Preserving Black Churches (a probable August to September 2027 round). If it is not, both fall away and the church's own building is funded through Section 8's general programs and the FEMA security grant only.
- **Subscribe** to the National Park Service Historic Preservation Fund bulletin and set a monthly check of simpler.grants.gov for the African American Civil Rights notice.

- **After the November 3 election**, note who holds Metro Council District 11 from January 4, 2027; the Metro block grant conversation and any Neighborhood Development Fund program ask go to that person.
- **Ask the Kentucky Heritage Council (SHPO)** whether any easement, covenant or prior grant is recorded against the school (Section 4.8, item U4). Expect the answer to be no; get it in writing.

2.5 First quarter of 2027: January through March

This is the quarter the year is built around. In order of importance:

- 1 **National Trust Action Fund, National Grant Program.** Expected to open about January 12 and close about February 6. This is the church's most important application of the year. If the conditions assessment and cost estimate are done, apply for a Capital Project (up to \$150,000) for a bounded first phase (roof and envelope, or windows and structure, whichever the assessment says comes first). If the assessment is not done, apply for a Project Planning grant (up to \$75,000) and say so honestly; the Trust funds planning for exactly this reason. Attach the National Register nomination, the Fisk card, the photographs, the deed, the city resolution, and the use plan.
- 2 **Metro Community Development Block Grant.** In January, meet the District 11 council member and the Office of Housing and Community Development (Laura Grabowski, 502-574-5850) and ask that "the Alexander-Ingram Rosenwald School as a Jeffersontown community center" be written into the PY2027 Action Plan, which is drafted in spring. Before the meeting, ask the Office whether the school's census tract (2020 tract 011116, Jefferson County) is low- and moderate-income under HUD's summary data (Section 4.8, item U14); if it is not, frame the ask around seniors and youth as a limited-clientele benefit. This is the only Metro money that can pay for construction on the school and the only local source in the report at the \$200,000 to \$1,000,000 scale.
- 3 **Kentucky Heritage Council CLG grant, sponsored by Louisville Metro,** due about March 1 if Savannah Darr said yes in October. Ask for a historic structure report or the rehabilitation plans and specifications, whichever the assessment did not cover. The 40 percent local match can be the church's in-kind contribution.
- 4 **James Graham Brown Foundation letter of interest by January 15,** application March 1, decision May. Frame the school as a civic and cultural asset with a secular use plan. The foundation says a request should not typically exceed 30 percent of the total project budget, so ask for no more than 30 percent of a defined phase budget; at the \$150,000 floor that means a phase of about \$500,000 with the other 70 percent identified (Action Fund, National Park Service, Metro block grant, corporate in-kind, church funds).
- 5 **Kentucky Colonels full application,** deadlines expected mid-January by track.
- 6 **Bruckheimer Fund, National Trust Preservation Funds, and Preservation Kentucky, all February 1.** One portal for the two National Trust funds, three small asks: a stabilization item (Bruckheimer, up to \$10,000), planning (National Trust Preservation Funds, up to \$5,000), and a feasibility or stabilization item for which the church can put up dollar-for-dollar cash (Preservation Kentucky, up to \$5,000). If the two Trust asks were filed on October 1, use February 1 for the items they did not cover.
- 7 **Lowe's Community Impact Grants (Lowe's Hometowns) nomination,** expected mid-February to mid-March. Nominate one bounded scope that Lowe's associates can finish between August and December 2027, with the use plan attached. Unselected nominations are passed to the local store, so the nomination has a second life either way.
- 8 **National Fund for Sacred Places,** opens January 12, due March 3 (church bucket, only if the sanctuary qualifies and the church can commit to raising a 1:1 cash match).

- 9 **Rep. McGarvey's Community Project Funding for FY2028.** Ask the grants team in January which accounts will be open and what the office needs from a public sponsor; the City of Jeffersontown is the natural sponsor and should be asked in the same month whether it will hold a public-use interest in the school (a lease or programming agreement). The window is expected in March to April. Pair the same one-page brief with the new senator's office in February.
- 10 **Free registrations:** Winsday (early January), the Kentucky Historical Society marker letter of interest (February 15), and the Kentucky Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit preliminary determination by April 15 if any grant-funded work might begin in 2027 (file before work starts; the credit is an offset, not front money).

Skip in this quarter: Humana Foundation (programs only, no heritage angle), the External Agency Fund (services only), and the IMLS museum grants (the church is not a museum). None of these change the outcome and each would take days the Action Fund application needs.

2.6 The rest of 2027, briefly

- **National Park Service African American Civil Rights preservation grant.** Plan for the FY2026 notice to post between May and August 2027 with a window of about 30 days (see 2.9). Have the full application ready to file from April 1: SAM.gov active, the assessment and estimate, the Section 106-ready scope, the covenant decision made, letters from the city and Metro. If the assessment is still not done when the notice posts, apply in the pre-preservation track (\$15,000 to \$75,000) rather than skip the round.
- **FEMA Nonprofit Security Grant Program,** Kentucky window expected spring 2027, for the sanctuary's security hardening (cameras, lighting, doors). Complete the CISA self-assessment over the winter.
- **Kentucky African American Heritage Commission,** expected August to September 2027, up to \$10,000, church named as eligible. Use the site-grant form as the template for the one-page building brief now.
- **Preserving Black Churches,** probable August to September 2027 round. Email the Action Fund team in April to ask whether it will run, and file for the sanctuary if it does (see 2.9).
- **Kentucky General Assembly 2028 budget requests,** pre-filed late 2027; the same one-page brief.

2.7 Twelve-month calendar

Dates marked "expected" are inferred from the funder's past cycles and should be confirmed when the funder posts them.

EXHIBIT 1 Eight sources close in the next six weeks; all are small. The year is built around January to March 2027.

WHEN	WHAT	DO	DEPENDS ON
Now	SAM.gov registration; deed; sanctuary date; photographs and condition statement; two quotes for the conditions assessment; board resolution; call Savannah Darr; letters to KAAHC, KHC, City Hall, Rep. McGarvey	Prerequisites	Board
2026-09-30	Kentucky Humanities letter of intent (full application by invitation 2026-10-31)	Send only if a humanities scholar has agreed; SAM.gov must be active by 2026-10-31	Scholar
2026-10-01	National Trust Preservation Funds, \$5,000 planning ask; Bruckheimer Fund, stabilization item up to \$10,000	File both if one quote is in hand; else 2027-02-01. Forum membership is required only before funds are released	One quote
October 2026 (confirm)	Kentucky Historical Society Local History Trust Fund, up to \$1,500	Call KHS (502-564-1792) to confirm the 2026 window before filing; last posted window closed October 13 (2017 cycle)	Phone confirmation
October 2026	Republic Bank donation request (rolling, two months' lead)	File for one named item	Photographs
October 2026 window	LG&E and KU Foundation	File only with a named education program	Use plan

EXHIBIT 1 Eight sources close in the next six weeks; all are small. The year is built around January to March 2027. CONTINUED

WHEN	WHAT	DO	DEPENDS ON
2026-10-31	DAR Historic Preservation Grant	Only with a chapter sponsor and \$10,000 secured cash	Sponsor
November 2026	Commission the conditions assessment; adopt use plan and non-discrimination policy; SHPO easement check; decide the church-bucket track	Board	Quotes; sanctuary date
Early December 2026 (expected)	Kentucky Colonels letter of intent	Send	Photographs; one tangible item
December 2026	NPS bulletin subscription; monthly Grants.gov check begins	Assign one person	Nothing
2027-01-04	New Metro Council term; District 11 member seated	Request meeting on CDBG and NDF	Election result
Early January 2027 (expected)	Winsday registration	Register (free)	Nothing
About 2027-01-12 (expected)	Action Fund National Grant Program opens; National Fund for Sacred Places opens	Begin both in Foundant	Assessment; sanctuary date
January 2027	CDBG meetings with District 11 and the Office of Housing and Community Development; ask about the LMI tract; McGarvey grants team on FY2028 accounts; City of Jeffersontown on sponsorship	Meetings	Use plan; one-page brief
2027-01-15	James Graham Brown Foundation letter of interest	File	Assessment; use plan
Mid-January 2027 (expected)	Kentucky Colonels application deadlines by track	File	Letter of intent accepted
2027-02-01	Bruckheimer Fund; National Trust Preservation Funds; Preservation Kentucky	File whichever were not filed October 1	Contractor quote; 1:1 cash for Preservation Kentucky
About 2027-02-06 (expected)	Action Fund National Grant Program deadline	File Capital or Planning	Everything above
2027-02-15	Kentucky Historical Society marker letter of interest	Email	Nothing
Mid-February to mid-March 2027 (expected)	Lowe's Community Impact Grants nomination	Nominate one bounded scope	Use plan; cost estimate
About 2027-03-01 (expected)	James Graham Brown Foundation full application; Kentucky Heritage Council CLG grant via Metro	File	Darr's answer; assessment
2027-03-03	National Fund for Sacred Places deadline	File if the sanctuary qualifies	Sanctuary date; 1:1 cash plan
March to April 2027 (expected)	House Community Project Funding and Senate requests, FY2028	Sponsor files; church supplies the brief	City or Metro as sponsor
2027-04-01	Be ready to file the NPS African American Civil Rights application on 30 days' notice	Full draft complete	SAM.gov; assessment; covenant decision
2027-04-15	Kentucky Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit preliminary determination	File before any work begins, if work may begin in 2027	Counsel's advice
Spring 2027 (expected)	FEMA Nonprofit Security Grant, Kentucky window; Metro PY2027 Action Plan drafting and public comment	File; testify	SAM.gov; CISA self-assessment; January meetings
April 2027	Email the Action Fund team about a 2028 Preserving Black Churches round	Ask	Nothing
May to August 2027 (expected)	NPS African American Civil Rights notice posts, about 30-day window	File within the window	Readiness by April 1

EXHIBIT 1 Eight sources close in the next six weeks; all are small. The year is built around January to March 2027. CONTINUED

WHEN	WHAT	DO	DEPENDS ON
July 2027 (expected)	Action Fund awards announced; CDBG program year begins		
August to September 2027 (expected)	Kentucky African American Heritage Commission grant; Preserving Black Churches round, if it runs	File both	Site brief; sanctuary date
September 2027	Kentucky Humanities 2027 cycle, if the 2026 letter of intent was not sent (letter of intent expected late September, application by invitation late October)	File	Scholar; active SAM.gov

Source: Section 2.7. Dates marked “expected” are inferred from the funder’s past cycles and should be confirmed when the funder posts them.

2.8 Honest odds for the top ten

These are one person's judgment from the funder's side of the table, not the funder's numbers. They assume the prerequisites in 2.2 are done; without them, every line below is a decline.

- National Park Service, African American Civil Rights, preservation track (\$75,000 to \$750,000, no match).**
The strongest single-site profile this program sees is a National Register-listed Rosenwald school with a scope and a steward, and two of them took the maximum in 2024. A complete application is better than even to be funded if the round runs; the larger risk is the round itself, which I would put at about two chances in three of posting in 2027 given that the FY2026 money exists and the FY2027 budget is contested. Apply once, well.
- National Trust Action Fund, National Grant Program (\$50,000 to \$150,000, no match).** The Trust funded 27 sites in 2026, for \$3 million, from a national pool whose size it does not publish; treat a strong file as roughly one in ten, which is a judgment, not a published rate. This file, with a same-vintage Rosenwald school funded this year and no prior grant history to explain, sits near the top of that pile. A planning request has better odds than capital if the assessment is not finished.
- Preserving Black Churches (\$50,000 to \$500,000, no match), for the sanctuary.** Kentucky churches have won in every round and a Louisville church won in 2026. On the Trust's own figures about \$34 million of Lilly's \$60 million has been awarded, so roughly \$26 million remains, enough for two or more rounds at 2026 scale; a further round is likely but still unannounced. If a 2028 round runs and the sanctuary is more than 50 years old, roughly one in five. If the sanctuary is under 50 years old, zero, and no amount of writing changes that. The school does not qualify under this program (see 2.9).
- Louisville Metro Community Development Block Grant, capital (\$200,000 to \$1,000,000).** This is decided in a council member's office and a planning department, not on a form. If the District 11 member and the Office of Housing and Community Development adopt the project, it happens; if they do not, nothing does. Over two Action Plan cycles, one in four, better if the tract is low- and moderate-income and the church has a use plan with named programs.
- Kentucky Heritage Council CLG grant via Louisville Metro (about \$12,000, 60/40).** Everything turns on Savannah Darr's answer. If Metro sponsors, a single-property historic structure report is well within the program's pattern and I would call it more likely than not. If Metro declines, this path is closed for 2027.
- Kentucky African American Heritage Commission (up to \$10,000, no match).** Churches are named as eligible and the commission funded two Rosenwald school roofs last year. A clean site application in September 2027 is better than even. The money is small; the letter of award is worth more than the check, because it is the state's endorsement on every federal file.

- 7 **Lowe's Community Impact Grants (sized to scope, plus volunteer labor).** One hundred projects a year nationally from a very large pool of nominations makes this a long shot on volume alone, a few percent. The reason to nominate anyway is the terms: unselected nominations go to the local store, and a store-level project four miles away is where the realistic odds are.
- 8 **Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels Good Works Program (\$10,000 to \$100,000).** Kentucky-only competition, church-friendly in practice, capital-friendly by design. A photographed, tangible ask on the school at the lower end of the range is about one in three. The reimbursement model is the constraint; do not ask for more than the church can float.
- 9 **James Graham Brown Foundation (\$150,000 to \$500,000, at most 30 percent of the project budget).** Low this fall without a scope; in the January window with the assessment, a secular use plan and the other 70 percent of a phase budget identified, perhaps one in six for a first-time applicant. The foundation is the one Louisville funder whose single grant could finish a phase, which is why it is worth the wait to ask properly.
- 10 **Bruckheimer Preservation Fund for Kentucky (\$2,500 to \$10,000).** About \$13,000 a year statewide across three deadlines, so a \$5,000 stabilization ask is roughly one in three; National Trust membership is not needed to apply, only to receive an award. It is small money that pays for bricks, which almost nothing else on the near-term calendar does.

Republic Bank is not in the ten because its award will be modest, but a specific-item request is more likely than not to be funded and it should go out this month.

2.9 The three questions the research left open

Preserving Black Churches and the separate-parcel school. The school does not qualify under this program, and the church should not argue that it does. The Trust's rule is a parcel test. Its guidelines say "parsonages, annexes, and educational buildings located on the same parcel of land as the church building may be included in the project if the buildings are at least 50 years old," and its FAQ says "on the same lot and within the property line of the church." The county record answers it: the school sits on its own parcel, not adjacent to the sanctuary, about 664 feet away (Section 4.5). "Same owner, same county block" is true and does not meet "same parcel of land." Ask the Trust anyway (below), but do not build the application on the answer being yes. A reviewer who finds an eligibility stretch on page one reads the rest of the file looking for the next one, and the Action Fund runs a separate program, the National Grant Program, built for exactly this school. So: the church's Preserving Black Churches application is for the sanctuary, and it leads Part B of this report, but it does not lead the overall sequence, because the round that just closed was the 2027 cycle and the next is probable, not announced. The school's application goes to the National Grant Program in February 2027. Before filing either, the church should email actionfundgrants@savingplaces.org (in April 2027, for the church application) and ask four things: whether a 2028 Preserving Black Churches round will run and when; whether the sanctuary's build year qualifies it; whether a Project Planning grant under either program may cover a single preservation plan for both church-owned historic buildings, given the same-lot rule for capital; and whether applying to both programs in the same year is permitted and how the Trust prefers it be done. Ask, do not assume, and quote the answer in the application.

The LG&E and KU Foundation score (3 or 2) and the Humana Foundation score (2 or 1). LG&E and KU is a 2. The rubric's 2 is "eligible on paper but the funder's grant history shows no capital, heritage, or religious giving," which is what the foundation's published grant history shows; the October window changes when the church can ask, not how well the program fits. The church should still file if it can name an education program, because the form is short. Humana is a 2, not a 1. The rubric reserves 1 for programs the church is ineligible for or that no longer exist, and the Foundation names faith-based organizations as eligible. It stays a programs-only door for a senior social-connection program in the restored school, and nothing for the walls.

The National Park Service "expected 2027" timing. The FY2024 round closed September 5, 2024; the FY2025 notice posted June 11, 2026 and closed July 14, 2026. The Park Service is running about a year behind the appropriation, and the FY2026 money exists because Congress rejected the proposed elimination of the Historic Preservation Fund for that year: the FY2026 Interior act (H.R. 6938, signed January 23, 2026) carries \$24,000,000 for African American Civil Rights grants, per the Park Service's FY2027 budget justification. On that pattern the FY2026 notice should post between May and August 2027 with a window of about 30 days. Two cautions. First, the FY2027 budget request zeroes the African American Civil Rights line specifically (it requests \$11,000,000 for HBCU grants only), and the government is on a continuing resolution through December 11, 2026; if Congress accepts that, the FY2026 round is the last one for a while, which makes readiness more valuable, not less. Second, a 30-day window is not enough time to commission an assessment, pass a resolution, or register at SAM.gov. The church should be able to file from April 1, 2027 and treat the notice as a trigger, not a start.

2.10 **Fit scores changed**

Three scores were adjusted, each with a line of reasoning in the entry itself. All other scores stand as recorded in the entries.

- **Preserving Black Churches:** 5 for the church bucket (on the assumption the sanctuary is more than 50 years old; 1 if it is not); the school's conditional 4 becomes 1. Section 2.9 gives the reasoning.
- **LG&E and KU Foundation:** resolved from 3 / 2 to 2.
- **Humana Foundation:** resolved from 2 / 1 to 2.

One score that was considered and left alone: Lowe's Community Impact Grants stays a 5. The odds are low because of volume, not fit, and the rubric measures fit; the odds are stated in 2.8.

03

Where applicants lose, and how to prepare for success

Most applications are decided before anyone scores them; every gate is answered by a document the church can produce this fall.

This section is for the board, and it answers a plain question: where do applications like this one fail, and what does it take to be the applicant that gets funded? The short answer is that most applications are decided before anyone scores them. A funder's staff run a file through a series of gates, in a fixed order, and a file that fails a gate is set aside without a reviewer ever reading the story. The gates are not mysterious. Each one is answered by a document, and every document is something the church can produce this fall. Section 3.1 walks the gates in the order a funder hits them and says, for each, what fails, how often, and what passing looks like for this church. Section 3.2 lists every document the top ten sources will ask for. Section 3.3 puts those documents in build order with dates. Section 3.4 describes what a reviewer is looking for once the file clears the gates and is finally read.

Two facts about the church shape everything below. First, the church has never applied for a grant on this building (Section 4.7), so every funder will treat it as a first-time applicant: no track record to lean on, but also no history to explain. Second, the church is a church, and roughly half the programs in this report admit a church only under a condition, usually that the funded space or program is open to everyone without regard to religion. Neither fact is a weakness if the file anticipates it.

3.1 The eight points where applications are eliminated

The order below is the order a funder's staff actually work. A file that fails at point one is never seen at point six.

1. Registration and legal status.

What fails. The applicant is not registered where the funder requires, or cannot prove what it is. For any federal dollar, including money that passes through Kentucky or Louisville Metro, that means an active SAM.gov registration and a Unique Entity Identifier. The National Park Service notice, Kentucky Humanities, FEMA's security grant, Metro's block grant, and both earmark paths all require it, and Grants.gov will not accept a submission without it. For private funders it means the IRS determination letter, a current W-9, and proof of good standing. Metro's Neighborhood Development Fund and External Agency Fund also require good standing with the Kentucky Secretary of State, the Metro Revenue Commission and the Metro Human Relations Commission. The two small National Trust funds require organizational membership in the Trust's Preservation Leadership Forum before funds are released, not before applying; the church can file both on October 1 without it. Kentucky Humanities is the one case where the registration gate is later than it looks: its September 30 date is a letter of intent, and SAM.gov must be active by the October 31 full application; the real gate there is the humanities scholar who must have agreed to serve.

How often. This is the most common way a small organization's first federal application dies, and it dies quietly: the portal refuses the file, or the registration is still pending on deadline day. SAM.gov takes weeks, and longer when a name or address on the IRS record does not match the state record exactly. Private funders are more forgiving, but a missing IRS letter or W-9 makes a file incomplete, and the Kentucky African American Heritage Commission's form states plainly that incomplete applications are the one thing it excludes.

What passing looks like here. The church already has its legal status: EIN 61-0730354, 501(c)(3), listed in IRS Publication 78 (Section 4.2). Three gaps remain. The church has no SAM.gov registration; start it the week this report is read, assign one person to own the login, and put the annual renewal on the calendar. The IRS determination letter is dated 2025, which will prompt "how long have you existed?" from any funder with an age rule; the answer is the congregation's 1833 organization and its long-standing exemption as a church, and the church should keep a one-paragraph explanation with the letter. And no one has yet opened the IRS Tax Exempt Organization Search in a browser and saved a screenshot of the church's listing (Section 4.8, item U1); do that once and keep it in the grant file.

2. Eligibility rules: the parcel, religious use, age of organization, and level of significance.

What fails. The applicant or the property is outside the rule. Four rules matter for this church.

The parcel. Preservation funders fund a specific property, and they check that the applicant owns it and that the listed building sits on the parcel named. The county record shows the church as owner of the school parcel and ties the National Register listing to that parcel (Section 4.5). But the deed itself, showing when and from whom the church acquired the school, has not been produced (Section 4.8, item U2), and the National Trust programs ask for the recorded instrument at application. The parcel is also why the school cannot go into the Preserving Black Churches program: that program funds auxiliary buildings only "on the same lot and within the property line of the church," and the school is on its own parcel about 660 feet from the sanctuary (Section 2.9).

Religious use. Federal money cannot pay for a sanctuary or any room used as a principal place of worship (24 CFR 5.109, cited in the Metro block grant entry in Part A), and it can pay for a church-owned building only for its secular use. Lowe's, The Home Depot Foundation, U.S. Bank, PNC, Bank of America, State Farm, the James Graham Brown Foundation and the Kentucky Colonels each admit a church only when the funded space or program is open to everyone without a religious condition. Metro's own rule bars Neighborhood Development Fund money from capital improvements to any faith-based organization's property.

Age of organization. The Kentucky Colonels require five years of existence; The Home Depot Foundation requires one. A funder reading the 2025 IRS letter alone would fail the church on the first.

Level of significance. Save America's Treasures requires national significance or National Historic Landmark status; the school's listing is at the Jefferson County level (Section 4.3), so that program is closed for good and the report says so. The Action Fund and Preserving Black Churches require that the building be at least 50 years old; the school passes, and the sanctuary's date is not yet documented (Section 4.8, item U12).

How often. Eligibility errors are the most common reason a well-written application is declined without comment, and they are easy to make even for professionals. The strategy memo that started this research assumed Metro's Neighborhood Development Fund could pay for capital work on church property, and quoted an Action Fund ceiling of \$500,000 that belongs to a different program; both were corrected by reading the rule at its source. A church that applies to a program it is ineligible for loses more than one application, because the same reviewers see the next one.

What passing looks like here. The recorded deed, pulled from the Jefferson County Clerk's deed index. A two-page community-use plan for the school that states, in the funder's own terms, that the building serves the whole public without regard to religion, with the programs named. A board-adopted non-discrimination policy. A one-paragraph organizational history with the 1833 date and the church's prior status as a tax-exempt church. The sanctuary's construction date with a source. And discipline about which door to knock on: the school goes to the school programs, the sanctuary goes to the church programs, and neither is argued into the other.

3. Required attachments.

What fails. A named attachment is missing, or is not what the funder asked for. The attachments the top ten sources name are: proof of ownership; the IRS determination letter; a W-9 on the current form; current photographs; the National Register listing name and reference; a map or site plan; letters of consent from all owners of the property (the Kentucky African American Heritage Commission asks for this even when the applicant is the owner); a cost estimate or contractor quote; an architect's quote for planning grants; letters of support or commitment; a board list; financial statements; and, for federal applications, the forms generated inside Grants.gov. The Kentucky Colonels require a letter of intent before the portal will even open. Several funders ask for a Form 990, which a church does not file; the church must say so in writing rather than leave the field blank.

How often. Often enough that most funders' first screening step is a checklist. A file missing one attachment is marked incomplete and, at most programs, is not returned for correction; the applicant waits a year.

What passing looks like here. A single grant file, kept in one place, containing every item in Section 3.2 in its current version, so that any application can be assembled by copying from it. Today the church can produce the legal documents and the National Register and Fisk records in an afternoon. It cannot yet produce photographs, a condition statement, a cost estimate, or the deed. Those are the four attachments to build first.

4. The scope, the cost estimate, and the conditions assessment.

What fails. The application asks for money to "renovate the school." Funders do not fund intentions; they fund a described piece of work with a price attached, prepared by someone qualified to price it. A conditions assessment is a professional's written survey of what is wrong with the building and what it will take to fix it. A scope of work is the list of the specific work to be done. A cost estimate prices that scope. For a National Register building, all three must be written to the Secretary of the Interior's Standards, which are the federal rules for repairing historic buildings so that their historic features are kept, and the person preparing them should have historic rehabilitation experience. The National Park Service, the Action Fund, the Kentucky Heritage Council, Lowe's, the Kentucky Colonels, Republic Bank and the Bruckheimer Fund all want a bounded, priced item. The Action Fund's rules exclude any expense incurred before the award, so the scope must also be work that has not started.

How often. This is the gate that separates "interested" from "fundable," and it is where most first-time building owners stall, usually for the understandable reason that they are waiting for a grant to pay for the assessment. The report is built around not letting that happen: the assessment is prerequisite five in Section 2.2, and the recommended sequence is planning first, capital second.

What passing looks like here. Two quotes for a conditions assessment in October, from an architect or contractor with historic rehabilitation experience; the assessment commissioned in November and delivered with a cost estimate by mid-January 2027; and the estimate broken into phases (for example, roof and envelope; windows and structure; interior and systems) so that each funder can be asked for one phase at a price its program allows. If the church cannot pay for the assessment itself this fall, the fallback is a Project Planning request to the Action Fund in February, which is a legitimate application with better odds than a capital request without an estimate (Section 2.8).

5. Match and cash-flow capacity.

What fails. The applicant promises a match it has not secured, or accepts a grant it cannot float. Several sources in this report require match: the National Fund for Sacred Places requires a dollar-for-dollar cash match raised after acceptance, with a quarter of it in hand before the first payment; the Daughters of the American Revolution require dollar-for-dollar secured cash; Preservation Kentucky requires dollar-for-dollar cash; Kentucky Humanities requires dollar-for-dollar cash or in-kind; the Kentucky Heritage Council's Certified Local Government grant requires a 40 percent local share. Separately, many awards reimburse rather than pay in advance: the Kentucky Colonels require all purchases complete and receipts submitted by October 30 of the award year; federal and Metro awards reimburse after the church has paid; the Neighborhood Development Fund wants receipts and cancelled checks within 60 days. Federal construction money above \$2,000 also brings prevailing-wage rules (Davis-Bacon), which raise the price of labor, and federal spending above \$1,000,000 in a year triggers a single audit.

How often. Match failures show up after award, which is the worst time: the funder's staff ask for the match documentation before releasing money, and a "pledge" that was really a hope cannot be produced. Cash-flow failures are quieter and more damaging. A small organization wins a reimbursement grant, starts work, cannot pay the contractor while waiting for reimbursement, and either stops work or borrows against the building. The strategy memo flagged this as the failure most likely to hurt a church of this size, and the research has not seen the church's cash position.

What passing looks like here. Before any application is filed, the treasurer writes one number for the board: the amount the church can pay out and wait 90 days to get back. Every ask is sized to that number, or paired with a bridge (the Vital Sites loan fund in Part C exists for this). Match is documented, not described: written pledges for cash, and for in-kind, a letter from the donor stating the fair market value of materials or labor. Corporate in-kind commitments (Lowe's, Home Depot, GAF, paint) become match for foundation and federal asks only when that letter exists. One rule to remember: National Trust money cannot be used as match for another National Trust program.

6. The narrative and the outcome claims.

What fails. The story cannot be checked, or the numbers cannot be proven. Reviewers of heritage applications read hundreds of "historic and beloved" buildings; what they trust is a specific claim with a source. This building's story has already been through that test in Section 4, and some of what circulates about it is wrong: the church did not buy the school in 1979 (private owners did), the school did not have six teachers (it was built to a six-teacher plan and ran with about three), and the architect was Oscar W. Holmes, not Moore Brothers. An application that repeats the wrong version, read by a reviewer who has the nomination open in another window, is a lost application. Outcome claims fail the same way. "The restored school will strengthen the community" cannot be scored. "The school will be open 20 hours a week and host a senior program on Tuesdays and Thursdays, a youth history program in summer, and an annual alumni reunion, all open to the public" can be, and it can be checked a year later.

How often. Constantly, and usually not fatally on its own, because a weak narrative lowers a score rather than eliminating a file. It becomes fatal in combination: a file with no assessment, no use plan, and a story built on legend reads as a hope, not a project, and hopes do not get funded at \$150,000.

What passing looks like here. The narrative uses only the facts in Section 4, cites the National Register nomination and the Fisk card, and states the one claim that no other applicant can make: as far as can be determined, this is the only surviving elementary school built for Black students in Jefferson County outside the city of Louisville, one of three surviving Rosenwald schools of the seven the county built. The community-use plan supplies the outcomes as counts: hours open, programs, people served, and who will run them. The tone is stewardship, not rescue. The congregation that owns this building has kept it standing, and the application should say so plainly rather than describe the building only by its damage.

7. Budget-to-narrative reconciliation.

What fails. The budget and the narrative describe different projects, or the budget asks a funder for something its rules exclude. Every program in this report has rules about what its money may touch. The Action Fund excludes acquisition, new construction, and expenses before the award. The National Trust Preservation Funds pay for planning only, never bricks; the Bruckheimer Fund pays for bricks. The Kentucky Colonels exclude salaries, marketing, design fees, and improvements to leased property. Metro's Neighborhood Development Fund excludes indirect costs and sales tax. The National Endowment for the Humanities does not fund construction. The James Graham Brown Foundation's minimum grant is \$150,000; the National Fund for Sacred Places caps planning at \$20,000. A budget that asks a planning fund for a roof, or a bricks fund for a consultant, or that includes work already begun, fails on arithmetic before anyone reads the prose.

How often. In practice, budgets and narratives are written by different people and reconciled by no one, and reviewers are trained to check. The tell is a budget line that funds no described activity, or a described activity with no line.

What passing looks like here. One master cost estimate for the school, from the conditions assessment, broken into phases and line items. Each application takes a slice of it that matches that funder's allowable costs, and the narrative describes exactly that slice. No cost appears in two applications for the same dollars. Where two funders will pay for parts of the same phase, the budget shows each funder's share on separate lines. Someone other than the person who wrote the narrative reads the budget against it before filing.

8. Compliance formalities: page limits, formats, and the deadline in the funder's time zone.

What fails. The file is late, over length, in the wrong format, or submitted in the wrong place. Deadlines in this report carry times, not just dates: the Action Fund closed at 5 pm Eastern; Preserving Black Churches closed at 5 pm Eastern; the National Fund for Sacred Places closes at 11:59 pm Eastern. Louisville is on Eastern time, so the church shares a clock with these funders, but "5 pm" is not "end of day," and a portal that receives a file at 5:01 pm records it as late. Federal notices post with windows of about 30 days and the National Park Service's next round will likely be no different (Section 2.9); Grants.gov submissions also fail for technical reasons that take a day to fix, so a federal file submitted on deadline day is a gamble. Several portals require accounts that must be created and approved in advance: Foundant for the National Trust, the Sacred Places fund, Kentucky Humanities and the Kentucky Colonels; Euna Grants for Metro; SmartSimple for Humana.

How often. Late and non-compliant files are rejected without review at nearly every program that runs a formal round, and no one calls to warn the applicant. It is the least forgivable failure because it is entirely within the applicant's control.

What passing looks like here. One person owns the calendar in Section 2.7 and the accounts in Section 10.3, and every application is submitted at least two working days before its deadline. Each application is checked against the funder's own instructions, including page limits, file types, and naming rules, by someone who did not write it. Portal accounts are created in the fall, not in the week of a deadline.

3.2 The document set

The table lists every document the top ten sources in Section 2.8 will ask for, with what it must contain, who at the church produces it, how long it takes, and where the church stands today. "Have" means the church can produce it now; "Gap" means it does not exist yet. Roles are used rather than names so the board can assign them. Direct links to the standard forms and portals, where one exists, follow the table.

EXHIBIT 2 The top ten sources ask for twenty-one documents; most of the gaps can be closed by a volunteer board this fall.

DOCUMENT	WHAT IT MUST CONTAIN	WHO PRODUCES IT	TIME	ASKED FOR BY	STATUS TODAY AND HOW TO PROVE IT
IRS determination letter	The 2025 letter recognizing 501(c)(3) status, plus a saved screenshot of the church's listing in the IRS Tax Exempt Organization Search and a one-paragraph note explaining the 1833 organization date and the church's prior exemption	Church administrator	One hour	Every funder in the top ten; the Kentucky Colonels and Home Depot for the age rule	Have. Prove it with the letter and the screenshot (Section 4.8, item U1).
EIN and W-9	EIN 61-0730354 on a W-9 dated March 2024 or later, signed	Church administrator or treasurer	Fifteen minutes	State grants, corporate and bank programs, Republic Bank	Have. Print a fresh W-9.
Proof of ownership of the school	The county property record showing the church as owner of parcel 004506780084, and the recorded deed showing the date and grantor	Church administrator; the deed from the Jefferson County Clerk's deed index	Property record: minutes online. Deed: one visit or online search, small fee	National Park Service, Action Fund, Kentucky Heritage Council, Kentucky African American Heritage Commission, Metro block grant, DAR, Bruckheimer	Have the record; the deed is a Gap (Section 4.8, item U2). Pull it in September.
SAM.gov registration and Unique Entity Identifier	An active registration in the church's legal name matching the IRS record, with one named point of contact	Church administrator, with the treasurer for the banking details	Several weeks; start immediately	National Park Service, Metro block grant, FEMA, Kentucky Humanities, both earmark paths	Gap. Start the week this report is read.
Board resolution	Authorizes named officers to apply to the programs in Section 2 and to accept a preservation covenant if a funder requires one; adopts the non-discrimination policy and the community-use plan	Board, drafted by the pastor or administrator	One meeting	National Park Service, Action Fund, Kentucky Heritage Council, Metro, most foundations	Gap. October board meeting.
Non-discrimination policy	A one-page board-adopted policy stating that programs and facilities are open without regard to religion and other protected classes	Board	One page; one meeting	U.S. Bank requires certification; Lowe's, Home Depot, PNC, Bank of America, Kentucky Colonels, James Graham Brown Foundation and Metro ask the question in their own words	Gap (Section 10.2).
Community-use plan for the school	Two pages: who will use the building, hours, named programs, who runs them, terms of use, and the statement that it is open to the whole public	Pastor and board, with whoever will run the programs	Two to four weeks of discussion; one meeting to adopt	Lowe's, Home Depot, U.S. Bank, PNC, James Graham Brown Foundation, Kentucky Colonels, Metro block grant, Neighborhood Development Fund, and the Action Fund and National Park Service as the use case	Gap (Section 10.2). This is also the board's central decision about what the school will be.
Photographs and condition statement	Twenty to forty dated, labeled photographs: all four exterior elevations, the roof and parapet, every interior room, the basement, utilities, and close-ups of damage; plus a one-page written statement of present condition and use	A member with a phone and a volunteer to label them; the administrator writes the statement	One weekend	Every capital funder; the Kentucky African American Heritage Commission's site form; Republic Bank; the Kentucky Colonels	Gap (Section 4.8, item U10). Do it in September.
Conditions assessment, scope of work and cost estimate	A professional survey of the building's condition, a list of the work needed, and a priced estimate, written to the Secretary of the Interior's Standards, broken into phases, by an architect or contractor with historic rehabilitation experience	Church commissions it; the treasurer holds the quotes	Two quotes in October; six to ten weeks after commissioning	National Park Service, Action Fund (capital track), Kentucky Heritage Council, James Graham Brown Foundation, Lowe's, Kentucky Colonels, Bruckheimer, Republic Bank	Gap. The single most important item in this table.

EXHIBIT 2 The top ten sources ask for twenty-one documents; most of the gaps can be closed by a volunteer board this fall. CONTINUED

DOCUMENT	WHAT IT MUST CONTAIN	WHO PRODUCES IT	TIME	ASKED FOR BY	STATUS TODAY AND HOW TO PROVE IT
Written history of the school	One page using only the resolved facts in Section 4: six-teacher plan, three-teacher staff; Holmes architect, Moore Brothers builder; 1929 to 1930; closed 1961; one of three surviving Rosenwald schools of seven in the county; National Register 1985	A member with an interest in history, from Section 4	A few hours	Every heritage funder	Can be written today.
National Register nomination and Fisk card	The nomination PDF (reference 85002448) and the Fisk University Rosenwald card (KY 3537), with the two Fisk photographs	Anyone, from the links in Appendix A	Minutes	National Park Service, Action Fund, Kentucky Heritage Council, Kentucky African American Heritage Commission, Preserving Black Churches	Have (download).
One-page project brief	The building, the owner, the significance, the condition, the proposed use, the phased scope and cost, the ask, and the church's contact, modeled on the Kentucky African American Heritage Commission's site-grant section	Administrator, from the documents above	One day once the estimate exists; a draft without cost now	Kentucky African American Heritage Commission, the Metro Council member's office, Rep. McGarvey's office, the General Assembly, City Hall, the Colonels' letter of intent	Gap; draft in October, finish in January.
Letters of commitment and support	From the City of Jeffersontown (a council resolution naming the school a heritage priority is best), the Metro Council member, the Kentucky Heritage Council, the Greater Jeffersontown Historical Society, and any partner who will run a program in the school. A letter of commitment names what the signer will do; a letter of support only says they approve	Pastor requests; partners write	Four to eight weeks of lead time	National Park Service (which gives preference to partnerships), Action Fund, Metro block grant, earmarks, Kentucky Colonels	Gap. Request in October.
Letter of consent from the property owner	The Kentucky African American Heritage Commission requires consent from all owners of a site, even when the applicant is the owner	Board chair or pastor, on letterhead	Fifteen minutes	Kentucky African American Heritage Commission	Can be written when needed.
Sanctuary construction date with a source	The year the worship building was built, from church records, and whether it is over 50 years old	Church historian or trustees	Days	Preserving Black Churches, National Fund for Sacred Places	Gap (Section 4.8, item U12). Decides the whole church-bucket track.
Financial statements, budget and board list	The last two years' financial statements, the current year's budget, and a list of board members with affiliations; a written note that a church is not required to file Form 990	Treasurer	A few hours if the books are current	Republic Bank, James Graham Brown Foundation, Action Fund, National Fund for Sacred Places, Metro	Presumed available; confirm the books are closed for the last two years.
Treasurer's cash-flow statement	One number: the amount the church can pay out and wait 90 days to recover, and the source of that cash	Treasurer, approved by the board	One meeting	Internal; it sizes every reimbursement-based ask (Kentucky Colonels, federal, Metro)	Gap. Decide in October.
Match documentation	Written cash pledges; for in-kind, a letter from each donor stating the fair market value of materials or labor	Treasurer collects; donors write	As commitments are made	National Fund for Sacred Places, Preservation Kentucky, DAR, Kentucky Humanities, Kentucky Heritage Council (40 percent share), and as a scoring plus at the National Park Service	Gap; build as corporate in-kind commitments arrive.
Preservation Leadership Forum membership	Organizational-level membership in the National Trust's Forum, purchased online	Administrator	Same day; cost not published	Bruckheimer Fund, National Trust Preservation Funds	Not required to apply. Both Trust pages say a selected grantee must join before funds are released, so buy it only after an award.
Portal accounts	Foundant (National Trust, Sacred Places fund, Kentucky Humanities, Kentucky Colonels); Grants.gov (federal); Euna Grants (Metro block grant); SmartSimple (Humana)	Administrator, the same person who holds SAM.gov	An hour each; some need approval	As listed	Gap. Create in the fall.

EXHIBIT 2 The top ten sources ask for twenty-one documents; most of the gaps can be closed by a volunteer board this fall. CONTINUED

DOCUMENT	WHAT IT MUST CONTAIN	WHO PRODUCES IT	TIME	ASKED FOR BY	STATUS TODAY AND HOW TO PROVE IT
Easement and prior-grant search	A written answer from the Kentucky Heritage Council on whether any easement, covenant or prior grant is recorded against the school, and the church's own title records	Administrator asks; the Council answers	Weeks	National Park Service, Action Fund (a covenant will be required)	Gap (Section 4.8, item U4). Ask in November.
Security self-assessment	The CISA faith-based self-assessment of the sanctuary	Trustees	A few hours	FEMA Nonprofit Security Grant only	Not needed until winter.

Source: Section 3.2. "Have" means the church can produce it now; "Gap" means it does not exist yet.

Where the standard forms are. Each link below was opened on September 18, 2026. Where a funder has no standard form, or its page refused access that day, the entry says so and points to the portal URL already cited in the funder's entry. Kentucky state government pages (heritage.ky.gov, homelandsecurity.ky.gov) were returning server errors at the time of this check; those links are carried from the entries in Parts A and B, where they were read earlier the same day.

- **SAM.gov registration and Unique Entity Identifier.** Start at <https://sam.gov/content/entity-registration>, which explains the steps; the registration itself begins at <https://sam.gov/workspace/em/getstarted> and requires a Login.gov account first. Choose "Register Entity," not "Get a Unique Entity ID" alone; only the full registration allows the church to apply for federal awards. Grants.gov's own registration steps are at <https://www.grants.gov/applicants/applicant-registration>, which says to allow up to ten business days after submission for the SAM.gov registration to become active, and to create the Grants.gov account with the same email used at SAM.gov.
- **IRS Tax Exempt Organization Search.** <https://apps.irs.gov/app/eos/> (search by EIN 610730354). The site refuses automated access, today as during the research, so open it in a browser and save the Publication 78 and determination-letter results as a PDF or screenshot.
- **Form W-9.** <https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw9.pdf> (current revision March 2024, per <https://www.irs.gov/forms-pubs/about-form-w-9>). This is the version the Kentucky African American Heritage Commission's form asks for.
- **National Park Service and other federal applications.** There is no separate NPS form. The application is assembled inside Grants.gov Workspace from the package attached to the Notice of Funding Opportunity, and the standard federal forms (SF-424 and its budget, assurances and lobbying forms) are filled there. Sample copies for reading ahead are at <https://www.grants.gov/forms/forms-repository/sf-424-family>; Grants.gov states the samples cannot be submitted. The NPS application information page cited in Part A names one program-specific attachment, the National Register Eligibility Assessment Worksheet, and directs applicants to the notice for the full list.
- **Kentucky Heritage Council Certified Local Government grant.** No standalone form was found; Louisville Metro is the applicant, and the guidelines post on the program page cited in Part A each January.
- **National Trust Action Fund, National Grant Program.** Apply at <https://www.grantinterface.com/Process/Apply?urlkey=nthp> (the Foundant portal; the login page is <https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=nthp>). The guidelines page confirms this link; the 2027 cycle dates were not yet posted on September 18, 2026.
- **Preserving Black Churches.** Same Foundant login, <https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=nthp>. The guidelines page confirms there is no letter of intent; a full application is required. The next round is not announced.
- **National Fund for Sacred Places.** <https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=nthpsp>. The apply page confirms the 2027 cycle: opens January 12, 2027, due March 3, 2027, at 11:59 pm Eastern.

- **Lowe's Community Impact Grants (Lowe's Hometowns).** The nomination form at <https://lowes.com/bucketlist> exists only while the window is open (expected mid-February to mid-March 2027) and refused automated access on September 18, 2026. Use the program page cited in Part A to watch for the opening.
- **The Home Depot Foundation Community Impact Grants.** The application page cited in Part A refused automated access again on September 18, 2026. Apply through that page in a browser, or write to THDF_CIG@homedepot.com, and ask the Hurstbourne Parkway store about Team Depot first.
- **Kentucky Colonels Good Works Program.** There is no form for the first step. The letter of intent is emailed to grants@kycolonels.org when the cycle opens (the 2026 cycle opened December 8, 2025); the Colonels then send an access code for their Foundant portal. Guidelines: <https://www.kycolonels.org/grant-guidelines/> (the 2027 guidelines were not posted on September 18, 2026).
- **Kentucky Secretary of State good standing.** Business entity search at <https://sosbes.sos.ky.gov/BusSearchNProfile/search.aspx>, where a certificate of existence can be validated. Search for the church first; if it does not appear, ask the Secretary of State's office what document a church that is not a registered Kentucky corporation should supply to Metro.
- **Kentucky Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit.** The Part 1, 2 and 3 forms post on the overview page cited in Part A; the program was paused for new state applications when checked, pending the revised regulation, and the page was unreachable at the time of this check.
- **Kentucky African American Heritage Commission.** The 2025 application PDF cited in Part A is the standard form; watch the commission's page for the 2027 version from June 2027.
- **FEMA Nonprofit Security Grant Program.** The Investment Justification form, checklist and walkthrough are posted on the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security grants page cited in Part B when the state window opens (expected spring 2027).
- **Louisville Metro Neighborhood Development Fund.** No public form; the application is requested from the council office after the training, at the page cited in Part C (which refuses automated access).

3.3 The build order for fall 2026

Some documents unlock many applications; some unlock one. Produce them in the order that unlocks the most, and let the calendar in Section 2.7 set the dates. Everything below is doable by a volunteer board with no paid staff.

EXHIBIT 3 The fall build order, sequenced by what each document unlocks.

WHEN	PRODUCE	WHAT IT UNLOCKS
Week of September 21	Start SAM.gov (one owner). Pull the deed from the Jefferson County Clerk. Print the county property records for both parcels. Save the IRS search screenshot. Sign a fresh W-9. Download the National Register nomination and the Fisk card and photographs. Ask the treasurer for the 90-day cash number.	The registration that gates every federal dollar; the ownership proof every preservation funder asks for; the legal file for every application.
By September 30	Send the Kentucky Humanities two-page letter of intent only if a humanities scholar has agreed to serve by then; the full application, by invitation, is due October 31, and SAM.gov must be active by that date. If no scholar has agreed, skip it and target the 2027 cycle.	A \$5,000 interpretation grant and the recorded alumni history that every capital application can cite.
By October 1, or by October 2 at the latest	Photograph the school inside and out and write the one-page condition statement. Request two quotes for the conditions assessment from firms with historic rehabilitation experience this week. If one quote is in hand by October 1, file the Bruckheimer Fund and National Trust Preservation Funds asks that day; Forum membership is not required to apply, only before funds are released. If no quote is in hand, file both on February 1, 2027.	Republic Bank (file this month), the Kentucky Colonels letter of intent, the two National Trust small grants on October 1 or in February, the Kentucky African American Heritage Commission brief, and the assessment itself.
Early October	Call the Kentucky Historical Society (502-564-1792) to confirm the 2026 window for the Local History Trust Fund before filing; the last window posted on its site closed October 13 in the 2017 cycle, and no 2026 date is posted. If the window is open, file (up to \$1,500; match not stated). Write the one-page history of the school from Section 4 either way.	The church's first documented grant on the building, and the history paragraph every later application reuses.

EXHIBIT 3 The fall build order, sequenced by what each document unlocks. CONTINUED

WHEN	PRODUCE	WHAT IT UNLOCKS
October board meeting	Pass the resolution. Adopt the non-discrimination policy. Approve a draft community-use plan for a final vote in November. Record the sanctuary's construction date and its source. Approve the treasurer's cash-flow number.	Every corporate and foundation door that conditions a church on open-to-all use; the church-bucket decision (Preserving Black Churches, National Fund for Sacred Places); the sizing of every reimbursement ask.
October, same weeks	Make the calls in Section 10.5: Savannah Darr at Metro (the Certified Local Government question), Tressa Brown at the Kentucky African American Heritage Commission, Craig Potts at the Kentucky Heritage Council, Jeffersontown City Hall for a council resolution, Rep. McGarvey's office. Request letters of commitment. Create the Foundant and Grants.gov accounts.	The Metro-sponsored planning grant path for March 2027; the state's endorsement; the city resolution that strengthens the two large applications; the accounts that must exist before any deadline week.
By October 31	Send the Republic Bank request for one named item, with the photographs. Draft the one-page project brief (cost to be added).	The most likely near-term cash award in the report; the brief that serves the Colonels, the Commission, the Council member, and the earmark offices.
November	Commission the conditions assessment. Adopt the final community-use plan. Write to the Kentucky Heritage Council for the easement and prior-grant answer. Prepare the Kentucky Colonels letter of intent.	The document that turns the church from interested into fundable; the covenant question answered before the National Park Service asks it.
Early December	Send the Kentucky Colonels letter of intent when the cycle opens. Subscribe to the National Park Service Historic Preservation Fund bulletin and start the monthly Grants.gov check. Begin drafting the Action Fund narrative from the fund's own guidelines, using the history, the use plan and the photographs, leaving the scope and cost blank.	The Colonels application in January; the federal trigger watch; a January that is about inserting the estimate, not starting the writing.
By mid-January 2027	Receive the assessment and cost estimate. Break it into phases. Finish the project brief with the numbers. Reconcile the Action Fund budget to the narrative.	The Action Fund application in early February, the James Graham Brown letter of interest on January 15, the Lowe's nomination in February, and readiness for the National Park Service window from April 1.

Source: Section 3.3. Dates follow the calendar in Exhibit 1.

If the assessment slips past mid-January, the church still files with the Action Fund in February, as a Project Planning request rather than a capital request, and says why. That is a stronger application than a capital ask with a guessed number.

3.4 What the reviewer is looking for

Once a file clears the gates, it goes to a review panel. At the programs that matter most here, the readers are preservation professionals scoring against the funder's published criteria, and they read many files in a short time. Five things decide the score for a building like this one, and each has a common way of losing points.

The significance story. The reviewer wants to know, in the first page, why this building and not another. The strongest version is specific and sourced: a brick Rosenwald school built in 1929 to 1930 when most were frame, on a six-teacher plan, designed by Oscar W. Holmes, with \$200 raised by the Black community of Jeffersontown alongside the Rosenwald grant and public funds; the only surviving elementary school built for Black students in Jefferson County outside the city of Louisville, as far as the 1984 nomination could determine; one of three surviving Rosenwald schools of the seven the county built; individually listed on the National Register in 1985; closed at integration in 1961; now owned by a congregation organized in 1833 that worships two blocks away and has been on that site since 1877. Where files like this lose points: legend in place of record (the 1979 purchase, the six teachers), a name that shifts between "Alexander-Ingram" and "Jeffersontown Colored School" without explanation (use the National Register name once, then the local name, and say they are the same building), and significance asserted without the National Register reference number. The nomination is the reviewer's source; make it the church's.

The community-use case. Preservation funders no longer fund buildings to be kept; they fund buildings to be used, and both the Action Fund and the National Park Service weigh community benefit. The reviewer is looking for named programs, named partners, hours, and numbers, and for evidence that the community asked for this rather than being told about it. Where files lose points: "community center" with no programs named; a use plan that is really a wish; letters of support from organizations that will do nothing. Passing here is the two-page use plan with programs, a partner (the Greater Jeffersontown Historical Society, a school, a senior program) who has agreed in writing to run something in the building, and the city's resolution. The church's own history helps: a congregation that has been in the same neighborhood since 1877 is the kind of steward reviewers believe will still be there in twenty years.

The commitment to preservation standards. Every federal and National Trust dollar in this report requires work to the Secretary of the Interior's Standards, which in plain terms means repair rather than replace, keep what is original, and make new work compatible and reversible. The reviewer looks for three signals: that the applicant names the Standards, that the professional preparing the scope has done this kind of work before, and that the scope treats the building's defining features with care. For this school those features are named in the nomination: brick walls with limestone trim, the recessed arched entrances with limestone voussoirs, the large industrial-type windows (boarded since at least 1984), the buttress-like pilasters, and a flat roof with a parapet on three sides. Where files lose points: replacement windows where repair was possible, a shingle roof on a flat-roofed building (the roofing entry in Part C already flags this), the word "modernize," and no mention of the Section 106 review that federal money triggers. Passing is a scope that says what will be repaired, what will be replaced and why, and a board that has already voted to accept a preservation covenant if one is required.

The sustainability plan. The reviewer asks what happens to the building after the grant. Where files lose points, more than anywhere else in the narrative: "we will pursue additional grant funding." That is not a plan; it is a description of the applicant's current activity. Passing names a mechanism: a line in the church's annual operating budget for the school's utilities, insurance and maintenance; income from community use of the building; program funding from sources that pay for programs (Metro's Neighborhood Development Fund and External Agency Fund, the Humana Foundation, the Kentucky African American Heritage Commission, Kentucky Humanities), which is exactly what those sources in this report are good for; the Kentucky historic rehabilitation tax credit as an offset once the revised rules land; and a named person or committee responsible for the building. A small, believable number beats a large, hopeful one.

The photographs. Reviewers look at the pictures before they read the text, and they look at them again while scoring the scope. They want to see the whole building, the damage that justifies the ask, and the historic fabric that justifies preserving it, in the same set. Where files lose points: a few exterior shots, no interiors, no roof, nothing dated, and nothing that shows the problem the budget says it will fix. Passing is the set described in Section 3.2: all four elevations, the roof, every room, the basement, the systems, close-ups of the damage, each one labeled with the date and the location, plus one of the two Fisk University photographs of the building when it was new so the reviewer can see what it was.

One last point, because it is the one that undoes everything above. A reviewer who finds an eligibility stretch on page one reads the rest of the file looking for the next one (Section 2.9). The church's strongest position is the honest one: the school to the school programs, the sanctuary to the church programs, every claim traceable to a record, every number to an estimate, and every promise to a document in the grant file.

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About the church and the building

Every fact an application will rest on, traced to a primary record, with the four things only the church can supply.

Every statement in this section traces to a primary or authoritative source (a government record, the National Register nomination form itself, the Fisk University Rosenwald Fund card itself, or the church's own publications), checked on September 18, 2026. Items that come from secondary sources are attributed. Items that could not be verified are listed at the end of this section as things the church must supply.

4.1 Summary the report may state

First Baptist Church of Jeffersontown (EIN 61-0730354) is a 501(c)(3) church at 10600 Watterson Trail in the City of Jeffersontown, Kentucky, inside Louisville Metro Council District 11. Organized in 1833 by Black Baptist members of Jeffersontown's Union Church, it has worshipped on its Watterson Trail site since 1877. The Rev. Brandle C. Morrow has been senior pastor since May 2023.

The church owns the former Jeffersontown Colored School at 10400 Shelby Street, a separate one-acre parcel about two blocks from the sanctuary. The school is individually listed on the National Register of Historic Places (reference 85002448, listed March 29, 1985, as part of the Jefferson County Multiple Resource Area). It was built in 1929 to 1930 by the Jefferson County Board of Education with a \$1,700 Julius Rosenwald Fund grant, \$200 raised by the Black community, and \$19,975 in public funds, on a six-teacher Rosenwald plan; Oscar W. Holmes was the architect and Moore Brothers the contractor. A brick Art Deco building, it served grades one through eight, averaging about 120 pupils with three teachers, until it closed in 1961 with integration. It was later known as the Alexander-Ingram School, after teachers Virginia B. Alexander and Annie C. Ingram. The 1984 nomination called it the only surviving elementary school built for Black students in Jefferson County outside the city of Louisville. It is one of three surviving Rosenwald school buildings of the seven built in Jefferson County. The building has no documented history of public preservation grants. The date the church acquired it, and its present condition, are not yet documented and must be supplied by the church.

4.2 The church: verified facts

EXHIBIT 4 The church's legal identity is verified at the source; only the founding year needs a chosen answer.

FACT	SOURCE (CHECKED 2026-09-18)
Legal name as carried in IRS and county records: First Baptist Church of Jeffersontown.	IRS data as republished by ProPublica Nonprofit Explorer; Jefferson County PVA owner field reads "FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF JEFFERSONTOW" (truncated).
EIN 61-0730354.	ProPublica; CausalQ; Candid/GuideStar.
IRS subsection 501(c)(3), classified as a church (not required to file Form 990), NTEE code X20 Christian. Listed as eligible to receive tax-deductible contributions (IRS Publication 78).	ProPublica, CausalQ, GuideStar, all derived from the IRS Exempt Organizations Business Master File and Publication 78. Verification flag: the IRS's own Tax Exempt Organization Search refused automated access; see item U1 in 4.8.

EXHIBIT 4 The church’s legal identity is verified at the source; only the founding year needs a chosen answer. CONTINUED

FACT	SOURCE (CHECKED 2026-09-18)
IRS ruling year 2025 ("tax-exempt since September 2025" per ProPublica). The church's formal determination letter is recent; before that it relied on the automatic exemption for churches.	ProPublica; CausalQ shows 2025 as the ruling year. Note for applications: some funders ask how long the organization has existed (for example, the Kentucky Colonels require five years). The congregation dates to 1833; the church should be ready to show that history alongside the 2025 determination letter.
Street address 10600 Watterson Trail, Louisville, KY 40299; phone 502-267-6121; email info@fbcjtown.org; website fbcjtown.org.	Church website home page; church bulletin "@ A Glance," March 3, 2024.
The address is inside the corporate limits of the City of Jeffersontown, an independent home-rule city within Louisville Metro. Postal city is Louisville.	LOJIC (the Louisville/Jefferson County Information Consortium) address-point record for 10600 Watterson Trl: municipality = Jeffersontown, ZIP 40299.
Louisville Metro Council District 11, Council Member Kevin Kramer (Republican, seated on the first Metro Council in January 2003; district includes parts of the City of Jeffersontown). Also Kentucky House District 36, Kentucky Senate District 36, U.S. Congressional District 3.	LOJIC address point (council district 11, legislative district 36, senate district 36, congressional district 3); Greater Louisville Inc. profile of Kramer, July 25, 2024; Louisville Metro news on Kramer, November 2025. Confirmed by a second, independent method: a point-in-polygon query of the LOJIC "Louisville KY Metro Council Districts" boundary layer for the church point (38.19559, -85.56283) and the school point (38.19645, -85.56492) returns District 11, Kevin Kramer, 502-574-1111, kevin.kramer@louisvilleky.gov for both parcels. The LOJIC state legislative and senatorial boundary layers return House District 36 (John F. Hodgson, R, elected 2024) and Senate District 36 (Julie Raque Adams, R, elected 2022, Julie.Adams@lrc.ky.gov); the congressional boundary layer returns District 3 (Morgan McGarvey). Both addresses sit in 2020 census tract 011116 (Jefferson County, 2111101116). Metro's own address lookup page remains blocked to automated access, but the boundary check makes it unnecessary.
The church owns its Watterson Trail parcel: Parcel ID 004506180000, 1.0075 acres, assessed value \$565,100, PVA neighborhood "75 / COM Taylorsville Rd Corridor." Zoning R6.	Jefferson County PVA property details page, "Data last updated 09/16/2026"; LOJIC parcel layer.
Senior pastor: Rev. Brandle C. Morrow, M.Div., the church's 13th senior pastor, who began May 1, 2023. Ordained American Baptist Churches USA (2015); M.Div. Garrett-Evangelical; doctoral study at Asbury Theological Seminary from fall 2024.	Church website pastor page; Jeffersontown Chamber directory listing (Senior Pastor Brandle Morrow; Administrator Billy Williams; Finance Anthony Silmon); March 3, 2024 bulletin.
The congregation is historically African American, organized by Black Baptist members of Jeffersontown's biracial "Union Church." The church's About page dates the organization to 1833 (Rev. Henry Adams organized the members; Rev. Henry Summerfield, a formerly enslaved man who bought his freedom, was first pastor). The church celebrated its 191st anniversary in April 2024, which also implies 1833. The home page separately says "organized in 1829." The report uses 1833 and cites the church.	Church About page; church home page; March 3, 2024 bulletin. Corroborated by Beth Wilder, "Faith and Foundations," Jeffersontown Magazine/Towne Post, April 20, 2021.
The congregation bought the old Union Church property on Watterson Trail in 1876 to 1877 for \$175 and has worshipped on that site since; the church survived a fire "reportedly by the Ku Klux Klan" and rebuilt.	Church About page.
Rev. Dr. Thurmond Coleman Sr. (September 19, 1926 to September 8, 2019) was pastor from 1955 for 45 years, later Pastor Emeritus; a civil-rights figure in Jeffersontown; a gym at the David L. Armstrong Recreation Center is named for him.	Towne Post profile; Courier-Journal obituary via Legacy.com; Greater Jeffersontown Historical Society newsletter, April 2016.

Source: Section 4.2. Every source checked 2026-09-18.

4.3 The school building: National Register record

EXHIBIT 5 The National Register record settles the building’s name, dates, architect and level of significance.

FACT	SOURCE (CHECKED 2026-09-18)
National Register listed name: "Jeffersontown Colored School." The name "Alexander-Ingram" does not appear anywhere in the nomination.	National Park Service NPGallery, NRIS 85002448; nomination PDF.
National Register reference number 85002448.	NPGallery; LOJIC National Register layer record.
Listed March 29, 1985, as part of the Jefferson County Multiple Resource Area. Kentucky Heritage Council survey site number JF 686.	NPGallery; nomination PDF stamped 3/29/85 and headed "Site No. JF 686"; boundary supplement names "Jefferson County (Ky.) MRA."

EXHIBIT 5 The National Register record settles the building’s name, dates, architect and level of significance. CONTINUED

FACT	SOURCE (CHECKED 2026-09-18)
Listed address: 10400 Shelby St., Jeffersontown, Jefferson County, Kentucky.	NPGallery; nomination PDF; LOJIC National Register layer (address "10400 SHELBY ST," extant "STILL IN EXISTENCE 2021").
Nomination prepared 1984 by Mary Jean Kinsman, Jefferson County Office of Historic Preservation and Archives; sources were Jefferson County Board of Education minutes 1912 to 1930, the Board's archivist and facilities staff, deed books and city directories.	Nomination PDF, items 34 to 36 and 21.
Areas of significance: Education and Black history (ethnic heritage); period of significance 1925 to 1949 (NPS index). Style: Art Deco. The significance statement is framed at the Jefferson County level, and the NPS index carries no national-significance flag; the building is not a National Historic Landmark.	NPGallery; nomination items 14, 20 and 30.
Architect: Oscar W. Holmes, former teacher at DuPont Manual Training School and draftsman/architect for the Board of Church Extension of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Builder/contractor: Moore Brothers, low bid \$14,540, accepted after April 1929 proposals to the Board of Education. (NPGallery's index field mislabels "Moore Bros." as architect; the nomination form is explicit: Holmes architect, Moore builder.)	Nomination PDF items 11, 12 and 19.
Built 1929 to 1930; opened 1930. First known as "School #2A." Elementary grades one through eight for Black children of Jeffersontown and the surrounding area.	Nomination PDF items 13 and 19.
It replaced a frame residence on the site, purchased by the Board of Education of Jefferson County in 1912, which had housed the school since then. Original owner: Board of Education of Jefferson County.	Nomination PDF items 1 and 19.
When it opened there were 13 county elementary schools for Black children, most small frame buildings. The Jeffersontown school "accommodated an average of 120 pupils per year with three teachers."	Nomination PDF item 19.
Closed in 1961. After Brown v. Board (1954) integration was phased in; by 1963 all county elementary schools for Black children had closed.	Nomination PDF item 19.
Physical description: one-story brick with partial basement, flat roof with parapet on three sides, recessed arched entrance vestibules with limestone voussoirs, large industrial-type windows, buttress-like brick pilasters with limestone trim. In 1984 the main-floor windows were boarded and basement windows filled with block; condition "poor," use "storage," marked "Endangered: Yes."	Nomination PDF items 16, 17, 18 and 31.
Significance statement: "as far as can be determined, the Jeffersontown Colored School building is the only elementary school structure built for black students which is still standing in Jefferson County, outside the city of Louisville" (as of 1984).	Nomination PDF item 20.
Nominated parcel: Lot 678, County Block 45, approximately 0.9 acre; courthouse reference Deed Book 5049, page 687, October 1978.	Nomination boundary supplement.
Owner at the time of listing (1984 to 1985): Thomas W. Gilpin and Daniel Lyons, Sr., private owners, address 10400 Shelby St. The school board had sold the property (deed October 1978).	Nomination PDF items 4, 5 and 8.

Source: Section 4.3. National Park Service NPGallery, NRIS 85002448, and the nomination PDF, checked 2026-09-18.

4.4 The school building: Rosenwald Fund record (Fisk University)

EXHIBIT 6 The Fisk card reconciles the six-teacher plan with the three-teacher staff.

FACT	SOURCE (CHECKED 2026-09-18)
The Fisk card lists the school as "Jeffersontown School," Jefferson County, Kentucky, budget year 1929 to 1930, Fisk item KY 3537, application number 1-I.	Fisk University Rosenwald Fund Card File.
Total cost \$21,875, funded: Rosenwald Fund \$1,700; African American community \$200; public funds \$19,975.	Same card.
Building type: "6" (six-teacher type) on 2 acres.	Same card.
The Fisk collection also holds photographs of the building (items 39717 and 51114, the latter annotated "Picture made in July. Bus transportation to the used bldg. is now nearing completion") and six bus-transportation applications for Jeffersontown (item 52068).	Fisk collection items 51114, 39717, 52068.

EXHIBIT 6 The Fisk card reconciles the six-teacher plan with the three-teacher staff. CONTINUED

FACT	SOURCE (CHECKED 2026-09-18)
Resolution of "three teachers versus six teachers": both are correct and mean different things. "Six" is the Rosenwald plan type (a six-teacher building), from the Fisk card. "Three" is the actual staffing (an average of three teachers for about 120 pupils), from the nomination. The report says: built to a six-teacher Rosenwald plan; operated with about three teachers.	Fisk card and nomination item 19.
Context: seven Rosenwald schools were built in Jefferson County; three buildings survive (Jeffersontown, Eastwood, and the Jefferson Jacob School at Harrods Creek). Kentucky had 158 Rosenwald buildings statewide.	Louisville Public Media, February 10, 2016; Greater Jeffersontown Historical Society newsletter, August 2013; Preservation Kentucky.

Source: Section 4.4. Fisk University Rosenwald Fund Card File, item KY 3537, checked 2026-09-18.

4.5 Ownership today and the church-to-school relationship

EXHIBIT 7 The church holds title to the school, on a separate parcel about 664 feet from the sanctuary.

FACT	SOURCE (CHECKED 2026-09-18)
The church holds title to the school building today. Jefferson County PVA parcel 004506780084, site address 10400 SHELBY ST, owner "FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF JEFFERSONTOW[N]," 0.9978 acres, assessed value \$0 (consistent with a church-owned exempt parcel). Data last updated 09/16/2026.	Jefferson County PVA property details page.
Parcel 004506780084 is the same land the National Register nomination describes (County Block 45, Lot 678); the LOJIC National Register layer ties reference 85002448 to this parcel ID.	LOJIC National Register layer; nomination boundary supplement.
The church sanctuary and the school are on two separate, non-contiguous parcels in the same county block (Block 45). The school parcel touches only the Shelby Street right-of-way and two other private parcels. The church parcel lies more than 300 feet but less than 600 feet from the school parcel; parcel centroids are about 664 feet (roughly two short blocks) apart. Same neighborhood, same block number, same owner, but not the same parcel and not adjacent.	LOJIC parcel geometry, spatial query at 100, 300, 600 and 1,000-foot distances. Address-point coordinates: church 38.19559, -85.56283; school 38.19645, -85.56492. Why this matters: the Preserving Black Churches program funds auxiliary buildings only when they are "on the same lot and within the property line of the church." See the entry in Part B.
Both parcels are inside the City of Jeffersontown, ZIP 40299, Metro Council District 11. School parcel zoning: CTC1.	LOJIC address points.
The school's legal street name is Shelby Street. "Reverend Thurmond Coleman Boulevard" is an honorary designation; no street of that name exists in the county address database.	LOJIC address-point search; Beth Wilder, "Alexander-Ingram School," Jeffersontown Magazine/Towne Post, January 21, 2022 ("Shelby Street, also known as Reverend Thurmond Coleman Boulevard"); Coleman obituary.
The City of Jeffersontown's own history page states the building "is currently owned by First Baptist Church of Jeffersontown."	City of Jeffersontown, "Alexander Ingram School / St. Paul's Church."

Source: Section 4.5. Jefferson County PVA and LOJIC parcel geometry, checked 2026-09-18.

4.6 Name, later use and local history (secondary sources; attribute when used)

These come from the City of Jeffersontown history page and Jeffersontown Magazine (Towne Post), not from the nomination or a government record. State them with attribution.

- The building is commonly called the Alexander-Ingram School, for Virginia B. Alexander (teacher/principal 1922 to 1931) and Annie C. Ingram (teacher 1914 to 1919). The Kentucky School Directory 1961-62 lists "Alexander Ingram School (Jeffersontown)," so the name was in official use by the 1961-62 school year. (City page; Towne Post 2022; Notable Kentucky African Americans Database citing Kentucky School Directory 1961-62, p. 862.)
- After closure the building served as an annex for overflow from Jeffersontown Elementary, then as storage; about 85 remaining Black pupils were absorbed into other Jeffersontown schools by 1963. (City page; Towne Post 2022. Consistent with nomination item 16, "present use: storage," 1984.)
- Separate entrances: boys on the right, girls on the left; classes were mixed. Students walked, some from three miles, until bus service began in 1949. (City page; Towne Post 2022; corroborated by the Fisk transportation applications.)

- Before 1912 Black children attended a one-room school beside St. Paul United Methodist Church, 10525 Old Taylorsville Road (church built 1885), rented by the school board for \$3 a month, until the well was contaminated. (City page; Towne Post 2022.)
- The property was sold in 1979 (nomination deed reference: October 1978) and "renovated in 1985." (Towne Post 2022; City page. The 1978 deed and private ownership in 1984 are confirmed by the nomination; the 1985 renovation is secondary only.)
- Jeffersontown Magazine reports a building cost of \$14,540 plus \$3,530 for heating and plumbing. The \$14,540 matches the nomination's low bid; the \$3,530 add-on appears only in the magazine.

4.7 Facts that bear on program eligibility

EXHIBIT 8 Jeffersontown is not a Certified Local Government; Louisville Metro is the only CLG sponsor available.

FACT	SOURCE
The City of Jeffersontown is not a Certified Local Government (CLG). In Jefferson County the CLGs are Louisville–Jefferson County Metro Government (certified August 30, 1985), the City of Anchorage (August 30, 1993) and the City of Middletown (February 7, 1989). Metro's listed contacts: Brian Davis, Planning Director, and Savannah Darr, Historic Preservation Officer, Metro Planning and Design Services, 444 S. 5th St., Suite 300, Louisville 40202, 502-574-5705.	Kentucky Heritage Council Certified Local Government contact list and program page. Verification flag: the fact check cited the list "Updated March 2026" (26 CLGs); the state and local lane cited the "January 2026" list (24 CLGs). Both agree on Metro, Anchorage, Middletown and on Jeffersontown's absence, which is all this report relies on. The Kentucky Heritage Council site was unreachable at the time of the quality check, so which version is current could not be settled; treat the March 2026 list as the later document and reopen both when the site is back.
Any CLG-pass-through grant would have to run through Louisville Metro's CLG program. Whether Metro's CLG program will sponsor a property inside the independent home-rule City of Jeffersontown is a Metro policy question that could not be confirmed online. It must be asked of Metro's preservation officer (see Section 10).	Kentucky Heritage Council CLG list; LOJIC municipality record.
The building is individually listed on the National Register (not merely a contributing structure in a district), which satisfies the "listed or eligible" threshold used by the Historic Preservation Fund programs and the Kentucky preservation tax credit.	National Register record above.
No Kentucky Historical Society roadside marker for the school or the church was found in searches of the KHS marker database and HMdb. The report does not claim one.	Searches 2026-09-18 (history.ky.gov/markers; hmdb.org returned 403 to automated fetch).
No grant award, restoration project, capital campaign or press story about restoring this building was found in searches of the Courier-Journal, WHAS, WLKY, WDRB, WAVE, LEO, Louisville Public Media, Spectrum News, Jeffersontown Magazine, the National Trust's Action Fund recipient lists, Kentucky Heritage Council and Kentucky African American Heritage Commission announcements, and the church's own site and bulletin. The 2023 Spectrum News story about a Jefferson County Rosenwald school restoration concerns the Jefferson Jacob School in Prospect, not this building.	Spectrum News, January 4, 2023, and the searches listed.
The report can truthfully say the building has no documented public grant history, which is an advantage for "first-time applicant" and "underrepresented community" programs, and a reason to expect a Section 106 review (see glossary) with no prior easements on record (unverified; see item U4 below).	Searches above.

Source: Section 4.7. Kentucky Heritage Council CLG list and program page; searches of 2026-09-18.

4.8 Could not verify: things the church must supply or confirm

EXHIBIT 9 Fourteen items the research could not verify; the deed, the photographs, the sanctuary date and the tract must come from the church.

#	ITEM	WHAT WAS TRIED	WHAT THE CHURCH SHOULD DO
U1	501(c)(3) status directly on the IRS Tax Exempt Organization Search.	The IRS site and its API refused automated requests. ProPublica, CauseIQ and GuideStar all republish the IRS master file and agree (EIN 61-0730354, 501(c)(3), church, Publication 78).	Open https://apps.irs.gov/app/eos/ in a browser, search EIN 610730354, and screenshot the Publication 78 and determination-letter entries for the grant file.
U2	When and from whom the church acquired the school parcel.	PVA sales history requires a paid subscription; the 1984 nomination shows private owners Gilpin and Lyons (deed October 1978). No press or church document gives the church's purchase date. Web summaries that say "the church bought it in 1979" are an inference and are wrong on the evidence: the 1978 to 1979 sale was to private individuals.	Supply the deed. The Jefferson County Clerk's deed index will show the transfer. Until then the report says: "The church acquired the building at a date not yet documented, sometime after 1985."
U3	The 1985 renovation: who did it, what was done, cost.	Only Towne Post and the city page mention it. The nomination, prepared 1984, describes the building as poor, used for storage and boarded, so any renovation happened after listing under private ownership.	Supply any records. The report says "reported as renovated in 1985" with attribution.
U4	Whether any preservation easement, covenant or prior federal or state grant encumbers the property.	Nothing found; no grant history found.	Ask the Kentucky Heritage Council (the State Historic Preservation Office) and check the church's own title records.
U5	The honorary "Reverend Thurmond Coleman Boulevard" designation: enacting ordinance and date.	Jeffersontown ordinance archive search and general search found nothing.	Optional. The report states it as honorary; the legal address remains 10400 Shelby St.
U6	Sadie Mae Abstain biography (42 years teaching, 15 as principal, one day absent).	Appears only on the city page and Towne Post. Not in the nomination.	Attribute to the City of Jeffersontown history page if used.
U7	Virginia B. Alexander and Annie C. Ingram service dates.	City page and Towne Post only.	Attribute if used.
U8	The NPGallery photograph asset.	NPS server returned an error twice.	Not needed for the report; retry if historic photos are wanted for applications.
U9	The church's founding year: 1829 versus 1833.	The church's own pages disagree (home page 1829; About page and 191st anniversary in 2024 imply 1833).	The report uses 1833 and cites the About page. The church may prefer "organized in the early 1830s."
U10	Current condition and current use of the school building.	No source after the 2022 magazine article, which is silent on condition. The church site does not mention the building.	Supply photographs, current use, utilities, roof condition. This is a required input for every capital-grant application.
U11	The church's "Church History of First Baptist 1833-1982" (14 MB scanned PDF on the city's archive site).	It is image-only with no text layer and predates the church's acquisition of the school. Not read page by page.	Available if a historian wants pastor lists or building dates for the sanctuary.
U12	The date the sanctuary was built and whether it is over 50 years old.	Not established in this research.	Supply. The Preserving Black Churches program and the National Fund for Sacred Places both depend on the worship building's age and historic character.
U13	Jeffersontown's population.	Closed. 28,474 at the 2020 Census (Wikipedia citing the Census Bureau; census.gov QuickFacts and the Census API blocked automated access). The USDA exclusion in Section 11 stands on this figure alone: it exceeds the 20,000 cap, and Jeffersontown sits inside the Louisville urbanized area either way.	Nothing further needed. The USDA eligibility map can be run in a browser if the formal screen is ever wanted.
U14	Whether the Watterson Trail and Shelby Street area is a low- and moderate-income census tract under HUD's definitions.	Partly closed. Both addresses sit in 2020 census tract 011116 (Jefferson County, 2111011116), confirmed against the county GIS tract boundaries. Whether that tract is low- and moderate-income under HUD's summary data has not been pulled.	Needed for a CDBG ask (Part A). Ask Metro's Office of Housing and Community Development about tract 011116, or check HUD's Low- and Moderate-Income Summary Data for it.

Source: Section 4.8. Items U1 to U14.

4.9 Conflicts between sources, with the resolution

EXHIBIT 10 Nine conflicts between sources, each resolved in favor of the primary record.

TOPIC	SOURCE A	SOURCE B	RESOLUTION
Teachers	Nomination (1984): "three teachers," average 120 pupils	Fisk card: teacher-type "6"; city page and Towne Post: "larger teaching staff (six)"	Not a conflict once terms are separated. Six-teacher plan; three-teacher staff. The city page and later summaries conflated the plan type with staffing.
Architect	Nomination form: architect Oscar W. Holmes, builder Moore Brothers	NPS NPGallery index field: "Architect: Moore Bros."	The form governs; the index field is a data-entry simplification.
Listing address versus church address	The school is "on Shelby Street"; the church is on Watterson Trail	Both true. School: 10400 Shelby St. Church: 10600 Watterson Trail.	Two parcels, same owner, about 660 feet apart, not adjacent.
Street name	Towne Post: "Shelby Street, also known as Reverend Thurmond Coleman Boulevard"	LOJIC: no such street name exists	Honorary name. Legal address is Shelby St.
Sale year	Towne Post: "sold in 1979"	Nomination: Deed Book 5049 p. 687, October 1978	Recording date October 1978; a 1979 closing or reporting date is plausible. Either way the buyer was private (Gilpin and Lyons), not the church.
Closure and integration	Nomination: closed 1961; all county Black elementary schools closed by 1963	Towne Post: desegregation "around 1956," 85 pupils absorbed by 1963; city page: "known as Jeffersontown Colored School until 1961"	Use the nomination: closed 1961. Renaming to Alexander-Ingram happened by the 1961-62 school directory.
Cost	Nomination: low bid \$14,540	Fisk card: total cost \$21,875 (including \$19,975 public)	Different scopes. \$14,540 was the construction contract; \$21,875 is the Rosenwald Fund's accounting of the whole project. Both may be cited with their scope.
Acreage	Fisk card: 2 acres	Nomination: about 0.9 acre; PVA: 0.9978 acre	The Fisk figure describes the 1929 school site; the parcel was later subdivided or the card rounded. Use the PVA acreage for today.
Founding year of church	Church home page: 1829	Church About page and 2024 anniversary: 1833	Use 1833.

Source: Section 4.9.

05

How to read this report

The three buckets, the fit score, the status words and the glossary that every entry in Parts A, B and C uses.

5.1 The three buckets

Every funding source is placed in one of three parts, according to what the funder is actually willing to pay for:

- **Part A, the Rosenwald school building.** The funder cares about the historic building, the Rosenwald story, African American education history, or National Register properties, and would not fund the sanctuary or church operations. The church is still the applicant; the money follows the building.
- **Part B, the church itself.** The funder supports congregations, historic houses of worship, faith-based facilities, or community ministry. The school is incidental.
- **Part C, both.** Either building, or a combined campus project (for example, the school as a community center plus church facilities), qualifies. Most corporate, bank and general community programs sit here.

Where a source fits one bucket only conditionally (for example, the Preserving Black Churches program, which can fund the school only if it were on the same lot as the church), the source is written up in full in the bucket it fits best and cross-referenced in one line in the other.

Within each part, sources are grouped by category: federal; Kentucky state; Louisville Metro and local; national preservation funds; foundations; corporate.

5.2 The fit score

Each source carries a fit score from 1 to 5, set when it was checked, with one sentence of reasoning. The scale:

- **5:** the program's purpose describes this building or congregation; the church is plainly eligible; the award covers a meaningful share of a renovation; a prior award went to a comparable Rosenwald school or Black church.
- **4:** plainly eligible and aligned, but the award is small, the match is heavy, or the cycle is more than twelve months out.
- **3:** eligible with a workaround, or eligibility hinges on a fact not yet confirmed.
- **2:** eligible on paper but the funder's grant history shows no capital, heritage, or religious giving.
- **1:** ineligible or discontinued; included so the church knows it was checked. Programs scored 1 appear in Section 11 and Appendix B, not in Parts A to C.

Where a program was checked twice, from two directions, and scored differently, the entry shows both scores and the score adopted in Section 2, with the reasoning.

5.3 Status words

- **Open:** applications are being accepted today, with the deadline shown.

- **Opens [date]:** the funder has announced when the next window opens.
- **Closed, next cycle expected [when]:** the funder runs a predictable annual cycle; the last one has closed; the expected next opening is inferred from the last two years' dates and is marked "expected."
- **Rolling:** the funder accepts requests at any time, sometimes with a stated lead time.
- **Discontinued:** the program has ended.
- **Unknown:** status could not be determined; the entry says what was searched.

5.4 "Date checked"

Every entry was verified at the funder's own website, the official government portal, or an official document (a Notice of Funding Opportunity, a Metro Action Plan, a foundation's IRS filing) on the date shown, which for this report is September 18, 2026 unless the entry says otherwise. Where the funder's page refused automated access on that day (a "403" or "blocked" note), the entry says so and gives the source actually read, usually the funder's own text as indexed by a search engine or a secondary listing that quotes the funder. Those entries should be confirmed by opening the funder's page in a browser before the church relies on them.

5.5 Glossary of terms used in the entries

- **Match, or cost share:** money or in-kind value the applicant must contribute alongside the grant. "1:1" means dollar for dollar. "In-kind" means donated materials, labor or services, valued at fair market rates.
- **Reimbursement grant:** the church pays the cost first and is repaid by the funder afterward. The church must be able to float the money, typically for 60 to 90 days.
- **SAM.gov and UEI:** the federal government's registration system and the Unique Entity Identifier it issues. Required to receive any federal dollar, including federal money passed through the state or Louisville Metro. Free, takes several weeks, renews annually.
- **SHPO:** State Historic Preservation Office. In Kentucky this is the Kentucky Heritage Council in Frankfort.
- **Section 106:** the federal review, run through the SHPO, that applies whenever federal money touches a historic property. It is a process, not a barrier, but it adds months.
- **Secretary of the Interior's Standards:** the federal rules for how historic buildings should be repaired so that historic features are kept. Nearly every preservation funder requires work to meet them.
- **Preservation covenant or easement:** a recorded promise, running with the deed for a set number of years or forever, to maintain the historic building and not alter it without review. Some funders require one as a condition of a grant.
- **CLG (Certified Local Government):** a city or county certified by the state and the National Park Service to run its own preservation program and to receive a share of federal preservation money. Louisville Metro is one; the City of Jeffersontown is not.
- **HPF (Historic Preservation Fund):** the federal fund, administered by the National Park Service, from which most federal preservation grants and CLG grants are paid.
- **CDBG (Community Development Block Grant):** federal housing and community-development money from HUD that flows to Louisville Metro each year for Metro to allocate.
- **NOFO:** Notice of Funding Opportunity, the federal announcement that opens a grant round and states its rules.
- **LOI:** Letter of Intent or Letter of Interest, a short first submission a funder uses to decide whom to invite to apply.
- **LMI (low- and moderate-income):** HUD's and banks' term for the households or census tracts that many community programs are meant to serve.

- **990-PF:** the annual IRS filing of a private foundation; it lists the grants the foundation actually made, which is better evidence of what a foundation funds than its website.
- **Foundant and grantinterface.com:** an online application portal used by the National Trust, Partners for Sacred Places, Kentucky Humanities and the Kentucky Colonels.
- **Preservation Leadership Forum:** the National Trust's membership program. Organizational-level membership is required before the Trust releases funds from its small grants; it is not required to apply.
- **Fiscal sponsor:** an established nonprofit that receives a grant on behalf of a project and passes it through, used when the funder will not give to the project's own organization.
- **Community-use plan:** a short written statement of who will use the school building, when, for what programs, and on what terms, showing that it is open to the whole public without regard to religion.

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Part A: Funds for the Rosenwald school building

Twenty-five sources that follow the historic school; the two that matter most open in 2027 and neither requires a match.

Twenty-five sources. These funders care about the historic school, the Rosenwald story, or African American heritage; none of them would fund the sanctuary. The church applies as the owner and steward of the building.

Cross-references from other parts. The National Trust's Preserving Black Churches program (Part B) can fund an auxiliary building only if it is on the same lot and within the property line of the church; the school is on a separate parcel about two blocks away, so it is written up in Part B with the conditional school score noted there. Louisville Metro's Community Development Block Grant (below, under Louisville Metro and local) could be read as "both" (the church can host secular programs in the school) or "school only"; either way the sanctuary is excluded by federal rule, so it sits here.

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6.1 Federal

National Park Service (Historic Preservation Fund): African American Civil Rights Grants, Preservation track		
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AWARD RANGE	NEXT DEADLINE	MATCH / COST SHARE
Preservation projects \$75,000 to \$750,000 federal share; pre-preservation-only projects \$15,000 to \$75,000. FY2025 listing: floor \$15,000, ceiling \$750,000, 45 expected awards across both tracks, \$24,000,000 total. Rosenwald-school awards in the April 2024 round were \$750,000 (Tankersley Rosenwald School, Alabama, Auburn University) and \$750,000 (Drew Rosenwald School, Mississippi, City of Drew).	Unknown. Subscribe to the HPF grant bulletin (nps.gov/subjects/historicpreservationfund/bulletin-update.htm) and watch simpler.grants.gov for an opportunity titled "FY2026 Historic Preservation Fund - African American Civil Rights - Preservation Grants." Past rounds have had windows of roughly 30 days. Ranking note (Section 2.9): on the pattern of the last two rounds, plan for the notice to post between May and August 2027; be able to file from April 1, 2027.	None required. The FY2024 notice said preference goes to applications that show community commitment through non-federal match and partnerships, so documented in-kind and corporate commitments help the score.
APPLIES TO	Rosenwald school only. The program funds physical preservation of National Register-listed or -eligible sites associated with the African American struggle for equal rights; a segregated-era Rosenwald school is squarely in scope and the sanctuary is not.	
WHAT IT FUNDS	Planning and "bricks and mortar" preservation and conservation work on historic buildings and structures. Pre-preservation work (architectural and engineering services, historic structure reports, preservation plans) is allowed as a stand-alone project or as up to 20% of a preservation project. Work must meet the Secretary of the Interior's Standards; Section 106 and environmental review happen before construction starts.	
ELIGIBILITY	State, local and tribal governments, Certified Local Governments, public and private institutions of higher education, and nonprofits with or without 501(c)(3) status. Property must be listed in or eligible for the National Register. The church (EIN 61-0730354, 501(c)(3), IRS Publication 78 eligible) holds title to the school (Jefferson County PVA parcel 004506780084), and the building is listed (NRIS 85002448, 1985-03-29), so the church qualifies on the face of the notice.	
RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION ELIGIBILITY	Yes. Neither the NPS program page nor the Grants.gov listing excludes religious owners, and the FY2022 round awarded \$750,000 to the Louisville Preservation Fund for the Brown Memorial CME Church Building Rehabilitation in Louisville. Funded work must be on the historic fabric of the listed property; the church should apply as steward of the school, not for worship space.	
STATUS AS OF 2026-09-18	Closed. The FY2025 notice (P25AS00495) was posted 2026-06-11 and closed 2026-07-14. No FY2026 notice is posted or forecast on Grants.gov. Next cycle expected in 2027: the FY2024 round closed 2024-09-05 and the FY2025 round closed 2026-07-14, so NPS is running roughly a year behind the appropriation, and FY2026 money exists because Congress rejected the proposed elimination of the Historic Preservation Fund in the FY2026 Interior bill.	
REGISTRATION PREREQUISITES	SAM.gov registration and UEI (required to submit on Grants.gov; allow several weeks); Section 106 consultation with the Kentucky Heritage Council after award; a preservation covenant or easement whose length depends on the federal amount per the NPS schedule (the board should see the schedule before applying).	
CONTACT	State, Tribal, Local, Plans and Grants Division (STLPG), National Park Service, STLPG@nps.gov, 202-354-2020.	

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National Park Service (Historic Preservation Fund): African American Civil Rights Grants, Preservation track CONTINUED

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PRIOR AWARDS TO SIMILAR PROJECTS	Brown Memorial CME Church Building Rehabilitation, Louisville, KY, Louisville Preservation Fund, \$750,000 (announced 2023-05-25, FY2022 funds). Drew Rosenwald School Rehabilitation, Drew, MS, City of Drew, \$750,000 (April 2024). Tankersley Rosenwald School Interior Rehabilitation, Hope Hull, AL, Auburn University, \$750,000 (April 2024). Eleanor Roosevelt (Rosenwald) School, Warm Springs, GA, Georgia Trust, \$694,522 (FY2022).
FIT SCORE (1 TO 5)	5. The program's purpose describes this building, the church is plainly eligible, the award can cover a large share of a renovation, and Rosenwald schools and a Louisville Black church have both won at the maximum.
NOTES	This is the anchor federal program and the reason to get the conditions assessment, scope, cost estimate, SAM.gov registration, and board resolution done in the next six months, so the church can file within a 30-day window whenever the FY2026 notice appears. Risk: the President's FY2027 budget proposes to nearly eliminate the Historic Preservation Fund; Congress rejected the same proposal for FY2026, and FY2027 is under a continuing resolution through 2026-12-11. If the FY2027 bill zeroes the program, the FY2026 round would be the last for a while, which raises the value of being ready. The FY2025 enacted level was \$24,000,000 (Public Law 119-4). The FY2026 enacted level is also \$24,000,000, per the "2026 Enacted" column of the National Park Service FY2027 budget justification (https://www.doi.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2026-04/fy2027greenbooknps_O.pdf , pages 73 to 75 and the Historic Preservation Fund program table), under the FY2026 Interior act, H.R. 6938, signed 2026-01-23; the same document shows the FY2027 request at zero for this line, with \$11,000,000 requested for HBCU grants only. The continuing resolution through 2026-12-11 was signed 2026-09-02.

APPLICATION URL <https://www.grants.gov> (search Assistance Listing 15.904 / "African American Civil Rights"); program page <https://www.nps.gov/subjects/historicpreservationfund/african-american-civil-rights.htm>

SOURCE CHECKED <https://www.nps.gov/articles/000/african-american-civil-rights-grant-opportunity.htm> (2026-09-18); <https://simpler.grants.gov/opportunity/b0577fe7-00da-4374-8693-476b6249eadf> (2026-09-18); <https://www.nps.gov/subjects/historicpreservationfund/african-american-civil-rights.htm> (2026-09-18); <https://www.nps.gov/subjects/historicpreservationfund/african-american-civil-rights-application-information.htm> (2026-09-18); <https://www.nps.gov/orgs/1207/aacr-2023.htm> (2026-09-18); [https://www.nps.gov/orgs/1207/national-park-service-awards-\\$23-4-million-to-preserve-african-american-civil-rights-history.htm](https://www.nps.gov/orgs/1207/national-park-service-awards-$23-4-million-to-preserve-african-american-civil-rights-history.htm) (2026-09-18).

National Park Service (Historic Preservation Fund): African American Civil Rights Grants, History track

FEDERAL

AWARD RANGE		NEXT DEADLINE	MATCH / COST SHARE
\$15,000 to \$75,000.		Unknown; same bulletin.	None required.
APPLIES TO	Rosenwald school only. Funds interpretation, research, documentation, oral history and education about the site; nothing for the sanctuary.		
WHAT IT FUNDS	Survey and planning, research and documentation, interpretation and education, and collections conservation tied to an eligible site. No construction.		
ELIGIBILITY	Same as the Preservation track: governments, tribes, higher education, and nonprofits; the site must be listed in or eligible for the National Register.		
RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION ELIGIBILITY	Yes, same basis as the Preservation track.		
STATUS AS OF 2026-09-18	Closed. FY2025 notice P25AS00496 closed 2026-07-14. Next cycle expected 2027 alongside the Preservation track.		
REGISTRATION PREREQUISITES	SAM.gov/UEI.		
CONTACT	STLPG@nps.gov, 202-354-2020.		
PRIOR AWARDS TO SIMILAR PROJECTS	Woodville Rosenwald School Foundation, Gloucester, VA, oral history and artifact collection project, \$22,967 (April 2024).		
FIT SCORE (1 TO 5)	3. Eligible and on-theme, but the award is small and it funds the story rather than the roof. Best used for an alumni oral-history and interpretation project once the building has a plan, or as a companion application to the Preservation track.		
NOTES	The school's alumni roster and staffing history are exactly what a History grant would document; a \$25,000 to \$50,000 oral-history project is a credible first federal award and builds the record a Preservation application needs.		

APPLICATION URL <https://www.grants.gov> (Assistance Listing 15.904).

SOURCE CHECKED <https://simpler.grants.gov/opportunity/5206dfc2-c1e0-437d-b7ad-898a72e92c11> (2026-09-18); <https://www.nps.gov/subjects/historicpreservationfund/aacr-funded-projects.htm> (2026-09-18).

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National Park Service (Historic Preservation Fund): History of Equal Rights (HER) Preservation Grants

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AWARD RANGE	NEXT DEADLINE	MATCH / COST SHARE
\$15,000 to \$750,000; FY2025/FY2026 listing \$10,000,000 total, 16 expected awards.	Unknown.	None.
APPLIES TO	Rosenwald school only.	
WHAT IT FUNDS	Physical preservation, architectural services, historic structure reports and preservation plans at sites associated with the struggle of all Americans for equal rights.	
ELIGIBILITY	State, local and tribal governments, nonprofits with or without 501(c)(3), and higher education; property listed in or eligible for the National Register. The program page says HER "is not limited to any specific group," but in practice African American civil rights sites are directed to the dedicated African American Civil Rights program, and the HER listing shares its application checklist with that program and the HBCU grants. Applying to HER with a Rosenwald school risks being told to wait for the African American Civil Rights round.	
RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION ELIGIBILITY	Yes; no entity exclusion, same conditions as the African American Civil Rights program.	
STATUS AS OF 2026-09-18	Closed. Notice P25AS00499 posted 2026-06-11, closed 2026-07-21. Next cycle expected 2027.	
REGISTRATION PREREQUISITES	SAM.gov/UEI; Section 106; preservation covenant.	
CONTACT	STLPG@nps.gov, 202-354-2020.	
PRIOR AWARDS TO SIMILAR PROJECTS	Not identified for Rosenwald schools; HER awards have gone to women's, Latino, Native and LGBTQ sites. Unknown.	
FIT SCORE (1 TO 5)	2. Eligible in form, but the African American Civil Rights program is the correct and larger home; keep HER as a fallback only if that round is skipped and HER runs.	
NOTES	Ask STLPG directly, before any HER application, whether a Rosenwald school will be reviewed under HER; the answer will save a wasted cycle.	

APPLICATION URL <https://www.grants.gov> (Assistance Listing 15.966); program page <https://www.nps.gov/subjects/historicpreservationfund/history-of-equal-rights.htm>

SOURCE CHECKED <https://simpler.grants.gov/opportunity/3b44ded3-d42c-4b90-82f4-da45ddf59904> (2026-09-18); <https://www.nps.gov/subjects/historicpreservationfund/history-of-equal-rights.htm> (2026-09-18).

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National Endowment for the Humanities: Public Humanities Projects (Historic Places category)

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AWARD RANGE	NEXT DEADLINE	MATCH / COST SHARE
Planning up to \$75,000; implementation up to \$750,000.	2026-12-09; later deadlines listed on the NEH grants page are 2027-07-30, 2027-10-01 and 2028-04-01 across the Lifelong Learning programs.	None stated for planning grants; implementation projects may involve cost share; confirm in the notice.

APPLIES TO	Rosenwald school only. Funds interpretation of a historic place for public audiences; nothing for worship space.
WHAT IT FUNDS	Planning grants and implementation grants for interpretive programs and exhibitions at historic sites: interpretive plans, exhibits, digital and on-site interpretation, public programs, scholar engagement. NEH program grants do not fund construction or renovation; the only NEH program that did (Infrastructure and Capacity Building Challenge Grants) was discontinued after 2023-05-17. The construction-unallowable language is not on the program page itself; confirm it in the notice before planning around it.
ELIGIBILITY	U.S. nonprofit organizations with 501(c)(3) status, state and local governments, tribes, and accredited institutions; small and mid-sized organizations are encouraged. A church that owns a historic site and proposes a humanities-based interpretive plan is eligible as an organization.
RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION ELIGIBILITY	Conditional. NEH funds humanities content, not religious programming; the project must be scholarly and secular in content, which an interpretation of Rosenwald-era Black education satisfies. The program page has no entity exclusion.
STATUS AS OF 2026-09-18	Open.
REGISTRATION PREREQUISITES	SAM.gov/UEI; Grants.gov registration; a humanities scholar or consulting historian on the project team.
CONTACT	NEH Division of Lifelong Learning, publicprograms@neh.gov (division mailbox; confirm on the notice), 202-606-8269.
PRIOR AWARDS TO SIMILAR PROJECTS	Not identified for Rosenwald schools on the pages checked; the Historic Places category regularly funds interpretive plans at African American heritage sites. Unknown.
FIT SCORE (1 TO 5)	2. Eligible, but it funds an interpretive plan, not the building, and it presumes the school will be open to the public as an interpretive site; useful in year two once a use plan exists.
NOTES	NEH terminated many awards in 2025 and its FY2027 budget is contested; treat as available but unstable.

APPLICATION URL <https://www.neh.gov/grants/public/public-humanities-projects>

SOURCE CHECKED <https://www.neh.gov/grants/public/public-humanities-projects> (2026-09-18); <https://www.neh.gov/grants> (2026-09-18); <https://www.neh.gov/grants/preservation/infrastructure-and-capacity-building-challenge-grants> (2026-09-18, discontinued notice via search result; the page itself returned 403).

Institute of Museum and Library Services: Museum Grants for African American History and Culture

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● OPEN

AWARD RANGE	NEXT DEADLINE	MATCH / COST SHARE
\$5,000 to \$500,000, one to three years.	2026-11-13.	None for requests of \$5,000 to \$100,000; 1:1 non-federal match for \$100,001 to \$500,000.

APPLIES TO	Rosenwald school only, and only if the school operates as a museum or interpretive site. Nothing for the church.
WHAT IT FUNDS	Projects that nurture museum professionals, build institutional capacity, and increase access to museum and archival collections. The program page does not list construction; IMLS museum programs generally do not fund construction or renovation, so this would fund planning, collections, staffing and programs at a future Alexander-Ingram School heritage center, not the roof.
ELIGIBILITY	African American museums, museum service organizations that support them, and HBCUs. The applicant must meet IMLS's museum definition: a unit of government or a 501(c)(3) organized on a permanent basis for educational or aesthetic purposes, owning or using tangible objects, caring for them, and exhibiting them to the general public at least 120 days a year, with at least one professional staff member or full-time equivalent, paid or unpaid. An organization whose primary mission is not museum-related may qualify if it exhibits objects to the public as a "significant, separate, distinct, and continuing portion of its activities." The church does not meet this today.
RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION ELIGIBILITY	Conditional. No entity exclusion, but the museum-eligibility test and the requirement that the applicant be an African American museum are the barrier; a separately constituted "Friends of the Alexander-Ingram School" museum would be the cleaner applicant.
STATUS AS OF 2026-09-18	Open, FY2027 round.
REGISTRATION PREREQUISITES	SAM.gov/UEI; Grants.gov.
CONTACT	Mark Isaksen, Supervisory Grants Management Specialist, misaksen@imls.gov, 202-653-4667.
PRIOR AWARDS TO SIMILAR PROJECTS	IMLS announced about \$6,000,000 in awards in a recent round to African American museums; no Rosenwald-school award identified. Unknown.
FIT SCORE (1 TO 5)	2. Eligible on paper only after the school becomes a functioning museum; recorded so the church knows the door exists for the operating phase.
NOTES	IMLS's own existence was contested in 2025 (executive-order reductions and litigation); the FY2027 notices are posted, so the round is real as of today.

APPLICATION URL <https://www.imls.gov/find-funding/funding-opportunities/grant-programs/museum-grants-for-african-american-history-and-culture>

SOURCE CHECKED <https://www.imls.gov/find-funding/funding-opportunities/grant-programs/museum-grants-for-african-american-history-and-culture> (2026-09-18); <https://www.imls.gov/find-funding/how-to-apply/eligibility-criteria> (2026-09-18); <https://www.imls.gov/find-funding/how-to-apply/funding-opportunities> (2026-09-18).

Institute of Museum and Library Services: Inspire! Grants for Small Museums

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● OPEN

AWARD RANGE	NEXT DEADLINE	MATCH / COST SHARE
\$5,000 to \$75,000, one to three years.	2026-11-13.	None for \$5,000 to \$25,000; 1:1 match for \$25,001 to \$75,000.

APPLIES TO	Rosenwald school only, same museum condition as the program above.
WHAT IT FUNDS	Project-based work at small museums: educational programs and exhibits, community partnerships, collections stewardship. No construction stated.
ELIGIBILITY	Small museums meeting the IMLS museum definition (above); IMLS does not set fixed size limits and asks applicants to describe staff, hours and budget.
RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION ELIGIBILITY	Conditional, same as above: no entity exclusion, but the applicant must be a museum.
STATUS AS OF 2026-09-18	Open, FY2027 round.
REGISTRATION PREREQUISITES	SAM.gov/UEI; Grants.gov.
CONTACT	Reagan Moore (Lifelong Learning), rmoore@imls.gov, 202-653-4637; Mark Feitl (Collections Stewardship), mfeitl@imls.gov, 202-653-4635.
PRIOR AWARDS TO SIMILAR PROJECTS	Unknown.
FIT SCORE (1 TO 5)	2. Same reasoning as the program above, smaller money, no match under \$25,000.
NOTES	None beyond the museum test.

APPLICATION URL <https://www.imls.gov/find-funding/funding-opportunities/grant-programs/inspire-grants-for-small-museums>

SOURCE CHECKED <https://www.imls.gov/find-funding/funding-opportunities/grant-programs/inspire-grants-for-small-museums> (2026-09-18); <https://www.imls.gov/find-funding/how-to-apply/eligibility-criteria> (2026-09-18).

Congress: Julius Rosenwald and Rosenwald Schools National Historical Park Act (H.R. 8887 / S. 3925), Rosenwald Schools National Network Program

FEDERAL (PENDING LEGISLATION; NOT A FUNDING SOURCE TODAY)

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● PENDING

AWARD RANGE	NEXT DEADLINE	MATCH / COST SHARE
None; no appropriation.	None. Watch for passage in a lands package before the 119th Congress ends 2027-01-03; otherwise it must be reintroduced.	Not applicable.
APPLIES TO	Rosenwald school only.	
WHAT IT FUNDS	If enacted, creates a national historical park (Sears complex in Chicago; San Domingo School, MD; St. George School, SC; Woodville School, VA) and a Rosenwald Schools National Network that includes "privately owned properties" listed in or eligible for the National Register, with authority for the Secretary of the Interior to enter cooperative agreements, provide technical assistance, and "provide grants to Network elements." No dollar amount is authorized.	
ELIGIBILITY	Would include privately owned National Register-listed Rosenwald schools, which describes this building.	
RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION ELIGIBILITY	Not addressed; no exclusion in the text.	
STATUS AS OF 2026-09-18	S. 3925 introduced 2026-02-25 (Sen. Durbin), referred to Energy and Natural Resources; H.R. 8887 introduced 2026-05-19 (Reps. Davis, Cohen, Clyburn), referred to Natural Resources. Neither has passed either chamber.	
REGISTRATION PREREQUISITES	Not applicable.	
CONTACT	Rep. McGarvey's office (ask him to cosponsor; a Louisville Rosenwald school is a reason).	
PRIOR AWARDS TO SIMILAR PROJECTS	None.	
FIT SCORE (1 TO 5)	Not scored; not a program. Included because the church should be positioned as a Network element on day one if it passes.	
NOTES	A cosponsorship request costs the church one letter and creates a relationship with the office that will carry the FY2028 Community Project Funding request (Part C). The Rosenwald Park Campaign, the advocacy group behind the bill, is listed in Section 11; a letter of interest to it puts the school on the Campaign's list if the park and network program are enacted.	

APPLICATION URL <https://www.congress.gov/bill/119th-congress/house-bill/8887> ; <https://www.congress.gov/bill/119th-congress/senate-bill/3925>

SOURCE CHECKED <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/BILLS-119hr8887ih/html/BILLS-119hr8887ih.htm> (2026-09-18); search results for S. 3925 status (2026-09-18).

6.2 Kentucky state

Kentucky Heritage Council: Kentucky African American Heritage Commission (KAAHC) Grant Program

KENTUCKY STATE

AWARD RANGE	NEXT DEADLINE	MATCH / COST SHARE
\$1,000 to \$10,000 (2025 recipients ranged \$1,000 to \$10,000).	Expected August to September 2027; watch heritage.ky.gov/aa-na from June 2027.	None required; applicants are "encouraged to seek additional funds."
APPLIES TO	Rosenwald school only; the commission funds sites, facilities, and programs that preserve Kentucky African American history, and the sanctuary is not that.	
WHAT IT FUNDS	Three project types: Site (including buildings; bricks-and-mortar allowed, 2025 awards include a roof), Facility (archive, library, museum), Program (education, interpretation). Funds "supplement" a project budget; the commission may fund only the portions it finds most critical. No stated exclusions beyond incomplete applications.	
ELIGIBILITY	Local governments, CLGs, universities, churches, 501(c)(3) nonprofits, state agencies. The application form lists "Church" as its own applicant type and states "With the exception of churches, all organizations must attach your 501c3 designation letter." The church qualifies plainly. Sites require letters of consent from all property owners, photographs, maps, and the National Register listing name.	
RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION ELIGIBILITY	Yes, explicitly.	
STATUS AS OF 2026-09-18	Closed. The Kentucky Heritage Council page states "Deadline for 2026 KAAHC grants is September 7, 2026." Predictable annual cycle: 2025 deadline was 2025-09-26 with funds distributed 2025-10-31; 2026 deadline 2026-09-07.	
REGISTRATION PREREQUISITES	W-9 (March 2024 form or later); Kentucky vendor registration is likely at award (state payment); no SAM.gov; no CLG sponsorship.	
CONTACT	Tressa T. Brown, Commission Coordinator, Kentucky Heritage Council, 410 High St., Frankfort, KY 40601; Tressa.Brown@ky.gov ; 502-892-3607.	
PRIOR AWARDS TO SIMILAR PROJECTS	2025: City of Scottsville, \$9,000, roof restoration of the Caney Fork Rosenwald School; Sense of Place Steering Committee, \$10,000, establishing the Cadentown Rosenwald School (Lexington). The Kentucky Heritage Council page also says it "has worked in partnership with organizations across the state to identify remaining Rosenwald Schools in an effort to preserve and rehabilitate them."	
FIT SCORE (1 TO 5)	4. The program describes this building, churches are named as eligible applicants, and it funded two Rosenwald school roofs last year; the award is small and the 2026 round closed eleven days before this report.	
NOTES	Ask Tressa Brown now whether late or rolling consideration exists for 2026 and whether a Rosenwald-specific initiative is planned; the Kentucky Heritage Council's Rosenwald survey history (the Turley-Adams study, 158 Kentucky Rosenwald buildings) makes this the state office most likely to champion the building. Use the KAAHC application's site section as the template for the church's one-page building brief.	

APPLICATION URL <https://heritage.ky.gov/aa-na/Pages/aa-commission.aspx> (2025 form: <https://heritage.ky.gov/aa-na/Documents/2025%20KAAHC%20Grant%20Application%20Blank.pdf>)

SOURCE CHECKED <https://heritage.ky.gov/aa-na/Pages/aa-commission.aspx> and the 2025 application PDF, 2026-09-18.

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● CLOSED

Kentucky Heritage Council: Certified Local Government (CLG) Grant Program (applicant: Louisville Metro)

KENTUCKY STATE (FEDERAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION FUND PASS-THROUGH)

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FIT 3

● CLOSED

AWARD RANGE	NEXT DEADLINE	MATCH / COST SHARE
Not stated. 2026 round: nine grants totaling \$111,975 (about \$12,400 average; Danville "over \$12,000"). At least 10% of Kentucky's annual Historic Preservation Fund apportionment is reserved for CLGs.	Expected about March 2027; guidelines typically post in January.	60/40; the CLG provides a minimum 40% local match, cash or in-kind, and may source it from a nonprofit partner (the church).
APPLIES TO	Rosenwald school only; Historic Preservation Fund money follows the historic resource.	
WHAT IT FUNDS	"Preservation projects, educational activities, studies, and updating documentation," with eligibility "determined by the Historic Preservation Fund Grants Manual." The Kentucky Heritage Council's grants page says CLG grants focus "mainly on educational opportunities" but that the Council "administers a limited amount of brick-and-mortar grant funding" through this program and KAAHC. Realistic uses for this building: a conditions assessment or historic structure report, rehabilitation plans and specifications, updated National Register documentation, interpretive materials. Recent awards: design guidelines, an ArcGIS map, surveys and National Register nominations.	
ELIGIBILITY	Certified Local Governments only. The church cannot apply. Louisville Metro (CLG since 1985) can apply for a project on a privately owned National Register-listed property in its jurisdiction, and CLGs "may team with local nonprofits to meet the match requirement."	
RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION ELIGIBILITY	Conditional. The applicant is Metro; Historic Preservation Fund money may support work on a religious owner's historic fabric but not worship use.	
STATUS AS OF 2026-09-18	Closed. 2026 deadline was 2026-03-02; awards announced 2026-07-02. Predictable annual cycle.	
REGISTRATION PREREQUISITES	CLG sponsorship (Louisville Metro Office of Planning); SHPO review; Section 106 and the Secretary of the Interior's Standards apply to any physical work.	
CONTACT	Nicole Roth, CLG Program and Planning Coordinator, Kentucky Heritage Council, nicole.roth@ky.gov, 502-892-3606. Public partner: Savannah Darr, Historic Preservation Officer, Louisville Metro Office of Planning, savannah.darr@louisvilleky.gov, 502-574-5705.	
PRIOR AWARDS TO SIMILAR PROJECTS	2026 statewide: nine CLGs, \$111,975 total, including Danville sign and public art design guidelines and Bardstown interactive ArcGIS map; the 2020 round included Metro Louisville among eight CLG awardees (Kentucky Heritage Council press release). No Rosenwald-specific CLG award found.	
FIT SCORE (1 TO 5)	3. Plainly aligned and Metro is a certified applicant, but the church needs Metro to carry the application and the money is best suited to planning, not construction.	
NOTES	This is the cleanest way to get the conditions assessment that gates every larger application, paid 60% by federal money. Unresolved question: whether Metro's CLG program will sponsor a property inside the home-rule City of Jeffersontown. Probably yes (the certified entity is the consolidated county government, and the Council's CLG page lets CLGs partner with nonprofits with no geographic carve-out for home-rule cities), but not confirmed at a source. Ask Savannah Darr in October whether Metro will sponsor a "historic structure report for the Alexander-Ingram Rosenwald School" in the March 2027 round; Metro has used CLG money for district surveys (Council District 21 Survey Grant), so a single-property planning grant is within its pattern. Fallback if Metro declines: Nicole Roth at the Kentucky Heritage Council can say whether the Council will accept a Metro application for a Jeffersontown property; Jeffersontown pursuing its own CLG certification is a multi-year path, not a 2027 one.	

APPLICATION URL <https://heritage.ky.gov/community/clg-program/Pages/CLG%20Grant%20Program.aspx>

SOURCE CHECKED <https://heritage.ky.gov/community/clg-program/Pages/CLG%20Grant%20Program.aspx>; <https://heritage.ky.gov/community/clg-program/Documents/2026January-CLG%20Contact%20list.pdf>; <https://lexingtonky.news/2026/07/02/beshear-awards-112k-to-9-clg-communities-for-historic-preservation/> (award facts, corroborating the Council), 2026-09-18.

Kentucky Heritage Council and Kentucky Department of Revenue: Kentucky Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit (KRS 171.397; 300 KAR 6:011)

KENTUCKY STATE (TAX CREDIT, NOT A GRANT)

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● PAUSED

AWARD RANGE	NEXT DEADLINE	MATCH / COST SHARE
20% of qualified rehabilitation expenses for non-owner-occupied property (30% for owner-occupied residential). Statewide pool cap rises to \$100,000,000 for applications received on or after 2026-04-30 (HB 757), 15% reserved for owner-occupied residential. Per-project maximum for non-residential was raised to \$10,000,000 in 2022. If total requests exceed the pool, awards are prorated.	2027-04-15 (preliminary determination of maximum credit). Work must not begin before the preliminary determination is filed.	Not applicable; the church must spend the money first and receives the credit after certification of completed work.
APPLIES TO	Rosenwald school only; only the National Register-listed building qualifies. The sanctuary would qualify only if it is separately listed or in a listed district (not established).	
WHAT IT FUNDS	A state income tax credit equal to a percentage of qualified rehabilitation expenditures on a certified rehabilitation of a National Register property, to the Secretary of the Interior's Standards. Not planning money; not cash until the credit is claimed or sold.	
ELIGIBILITY	The Kentucky Heritage Council states the state program "is for Owner-Occupied / Primary Residence properties; Tax-Exempt owned properties; and Income-Producing properties." A 501(c) (3) owner of a National Register-listed building is within the "tax-exempt owned" category. Minimum expenditure thresholds apply (verify the current figure in the revised regulation).	
RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION ELIGIBILITY	Conditional. Tax-exempt owners are eligible to apply; how the church converts the credit to cash is the open question (see Notes).	
STATUS AS OF 2026-09-18	Paused. The Council is "not currently accepting new State Tax Credit applications" while regulations and forms are revised for HB 757 (effective 2026-04-30); federal applications continue. Next allocation round deadline posted as 2027-04-15; the statute now sets preliminary-determination filing before April 15 or August 15 of the year construction begins.	
REGISTRATION PREREQUISITES	SHPO (Kentucky Heritage Council) Part 1, 2, and 3 certifications; National Register listing (in hand); work to the Standards; Kentucky tax filing to claim.	
CONTACT	Katie Wilborn, Kentucky Heritage Council, Katherine.Wilborn@ky.gov; KHC.TaxCredits@ky.gov. Department of Revenue: DORTaxCredits@ky.gov. Revenue page: https://revenue.ky.gov/Business/Pages/Certified-Rehab-Tax-Credit.aspx .	
PRIOR AWARDS TO SIMILAR PROJECTS	Not found for a church-owned Rosenwald school. Kentucky's program has certified nonprofit and local-government projects since 2005, which is why the Council lists tax-exempt owners as a category.	
FIT SCORE (1 TO 5)	3. Real value on a large rehabilitation (20% of a \$500,000 job is \$100,000), eligibility for tax-exempt owners is stated by the Council, but the mechanics of turning the credit into money need a Kentucky tax lawyer and the program is paused until the HB 757 regulation lands.	
NOTES (THE LAWYER'S CAVEAT)	The Department of Revenue states the credit "is refundable; however, if the tax credit is transferred or allocated, it becomes a nonrefundable credit" usable against KRS 141.020 or 141.040 income tax with a seven-year carryforward. For applications on or after 2026-04-30, HB 757 widened the class of permitted transferees from financial institutions only to taxpayers subject to KRS 136.320, 136.330, 136.340, 136.350, 136.370, 136.390, 304.3-270, 141.020, 141.040 and 141.0401 (insurers, corporations, individuals, and limited liability entities). Two paths for a church with no income tax liability: (a) claim the credit directly and take it as a refund, which is how Kentucky has historically let tax-exempt and governmental owners benefit, or (b) sell it to a corporate or individual buyer at a discount now that transferees are broader. Which path works, at what discount, and whether the church must file a Kentucky return to claim a refund, are questions for counsel once the revised regulation is final. Record as an offset to a funded rehabilitation, not as a source of front money. Also a design constraint: any grant-funded work should already meet the Standards so the same scope can be certified.	
APPLICATION URL	https://heritage.ky.gov/historic-buildings/rehab-tax-credits/Pages/overview.aspx	
SOURCE CHECKED	https://heritage.ky.gov/historic-buildings/rehab-tax-credits/Pages/overview.aspx ; https://heritage.ky.gov/historic-buildings/rehab-tax-credits/resources/Pages/default.aspx ; https://revenue.ky.gov/Business/Pages/Certified-Rehab-Tax-Credit.aspx ; https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/kar/titles/300/006/011/ (regulation cite); 2026-09-18.	

Kentucky Humanities: Project Grants (2026 cycle)

KENTUCKY STATE (STATE HUMANITIES COUNCIL; NEH-FUNDED NONPROFIT)

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AWARD RANGE	NEXT DEADLINE	MATCH / COST SHARE
Up to \$5,000 in the 2026 cycle per kyhumanities.org; a secondary listing states \$1,000 to \$10,000. Use \$5,000 as the planning figure.	Letter of intent 2026-09-30 (required); full application by invitation 2026-10-31; award notification November 2026; project period 2026-12-01 to 2027-11-30. Minigrants are not currently offered.	1:1 cost share, cash or in-kind.
APPLIES TO	Rosenwald school only; funds public humanities programming about the school's history (exhibit, oral history, lecture series, interpretive panels), not the church's ministry and not construction.	
WHAT IT FUNDS	Public humanities projects for a general audience: exhibits, interpretive programs, lectures, book discussions, documentaries, curricular materials. Not bricks-and-mortar. Requires a Principal Humanities Scholar (an academic historian, for example) active in design and execution, who cannot also be Project Director.	
ELIGIBILITY	Kentucky nonprofit organizations, institutions, or groups; project must be Kentucky-based and directed at the general public outside the classroom. Active SAM.gov registration and UEI required. The church qualifies as a Kentucky nonprofit; the scholar requirement is the practical hurdle.	
RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION ELIGIBILITY	Yes for secular humanities content; no exclusion found. Program must be public, not devotional.	
STATUS AS OF 2026-09-18	Open.	
REGISTRATION PREREQUISITES	SAM.gov/UEI (start now; it also unlocks federal and Metro CDBG money); grant portal account (grantinterface.com).	
CONTACT	Zoe Kaylor, zoe.kaylor@kyhumanities.org, 859-257-5932 (applicant-resources page, https://www.kyhumanities.org/grants/applicant-resources , read 2026-09-18).	
PRIOR AWARDS TO SIMILAR PROJECTS	Not verified. The Kentucky Humanities grants pages list grantee names but not project subjects, so no specific African American history award could be cited. Kentucky Humanities is understood to fund local history exhibits and oral histories; ask the program officer for an example when sending the letter of intent.	
FIT SCORE (1 TO 5)	3. Eligible, open now, and a Rosenwald oral history or exhibit is squarely what it funds; small, needs a scholar and a 1:1 match, and it is interpretation money, not renovation money.	
NOTES	Twelve days is tight but feasible for a \$5,000 oral-history-and-exhibit ask if a University of Louisville or Kentucky State University historian will sign on as scholar. If not, target the 2027 cycle and use the interim to record alumni (Sadie Mae Abstain's students) while they can still be interviewed. An interpretation grant also produces the documented history that every capital funder will ask for.	

APPLICATION URL <https://www.kyhumanities.org/grants/>

SOURCE CHECKED <https://www.kyhumanities.org/grants/> and <https://www.kyhumanities.org/grants/grants>; deadline, cost share, SAM/UEI and scholar requirements corroborated from a secondary listing of the 2026 guidelines (us.fundsforngos.org) because the Kentucky Humanities applicant-resources page returned 503 at the first check; the page loaded later on 2026-09-18 and confirmed the letter-of-intent and application dates, cost share, SAM.gov/UEI and scholar requirements.

Kentucky Historical Society: Kentucky Local History Trust Fund Grant

KENTUCKY STATE

AWARD RANGE	NEXT DEADLINE	MATCH / COST SHARE
Up to \$1,500 per organization (2025 awards ranged \$300 to \$1,000; about \$10,000 distributed statewide).	October 2026 (confirm by phone, 502-564-1792, before filing; last posted window closed October 13).	Not stated; assume none.
APPLIES TO	Rosenwald school only; the fund strengthens local history organizations and projects, not congregations.	
WHAT IT FUNDS	Local history education programs, collections care, publications, documentaries, exhibits, websites and social media; "activities designed to build organizational capacity." Not construction.	
ELIGIBILITY	501(c)(3) organizations, local government agencies, public libraries in Kentucky; for-profits excluded. The church qualifies as a 501(c)(3) presenting a local history project.	
RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION ELIGIBILITY	Yes; no exclusion found.	
STATUS AS OF 2026-09-18	Open on an annual cycle; the 2026 deadline is not posted on the Society's site. The last published window was July 17 to October 13 (2017 cycle); the current page lists 2025 recipients but no dates.	
REGISTRATION PREREQUISITES	None stated beyond 501(c)(3) proof.	
CONTACT	Kentucky Historical Society, 100 W. Broadway, Frankfort, KY 40601, 502-564-1792.	
PRIOR AWARDS TO SIMILAR PROJECTS	2025: eleven counties, exhibition expansion, collections management, archiving, technology, programming.	
FIT SCORE (1 TO 5)	3. Open now and trivially easy to apply for; the amount is small and it will not touch the building.	
NOTES	A \$1,000 ask for a digitized photo archive and a school-history display panel is a reasonable first win that builds the record of stewardship reviewers look for.	

APPLICATION URL <https://history.ky.gov/participate/support-local-history>

SOURCE CHECKED <https://history.ky.gov/participate/support-local-history> and <https://history.ky.gov/news/grant-funding-available-through-ky-local-history-trust-fund>, 2026-09-18.

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Confirm before filing

A date or rule in this entry could not be settled at the source on 2026-09-18. The entry says what to check and whom to call before the church files.

Kentucky Historical Society: Kentucky Historical Marker Program

KENTUCKY STATE

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● ANNUAL CYCLE

AWARD RANGE	NEXT DEADLINE	MATCH / COST SHARE
Not a grant.	2027-02-15 (letter of interest by email with contact information, topic summary, county).	Applicant pays marker cost.

APPLIES TO	Rosenwald school only.
WHAT IT FUNDS	Nothing; it is a designation and a cast marker. The applicant (or a sponsor) pays fabrication and installation, typically a few thousand dollars. Listed because a state marker at the school is visibility that supports other applications and can be paid for by a KAAHC site grant.
ELIGIBILITY	Any individual or organization may nominate a topic; the Society invites a formal nomination if the topic fits program parameters.
RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION ELIGIBILITY	Yes.
STATUS AS OF 2026-09-18	Annual cycle. Letters of interest due February 15 for the next cycle.
REGISTRATION PREREQUISITES	None.
CONTACT	Dr. Jim Seaver, Kentucky Historical Society Community Engagement Coordinator, james.seaver@ky.gov, 502-782-8115.
PRIOR AWARDS TO SIMILAR PROJECTS	Kentucky has Rosenwald school markers elsewhere (not individually verified); the Society has installed more than 2,400 markers.
FIT SCORE (1 TO 5)	2. Not money, but cheap, likely to be approved, and a KAAHC site grant could pay for it (the KAAHC application asks for text of "all present or intended site markers"; the America250KY program excluded state markers, so do not budget them there).
NOTES	No existing marker at the school was found (Section 4.7); the KAAHC application asks.

APPLICATION URL <https://history.ky.gov/explore/historical-marker-program>

SOURCE CHECKED <https://history.ky.gov/explore/historical-marker-program>, 2026-09-18.

6.3 Louisville Metro and local

Louisville Metro Government, Office of Housing and Community Development (with HUD): Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), capital and public facilities

FEDERAL MONEY (HUD) PASSED THROUGH LOUISVILLE METRO, WHICH IS THE GRANTEE. THIS ENTRY COVERS BOTH THE FEDERAL RULES AND THE METRO MECHANICS.

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AWARD RANGE	NEXT DEADLINE	MATCH / COST SHARE
Not stated for nonprofit capital. Metro's PY2026 CDBG allocation is \$11,426,657. Recent capital lines: \$1,000,000 historic preservation at St. Peter's MOLO Village; \$1,000,000 shelter renovation at St. Vincent de Paul; \$1,100,000 OneWest; \$1,900,000 Metro recreational facilities; \$1,000,000 childcare center improvements. No small-grant floor; nonprofit capital awards have run \$200,000 to \$1,000,000, and Metro-directed capital projects \$1,000,000 to \$2,100,000.	Spring 2027 (PY2027 Action Plan drafting). Approach the Office of Housing and Community Development and Council Member Kramer's office by January 2027. For the services-only subrecipient round, expected late February 2027.	None required by CDBG; Metro may expect leverage.
APPLIES TO	Rosenwald school only, with the church as applicant. It could be tagged "both" because the church can host secular community programs in the school, but the school is the only fundable building: it qualifies as a nonprofit-owned public facility open to the general public serving a low- and moderate-income clientele or area; the sanctuary and any room used as a principal place of worship cannot be rehabilitated with direct HUD funds (24 CFR 5.109(j)). Read this entry as "the school as a community center."	
WHAT IT FUNDS	Acquisition, construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation or installation of public facilities and improvements, including facilities owned by nonprofits and open to the public; rehabilitation of historic properties is an eligible activity (24 CFR 570.202(d)). Metro's PY2026 plan funds "Provide Improvements to Public Facilities" as Goal 8 and budgets \$3,400,000 for public facilities, assigned to Metro-directed projects (infrastructure supporting affordable housing \$1,500,000; Metro recreational facilities \$1,900,000). In PY2025 Metro directed \$1,000,000 of CDBG to "renovate historic St. Peter's Church in the Russell neighborhood for community use" (MOLO Village), which is the precedent for this church.	
ELIGIBILITY	Louisville Metro is the HUD grantee. Nonprofit subrecipients are chosen by the Office of Housing and Community Development and Metro Council through the Annual Action Plan, not through a standing public-facilities application. The only open competitive CDBG door for nonprofits in 2026 was CDBG Public Services (Office of Social Services), 2026-01-12 to 2026-02-24, services only. A capital request for the school has to be negotiated as a Metro-directed public facility project through the Metro Council member for the district and the Office of Housing and Community Development, then written into an Action Plan. The project must meet a CDBG national objective, most likely low- and moderate-income area benefit or limited-clientele benefit (seniors, youth). Both buildings sit in 2020 census tract 011116; whether that tract is low- and moderate-income under HUD's summary data has not been pulled (Section 4.8, item U14).	
RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION ELIGIBILITY	Conditional. Under 24 CFR 5.109(c)(1) faith-based organizations are eligible "on the same basis as any other organization"; under 5.109(d)(1) direct federal assistance may not support explicitly religious activities, which must be separated in time or location (5.109(e)); under 5.109(j) rehabilitation of "sanctuaries, chapels, or other rooms that a HUD-funded faith-based organization uses as its principal place of worship" may not be paid with direct federal assistance, and for mixed-use structures federal money is limited to the share attributable to eligible activities. A secular community-use plan for the school satisfies this; the sanctuary does not. Metro has already funded a church-affiliated historic preservation project (St. Peter's MOLO Village, Russell).	

Louisville Metro Government, Office of Housing and Community Development (with HUD): Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), capital and public facilities CONTINUED

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STATUS AS OF 2026-09-18	No open application for public facilities. The FY2027 subrecipient round closed 2026-02-24 (services only). Metro's PY2026 Action Plan (July 2026 to June 2027) is adopted; the PY2027 plan is drafted in spring 2027 (the PY2026 draft was dated 2026-04-14) with a 30-day public comment period and public hearings around June to July 2027. Path is council-directed: a Metro Council member or the Office writes the project into the plan. Predictable annual cycle for the services round: FY2028 round expected to open January 2027 with a late-February deadline.
REGISTRATION PREREQUISITES	SAM.gov/UEI (mandatory for any federal subaward); Euna Grants subrecipient portal account with Louisville Metro; Section 106 review through HUD Part 58 environmental review (Metro runs it; the National Register listing makes SHPO consultation certain); Davis-Bacon prevailing wages on construction above \$2,000; single audit if federal spending exceeds \$1,000,000 in a year.
CONTACT	Laura Grabowski, Director, Office of Housing and Community Development, Cabinet for Economic Development, 444 S. 5th St., Louisville, KY 40202; main line 502-574-5850 (as published in Metro's HUD competitive grant notice). The Action Plan lists wendy.fierberg@louisvilleky.gov as the consolidated-plan contact. Political door: Council Member Kevin Kramer, District 11, 502-574-1111; Legislative Assistant Scott Harrington, 502-574-3456, scott.harrington@louisvilleky.gov. The current CDBG program manager should be confirmed.
PRIOR AWARDS TO SIMILAR PROJECTS	PY2025 to 2026: \$1,000,000 CDBG for historic preservation at St. Peter's MOLO Village (church-affiliated community development in Russell); \$1,000,000 for St. Vincent de Paul Ozanam Inn shelter renovation; both described in the PY2026 Action Plan as CDBG-funded public facility projects under construction.
FIT SCORE (1 TO 5)	3. The money is large, the rule permits it, and Metro has a precedent of CDBG historic preservation on a church-affiliated site; but there is no application to fill out, the award depends on Metro choosing the project, it requires a council sponsor, and the school must serve a documented low- and moderate-income population.
NOTES	This is the only Metro door that can pay for bricks on this building. It is a political and planning ask, not a form. The winning frame is "Alexander-Ingram Rosenwald School as a Jeffersontown community center" with a use plan (youth, seniors, heritage tourism) and a Section 106-ready scope. If the tract is not low- and moderate-income, the limited-clientele route (seniors, youth programs) still works. Council Member Kramer's current term runs to 2027-01-04; he filed for re-election on 2025-12-02 and the general election is 2026-11-03, so any FY2028 ask goes to whoever holds the seat in January 2027.

APPLICATION URL <https://louisvilleky.gov/government/housing/federal-plans-and-public-notice> (plans and notices); <https://louisvilleky.gov/government/office-social-services/hopwa-esg-and-cdbg-information> (subrecipient round); PY2026 Action Plan draft <https://louisvilleky.gov/sites/default/files/2026-04/Public%20Comment%20DRAFT%20-%202026%20Action%20Plan.pdf>
SOURCE CHECKED <https://louisvilleky.gov/government/office-social-services/hopwa-esg-and-cdbg-information> (2026-09-18); Louisville Metro PY2026 Annual Action Plan draft PDF, 2026-04-14, pages 5 to 10 and 44 to 58 (2026-09-18); <https://www.law.cornell.edu/cfr/text/24/5.109> (2026-09-18); Metro HUD competitive grants notice (louisvilleky.gov news, search-surfaced text), 2026-09-18; Kentucky Department for Local Government CDBG page confirming Louisville Metro is an entitlement jurisdiction excluded from the state program, 2026-09-18. louisvilleky.gov HTML pages returned 403 to automated fetch; Metro PDFs and bulletins were used.

Louisville Metro Office of Planning: Historic Preservation and Urban Design (CLG office; landmark designation; technical assistance)

LOUISVILLE METRO / JEFFERSON COUNTY / JEFFERSONTOWN

AWARD RANGE	NEXT DEADLINE	MATCH / COST SHARE
None directly.	None. Approach in October 2026 to be in the CLG grant queue for March 2027.	Not applicable.
APPLIES TO	Rosenwald school only; the office deals in historic resources.	
WHAT IT FUNDS	No grant program of its own. Value to the church: (a) it is the CLG applicant for Kentucky Heritage Council CLG grants (above); (b) it can initiate or support local Individual Landmark designation, which requires a property-owner request, a petition, or a Metro Council resolution, and which strengthens every heritage application; (c) design review and technical guidance on Standards-compliant rehabilitation; (d) it has run council-district survey grants (District 21) and America250-era programs, so it knows how to move Historic Preservation Fund money.	
ELIGIBILITY	Any owner of a historic property in Louisville Metro may request assistance or designation.	
RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION ELIGIBILITY	Yes.	
STATUS AS OF 2026-09-18	Rolling.	
REGISTRATION PREREQUISITES	None.	
CONTACT	Savannah Darr, Historic Preservation Officer, 502-574-5705, savannah.darr@louisvilleky.gov; Brian Davis, Planning Director, 502-574-5160, brian.davis@louisvilleky.gov; Metro Planning and Design Services, 444 S. 5th St., Suite 300, Louisville, KY 40202; office main line 502-574-6230.	
PRIOR AWARDS TO SIMILAR PROJECTS	Council District 21 survey grant (CLG-funded survey); 2020 CLG award to Metro Louisville.	
FIT SCORE (1 TO 5)	3. Not money, but the named public partner for the two CLG-gated paths, and the one office whose letter of support carries weight with the Kentucky Heritage Council and the National Park Service.	
NOTES	Local landmark designation adds a design-review obligation on exterior changes; the board should weigh that with eyes open, but for a building already on the National Register the added burden is small and the signal to funders is strong.	

APPLICATION URL <https://louisvilleky.gov/government/office-planning/historic-preservation-urban-design>

SOURCE CHECKED Kentucky Heritage Council CLG contact list (January 2026 PDF); louisvilleky.gov Office of Planning pages (search-surfaced text; pages return 403), 2026-09-18.

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6.4 National preservation funds

National Trust for Historic Preservation: African American Cultural Heritage Action Fund, National Grant Program

NATIONAL PRESERVATION FUND

AWARD RANGE	NEXT DEADLINE	MATCH / COST SHARE
\$50,000 to \$150,000. Maximums by type: Capital \$150,000; Organizational Capacity \$150,000; Planning \$75,000; Programming and Interpretation \$50,000. (A \$500,000 ceiling sometimes quoted for this fund belongs to the Preserving Black Churches program, not this one.)	Unknown; expected early February 2027 (pattern: mid-January open, early-February close).	None stated for this program. Rule: National Trust grant funds cannot be used as match for another National Trust program.

APPLIES TO	Rosenwald school only; the fund exists for historic places of Black cultural heritage at least 50 years old, and would not fund the sanctuary or church operations.
WHAT IT FUNDS	Four project types: Capital Projects, Organizational Capacity Building, Project Planning, Programming and Interpretation. Excludes property acquisition, new construction, academic research, and "Expenses incurred prior to the grant award date."
ELIGIBILITY	"Non-profit organizations, public agencies and colleges and universities" with tax-exempt status and an EIN, that own the historic property or have documented owner permission. Resource must be "at least 50 years old and have significance to Black cultural heritage." A 501(c)(3) church owning a 1929 to 1930 Rosenwald school qualifies on the face of the rule; National Register listing is not required but strengthens the case.
RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION ELIGIBILITY	Yes. No exclusion in the guidelines; the same fund runs Preserving Black Churches.
STATUS AS OF 2026-09-18	Closed, next cycle expected January 2027. 2026 cycle: opened 2026-01-13, questions closed 2026-01-23, deadline 2026-02-06 5 pm EST, awards announced July 2026. 2025 awards were announced 2025-07-22 on the same rhythm.
REGISTRATION PREREQUISITES	Foundant portal account; IRS determination letter; proof of ownership or owner permission. No SAM.gov/UEI.
CONTACT	actionfundgrants@savingplaces.org
PRIOR AWARDS TO SIMILAR PROJECTS	Drew Rosenwald School (built 1929), 2026 National Grant Program, "critical repairs to the library's exterior and building systems." Woodville School (Rosenwald, 1923), Gloucester VA, 2025, interpretive exhibits. Bibb House and Bibbtown Church-Cemetery, Russellville KY (Historic Russellville, Inc.), 2025. Okahumpka Rosenwald School, FL, 2022, foundation, roof and windows. Individual amounts are not published; 2025 and 2026 rounds each totaled about \$3 million across roughly two dozen sites.
FIT SCORE (1 TO 5)	5. The program's purpose describes this building, a same-vintage Rosenwald school won a capital award this year, and no match is required.
NOTES	The 2027 cycle is not posted. Expect it around 2027-01-12; the church needs a conditions assessment and a cost estimate in hand by then, which is the Planning-type grant's purpose if the church prefers to sequence planning first. Photos, the National Register nomination and the Fisk card should be assembled now.

APPLICATION URL <https://savingplaces.org/action-fund-guidelines> (guidelines PDF at <https://savingplaces.org/files/action-fund-ngp-guidelines>)

SOURCE CHECKED <https://savingplaces.org/action-fund-guidelines>, <https://savingplaces.org/stories/actionfund2025>, <https://savingplaces.org/stories/actionfund2026>, <https://savingplaces.org/grants>; 2026-09-18.

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6.5 Foundations

National Society Daughters of the American Revolution: DAR Historic Preservation Grants

FOUNDATION (NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP SOCIETY)

AWARD RANGE	NEXT DEADLINE	MATCH / COST SHARE
\$500 minimum to \$10,000 maximum; about \$250,000 awarded nationally per year.	2026-10-31 (portal https://dar.academicworks.com/opportunities/854).	1:1 secured cash funding required.
APPLIES TO	Rosenwald school only; the program funds "restoration of historic buildings" and similar heritage projects, and DAR's public-benefit framing fits the school, not a sanctuary.	
WHAT IT FUNDS	Restoration of historic buildings, document preservation, artifacts, markers, cemetery conservation. Project may not begin before May 1 of the award year and must finish within one year.	
ELIGIBILITY	501(c)(3) public charities (and private operating foundations); proof of ownership or stewardship of the property; a sponsoring DAR chapter or state society letter is required. Religious organizations are not addressed in the instruction sheet; Not stated. Ask hpgrants@nsdar.org before filing.	
RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION ELIGIBILITY	Conditional (not stated in the instruction sheet; confirm by email).	
STATUS AS OF 2026-09-18	Open. Portal open August 1 to October 31 each year; awards announced by May 1.	
REGISTRATION PREREQUISITES	DAR chapter sponsor letter (Attachment C), GuideStar profile, EIN, contractor estimates.	
CONTACT	hpgrants@nsdar.org	
PRIOR AWARDS TO SIMILAR PROJECTS	Not published in the instruction sheet. Unknown.	
FIT SCORE (1 TO 5)	3. Open right now and building restoration is a named use, but it needs a DAR chapter sponsor and 1:1 cash within six weeks.	
NOTES	Louisville has multiple DAR chapters; the Kentucky Trust for Historic Preservation lists this program on its resources page. Quick outreach to a chapter this month could make 2026-10-31.	

APPLICATION URL <https://www.dar.org/outreach/historic-preservation/dar-historic-preservation-grants>

SOURCE CHECKED DAR instruction sheet HP-1010 (revised August 2026) at <https://www.dar.org/system/files/members/darnet/forms/HP-1010.pdf>; the public grants page returned 403 on fetch; 2026-09-18.

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James Graham Brown Foundation: Louisville Responsive Community Grants

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AWARD RANGE	NEXT DEADLINE	MATCH / COST SHARE
"Grants range between \$150,000 and \$500,000" for Louisville-metro nonprofits; 2024 filing: \$14.9 million across 50 awards, range \$450 to \$1,500,000.	Letter of interest accepted rolling until 2026-10-15 for a full application due 2026-12-01 (decision February 2027); or letter of interest until 2027-01-15, application 2027-03-01 (decision May 2027).	Not stated as match, but the grants page says "the proportion of a project budget requested from JGBF should not typically exceed 30% of the total project budget," so a \$150,000 request implies a project of about \$500,000 with the balance identified.
APPLIES TO	Rosenwald school only, framed as a civic and cultural asset with a secular community use; the foundation excludes "requests from religious organizations for religious purposes."	
WHAT IT FUNDS	Focus areas Education; Community and Economic Development; Civic and Cultural Assets; Health and Well-being. Capital is not addressed either way on the grants page; its published grantees include museums and parks organizations, and its IRS filing shows awards up to \$1.5 million, consistent with project and capital-scale giving.	
ELIGIBILITY	Louisville-metro and Kentucky nonprofits; new applicants complete the Eligibility Questionnaire to submit a Letter of Interest. Religious organizations are eligible only for non-religious purposes.	
RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION ELIGIBILITY	Conditional; a church applying for a secular community facility in a historic school is inside the rule, a sanctuary is not.	
STATUS AS OF 2026-09-18	Rolling letter of interest.	
REGISTRATION PREREQUISITES	Eligibility Questionnaire on the foundation site.	
CONTACT	program@jgbf.org; 502-896-2440.	
PRIOR AWARDS TO SIMILAR PROJECTS	Named grantees in the arts, culture and preservation space include the Kentucky Derby Museum, Speed Art Museum, Kentucky Natural Lands Trust and Parks Alliance of Louisville (Inside Philanthropy summary of filing data). No church or Rosenwald grant found. The per-grantee 990-PF schedule is behind paywalls on ProPublica's summary, InstrumentI and Cause IQ; the full 990-PF PDF (EIN 61-0724060) should be pulled to cite one capital grant.	
FIT SCORE (1 TO 5)	3. Large enough to matter and the school-as-community-asset story fits "Civic and Cultural Assets," but the church must present the project as secular and the foundation's minimum ask is \$150,000, so this is a second-phase ask once a scope exists.	
NOTES	A separately incorporated "Friends of the Alexander-Ingram School" or a fiscal sponsor would remove the religious-purpose question entirely.	
APPLICATION URL https://www.jgbf.org/grants.html		
SOURCE CHECKED https://www.jgbf.org/grants.html , https://www.jgbf.org/ , https://projects.propublica.org/nonprofits/organizations/610724060 , https://www.instrumentl.com/990-report/james-graham-brown-foundation-inc , https://www.insidephilanthropy.com/find-a-grant-places/kentucky-grants/james-graham-brown-foundation ; 2026-09-18.		

Andrew W. Mellon Foundation: Humanities in Place

FOUNDATION

AWARD RANGE	NEXT DEADLINE	MATCH / COST SHARE
Not stated; Mellon grants are typically six and seven figures.	Rolling.	Not stated.
APPLIES TO	Rosenwald school only; the program funds cultural heritage sites and overlooked histories, not congregations.	
WHAT IT FUNDS	Community programming exploring cultural heritage, initiatives on overlooked communities, and "cultural heritage sites, including museums and public spaces." Capital is not addressed.	
ELIGIBILITY	Inquiry via https://mellon.fluxx.io/apply/hip on a rolling basis; "Most Mellon grants are made through these invitations." No unsolicited full proposals.	
RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION ELIGIBILITY	Not stated.	
STATUS AS OF 2026-09-18	Rolling inquiry.	
REGISTRATION PREREQUISITES	Fluxx inquiry account.	
CONTACT	https://mellon.org/contact	
PRIOR AWARDS TO SIMILAR PROJECTS	Mellon funds the National Trust's Action Fund at the program level; no single-site Rosenwald grant found.	
FIT SCORE (1 TO 5)	2. A one-page inquiry costs nothing, but a single church-owned school is below Mellon's usual scale unless packaged as a Kentucky Rosenwald network project with a university or the Kentucky Heritage Council.	
NOTES	If Kentucky's other surviving Rosenwald schools (Sadieville, Logan County sites) and a university partner joined, this becomes a real door.	

APPLICATION URL <https://www.mellon.org/grant-programs/humanities-in-place>

SOURCE CHECKED <https://www.mellon.org/grant-programs/humanities-in-place>; 2026-09-18.

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6.6 Corporate

Lowe's: Community Impact Grants (public name: Lowe's Hometowns)

CORPORATE IN-KIND OR VOLUNTEER (GRANT MAY BE CASH OR LOWE'S GIFT CARDS; LOWE'S ASSOCIATES VOLUNTEER ON THE PROJECT)

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AWARD RANGE	NEXT DEADLINE	MATCH / COST SHARE
Not published as a range; "amount of each Grant awarded will be determined by Lowe's" from the project budget. Program is \$100 million over five years, up to 100 projects a year, so a typical award is on the order of \$100,000 to \$200,000; aggregators quote \$10,000 to \$100,000. Treat as "sized to a defined scope."	Expected nomination window mid-February to mid-March 2027 (evidence: 2025 opened January 27; 2026 opened February 18).	None required. The church supplies the nonprofit sponsor and site; Lowe's associates and community volunteers supply labor.
APPLIES TO	Rosenwald school only. Lowe's FAQ admits religious organizations only where the renovated space "provide[s] services to all members of the community, without discrimination based on religion," which the school as a community center satisfies and the sanctuary does not.	
WHAT IT FUNDS	Physical improvement or renovation of a community space. Terms and Conditions section 4 name "Community Revitalization (e.g. school, community park, community garden, renovations to downtown plaza, historic theaters, etc.)" and "Community Centers/Services." Funds cover "labor costs, permits, professional services and materials." Must be completable with the grant plus volunteer labor within the calendar year (2026 cycle: complete by December 15, 2026) and must offer volunteer opportunities for Lowe's associates. No sports teams, events, or single-beneficiary projects.	
ELIGIBILITY	Nominated by any U.S. resident 21 or older through lowes.com/bucketlist; the project must be "capable of being sponsored by nonprofit entity recognized under Section 501(c)(3)" or a government entity, benefit the community as a whole, and sit within 30 miles of a Lowe's store. A 501(c)(3) church owning a National Register building qualifies as sponsor subject to the non-discrimination condition above.	
RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION ELIGIBILITY	Conditional. FAQ: churches are eligible if renovated spaces provide services to all community members without discrimination on religion or other protected characteristics.	
STATUS AS OF 2026-09-18	Closed. 2026 nominations ran February 18 to March 20, 2026; 2025 nominations opened January 27, 2025. Predictable annual cycle.	
REGISTRATION PREREQUISITES	None. Nominator needs the nonprofit's contact details, project status, cost estimate, and how funds will be used.	
CONTACT	No named contact. Nearest store: Lowe's of E. Louisville, store 0474, 501 S. Hurstbourne Pkwy, Louisville KY 40222, 502-394-9400 (about 4 miles from Watterson Trail). Terms section 7(iii): unselected nominations "may be provided to stores to inform their community engagement efforts," so a strong nomination has a second life as a store-level project.	
PRIOR AWARDS TO SIMILAR PROJECTS	Lowe's funded Rosenwald school rehabilitation grants through the National Trust for Historic Preservation in 2010 (Lowe's press release, 2010-06-23). Program categories name historic theaters and community centers; 2025 recipients included fire departments, youth programs, and cultural spaces.	
FIT SCORE (1 TO 5)	5. The program's own eligible-project list describes this building; the church is a valid sponsor for a community-use school; award size is meaningful; volunteer labor is built in; there is a Lowe's precedent with Rosenwald schools.	
NOTES	Nominate one bounded scope, not "renovate the school." Lowe's wants a project its associates can finish in one build season from award (August) to mid-December. A written community-use plan (who uses the school, hours, programs) should be attached to answer the religion condition before it is asked. In-kind value can be documented as match for federal and foundation programs.	

APPLICATION URL <https://lowes.com/bucketlist> (nomination portal, live only during the window); program page <https://corporate.lowes.com/our-responsibilities/lowes-hometowns>

SOURCE CHECKED <https://corporate.lowes.com/our-responsibilities/community-impact/faqs> (fetched 2026-09-18); https://corporate.lowes.com/sites/lowes-corp/files/lowes-hometowns/2026/2026-Community-Impact-Grants-Program-Terms-and-Conditions_Final.pdf (downloaded and read 2026-09-18); <https://corporate.lowes.com/our-responsibilities/lowes-hometowns> (2026-09-18); <https://corporate.lowes.com/newsroom/press-releases/lowes-invites-communities-nominate-projects-lowes-hometowns-01-27-25> (search index, 2026-09-18).

The Home Depot Foundation: Community Impact Grants (with Team Depot volunteer projects)

CORPORATE IN-KIND OR VOLUNTEER

AWARD RANGE	NEXT DEADLINE	MATCH / COST SHARE
Up to \$5,000 in gift cards per grant.	Rolling.	None. Volunteer labor expected.
APPLIES TO	Rosenwald school only. The Foundation "will not fund religious facilities if the materials are used solely for worship"; a community-facing space is eligible.	
WHAT IT FUNDS	Tools, materials, and services for volunteer-led improvement of community spaces, delivered as Home Depot gift cards. Priority to projects that engage volunteers and serve veterans and underserved populations. Team Depot (associate volunteers) can be paired through the local store.	
ELIGIBILITY	IRS-registered 501(c)(3) organizations and tax-exempt public service agencies in the U.S., in existence at least one year. The church qualifies if the funded space serves the public.	
RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION ELIGIBILITY	Conditional. Not funded where materials are used solely for worship; eligible where the 501(c)(3) runs a community-facing program open to the public.	
STATUS AS OF 2026-09-18	Rolling per aggregator listings. The Foundation's program page (corporate.homedepot.com/page/community-impact-grants) returned HTTP 403 on every fetch attempt, so the status and the religious-use rule above come from the Foundation's text as reproduced by Granted AI, Grants Office, and The Grant Plant, all citing the Foundation. Open the primary page in a browser to confirm.	
REGISTRATION PREREQUISITES	None beyond IRS letter and W-9.	
CONTACT	THDF_CIG@homedepot.com. Nearest store: The Home Depot, 2600 S. Hurstbourne Pkwy, Louisville KY 40220, Pro Desk 502-493-7401 (about 3 miles from Watterson Trail). Team Depot requests go through the store manager or the Foundation's Team Depot inquiry form.	
PRIOR AWARDS TO SIMILAR PROJECTS	Not found for Kentucky churches; the program routinely funds veteran and community-center repairs. If any congregant or trustee is a veteran, say so; veteran service is a stated priority.	
FIT SCORE (1 TO 5)	4. Plainly eligible for the school as community space and fast to obtain, but the award is small; its value is materials plus organized labor, and as documented match.	
NOTES	Veteran Housing Grants (\$100,000 to \$500,000) fund permanent supportive housing for veterans only; not applicable unless the church proposes veteran housing. Path to Pro grants fund trades training programs; a possible secondary door if the school hosts a trades class. Ask the store first: Team Depot projects are chosen locally and the \$5,000 gift card follows a project the store already likes.	

APPLICATION URL <https://corporate.homedepot.com/page/community-impact-grants> (blocked to automated fetch; open in a browser)

SOURCE CHECKED <https://corporate.homedepot.com/page/home-depot-foundation> (fetched 2026-09-18, lists Veteran Housing Grants \$100,000 to \$500,000 and links to Grants); <https://corporate.homedepot.com/page/grants> (fetched 2026-09-18, program directory); <https://grantedai.com/grants/the-home-depot-foundation-community-impact-grants-program-the-home-depot-foundation-f4e5bda9> and <https://www.thegrantplantnm.com/grant-detail/home-depot-foundation-community-impact-grants-4/> (secondary, 2026-09-18). Primary program page blocked (403).

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U.S. Bank Foundation: Community Possible grant program

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AWARD RANGE	NEXT DEADLINE	MATCH / COST SHARE
Not published; typical local grants are \$5,000 to \$25,000.	Rolling (letter of interest).	None for program grants; capital capped at 1% of goal.

APPLIES TO	Rosenwald school only. Guidelines exclude "Religious organizations, unless they are engaged in programs that are non-sectarian, and benefit a broad base of the community"; the school as a public cultural and community space meets that test, the sanctuary does not.
WHAT IT FUNDS	Operating, program, and capital grants in three pillars: Work, Home, and Play. Play includes "Artistic & Cultural Enrichment" and "programs that provide access to cultural activities ... museums ... for individuals and families living in low- and moderate-income communities." Capital grants are "a one-time award to support major physical or infrastructure projects, such as building construction, facility renovation," but only for organizations with a U.S. Bank funding history and a U.S. Bank employee on the board, and never more than 1% of a capital campaign goal.
ELIGIBILITY	501(c)(3) organizations "based in and serve designated U.S. Bank communities"; Kentucky is listed in Appendix A of the guidelines. Must certify a non-discrimination policy covering religion and other protected classes.
RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION ELIGIBILITY	Conditional (non-sectarian program, broad community benefit).
STATUS AS OF 2026-09-18	Rolling. "Applications by invitation only," but an electronic Letter of Interest may be submitted at any time.
REGISTRATION PREREQUISITES	ACH enrollment if invited to apply.
CONTACT	usbankfoundation@usbank.com
PRIOR AWARDS TO SIMILAR PROJECTS	None found for Rosenwald schools; the Play pillar funds local arts and cultural organizations in low- and moderate-income communities.
FIT SCORE (1 TO 5)	3. Kentucky is in footprint and cultural access is a named pillar, but a first-time applicant cannot get capital; the realistic first ask is a program grant (interpretive or youth programming in the school) that starts the funding history.
NOTES	The church should adopt a written non-discrimination policy before submitting; the guidelines require certification of one. A U.S. Bank employee on a "Friends of the Alexander-Ingram School" board would unlock capital eligibility later.

APPLICATION URL <https://www.usbank.com/about-us-bank/community/community-possible-grant-program.html> (Submit Letter of Interest link)

SOURCE CHECKED <https://www.usbank.com/content/dam/usbank/en/documents/pdfs/about-us-bank/community-possible-grant-guidelines-2026.pdf> (downloaded and read 2026-09-18; dated 01/2026).

PNC Foundation: Economic Development grants (Louisville market)

CORPORATE CASH

AWARD RANGE	NEXT DEADLINE	MATCH / COST SHARE
Not published; Louisville-market awards are typically \$2,500 to \$25,000.	Rolling.	None stated.

APPLIES TO	Rosenwald school only. PNC excludes "Religious organizations, except for non-sectarian activities"; its economic development category names "Arts & cultural enrichment" and "Neighborhood revitalization," which fit the school.
WHAT IT FUNDS	Education (birth to five, majority low- and moderate-income) and economic development: affordable housing counseling, small business assistance, community services and job training, arts and cultural enrichment, neighborhood revitalization. Not funded: advocacy groups, individuals, hospital and university annual funds, conferences and tickets.
ELIGIBILITY	501(c)(3) organizations operating in a community where PNC has a significant presence. Kentucky eligible counties named: Bullitt, Daviess, Hardin, Jefferson, Nelson, Oldham, Warren, plus Clark, Floyd, Jackson, and Washington in Indiana. Applicants confirm eligibility via an online quiz, then contact the regional representative.
RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION ELIGIBILITY	Conditional (non-sectarian activities only).
STATUS AS OF 2026-09-18	Rolling, relationship-driven.
REGISTRATION PREREQUISITES	None.
CONTACT	Mike Moll, PNC, 101 South Fifth Street, Louisville KY 40202, (502) 581-2298, michael.moll@pnc.com
PRIOR AWARDS TO SIMILAR PROJECTS	Not found at the Foundation's site. PNC's Louisville giving is dominated by Grow Up Great early-childhood grants.
FIT SCORE (1 TO 5)	3. Eligible with the community-facility framing and a named local decision-maker, but the Foundation's center of gravity is early childhood; the ask should be a cultural-enrichment or neighborhood-revitalization program housed in the school, with capital as a component.
NOTES	A meeting with Mr. Moll before any written request is the practical path. PNC's charitable trusts (administered separately) include religious purposes; whether any PNC-administered Kentucky trust funds church capital was not checked.

APPLICATION URL <https://www.pnc.com/en/about-pnc/corporate-responsibility/philanthropy/pnc-foundation.html> (eligibility quiz, then regional contact); sponsorships at <https://www.pnc.com/en/about-pnc/corporate-responsibility/philanthropy/charitable-sponsorships.html>
SOURCE CHECKED <https://www.pnc.com/en/about-pnc/corporate-responsibility/philanthropy/pnc-foundation.html> (fetched 2026-09-18).

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● ROLLING

Toyota Motor Manufacturing Kentucky: community giving (Georgetown, KY)

CORPORATE CASH

AWARD RANGE	NEXT DEADLINE	MATCH / COST SHARE
Not published; the Sadieville gift size is unverified.	Unknown.	Unknown.
APPLIES TO	Rosenwald school only. The precedent is a Rosenwald school; Toyota's Kentucky giving targets community and education projects, not congregations.	
WHAT IT FUNDS	Community, education, and environmental projects in Kentucky; Toyota Kentucky funded the restoration of the Sadieville (Scott County) Rosenwald School alongside the National Trust (press coverage, 2023).	
ELIGIBILITY	501(c)(3) organizations; Toyota's stated priority is the communities around its Georgetown plant (Scott County and central Kentucky), which is a weakness for Jefferson County.	
RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION ELIGIBILITY	Unknown. Not addressed in what could be read.	
STATUS AS OF 2026-09-18	Unknown. toyota.com/usa/community and its grants page returned HTTP 403; Toyota Kentucky's own giving page could not be reached during the research. Searched: Toyota USA community pages, Sadieville coverage (LEX18, National Law Review, The Forward).	
REGISTRATION PREREQUISITES	Unknown.	
CONTACT	Toyota Motor Manufacturing Kentucky, Community Relations, 1001 Cherry Blossom Way, Georgetown KY 40324 (published plant address; giving contact not verified).	
PRIOR AWARDS TO SIMILAR PROJECTS	Sadieville Rosenwald School restoration, grants from Toyota Motor Manufacturing Kentucky and the National Trust for Historic Preservation (Spectrum News, 2023-01-04; The Forward, 2025).	
FIT SCORE (1 TO 5)	3. The only corporate funder in this lane with a verified Kentucky Rosenwald school award, offset by an 80-mile distance from its plant community. Worth a letter citing the precedent.	
NOTES	Before writing to Toyota, open its giving page in a browser and look for the Sadieville award amount; the National Trust can also be asked which corporate partners co-funded Sadieville.	

APPLICATION URL <https://www.toyota.com/usa/community/> (blocked to automated fetch); Toyota Kentucky community relations at tmmk.com

SOURCE CHECKED <https://spectrumnews1.com/ky/louisville/news/2023/01/04/kentucky-rosenwald-school-being-restored-> and <https://forward.com/news/843761/julius-rosenwald-school-sadieville-kentucky-national-park/> (search index, 2026-09-18). Primary Toyota pages blocked.

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The status and terms in this entry were read from the funder's own text as indexed by search or from a secondary listing that quotes the funder. Open the funder's page in a browser before the church relies on it.

State Farm: Good Neighbor Citizenship Company Grants

CORPORATE CASH

AWARD RANGE	NEXT DEADLINE	MATCH / COST SHARE
Not published; typical company grants \$5,000 to \$25,000.	Rolling questionnaire.	None.
APPLIES TO	Rosenwald school only. State Farm does not fund "religious programs"; aggregators reproduce a fuller rule that houses of worship "may be considered ... if the organizations serve solely a secular purpose."	
WHAT IT FUNDS	Safety (auto, home, disaster preparedness and recovery), community development (affordable housing, neighborhood revitalization, financial literacy, job training, small business), and education. Capital not addressed.	
ELIGIBILITY	501(c)(3) nonprofits, educational institutions, government programs, volunteer fire companies, chambers of commerce.	
RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION ELIGIBILITY	Conditional (secular purpose only; "religious programs" excluded).	
STATUS AS OF 2026-09-18	"Invitation only process each year"; an open questionnaire exists for uninvited organizations, with a warning that most requests go unanswered.	
REGISTRATION PREREQUISITES	None.	
CONTACT	Through the questionnaire; local State Farm agents can also nominate causes through the agent-directed Good Neighbor Grant (agent volunteer program; guidelines at cybergrants.com/statefarm).	
PRIOR AWARDS TO SIMILAR PROJECTS	Not found.	
FIT SCORE (1 TO 5)	2. "Neighborhood revitalization" gives a foothold, but the process is invitation-driven and religious programs are excluded; the agent path is the realistic one.	
NOTES	Ask whether any congregant is a State Farm agent or employee; agent-nominated grants are small but real.	

APPLICATION URL <https://www.statefarm.com/about-us/corporate-responsibility/community-grants>

SOURCE CHECKED <https://www.statefarm.com/about-us/corporate-responsibility/community-grants> (fetched 2026-09-18); https://www.cybergrants.com/statefarm/Good_Neighbor_Grant_Individual_Program_Guidelines.pdf (search index, 2026-09-18).

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● INVITATION ONLY

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Part B: Funds for the church itself

Three sources for the church itself; the largest closed one week before this report, and the next round turns on the sanctuary's age.

Three sources. These funders support congregations, historic houses of worship, or the security of faith-based facilities. The research found no Kentucky state, Louisville Metro, or foundation program that funds a church building as such; the Kentucky and Louisville foundations that were checked mostly exclude churches in writing (Section 11).

Also see in Part C. Several sources there can fund a secular program run by the church at either building, or a church facility improvement that is open to the public: the Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels Good Works Program (church facility improvements if services are open to all), Republic Bank, the LG&E and KU Foundation, the Humana Foundation (health programs for seniors, church eligible), Louisville Metro Council's Neighborhood Development Fund and External Agency Fund (programs only), the Bruckheimer Fund and Preservation Kentucky (if the sanctuary is a designated historic resource), and the Vital Sites loan fund. Lilly Endowment, which funds the two largest programs below, does not take direct requests for a single congregation's building; it is listed in Section 11.

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7.1 Federal

FEMA, through the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security: Nonprofit Security Grant Program, State track (NSGP-S)

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AWARD RANGE	NEXT DEADLINE	MATCH / COST SHARE
Up to \$200,000 per site, up to three sites, not to exceed \$600,000 per organization per state, per the FY2026 federal notice. Kentucky's FY2026 NSGP-S allocation was \$3,150,000 including management and administration. FEMA's FY2026 Key Changes document confirms: \$200,000 per site, up to three sites, \$600,000 per organization per state (https://www.fema.gov/sites/default/files/documents/fema_gdp_FY26_NSGP_Key_Changes.pdf).	Unknown; expect the Kentucky subapplication window in spring 2027 (state deadline typically May to June), ahead of a federal deadline in summer 2027.	None.
APPLIES TO	Church only. Funds security hardening of a nonprofit facility at risk of terrorism or targeted violence; houses of worship are the named example. The school could be a second site if it becomes an active community facility, but the sanctuary is the natural claim.	
WHAT IT FUNDS	Planning, equipment, training and exercises for physical security: cameras, access control, lighting, fencing, doors, barriers, blast-resistant film, alarm systems, security assessments. Not general renovation. It is a reimbursement grant: the church pays first and is reimbursed by the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security.	
ELIGIBILITY	501(c)(3) nonprofits (or organizations that would qualify) that demonstrate high risk of a terrorist or other extremist attack, applying as subapplicants through the State Administrative Agency. Louisville is not on the FY2026 NSGP-UA high-risk urban area list (the nearest listed areas are Indianapolis, Cincinnati and Nashville), so the church applies under NSGP-S through the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security. The scoring formula weights ideology-based, spiritual and religious entities including houses of worship by a factor of three. The church qualifies.	
RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION ELIGIBILITY	Yes. The FY2026 notice lists "houses of worship" first among eligible subapplicant examples and the Kentucky program page names "faith-based and other nonprofit organizations."	
STATUS AS OF 2026-09-18	Closed. Kentucky's 2026 application is closed and the state page says the grant "will return in 2027." The federal notice (DHS-26-GPD-008-00-99) closed 2026-07-24. Predictable annual cycle: FEMA notice in spring, state subapplication deadline earlier than the federal date.	
REGISTRATION PREREQUISITES	SAM.gov registration and UEI (the notice says registration can take several weeks and is required before FEMA GO submission); Kentucky vendor registration; a completed Investment Justification; a vulnerability or risk assessment (the CISA faith-based self-assessment is accepted).	
CONTACT	Kentucky Office of Homeland Security grants page (no named contact published on the page); https://homelandsecurity.ky.gov/Pages/contact.aspx ; FEMA program mailbox fema-nsgp@fema.dhs.gov ; FEMA GO help desk 1-877-585-3242, femago@fema.dhs.gov .	
PRIOR AWARDS TO SIMILAR PROJECTS	Not stated on the Kentucky page; the program nationally funds houses of worship as its primary beneficiary class. Louisville houses of worship have received awards in prior cycles (not individually verified).	
FIT SCORE (1 TO 5)	3. Plainly eligible and no match, but it pays only for security hardening, so it belongs in the church bucket as a supplemental award, and the church must be able to articulate a specific threat; the cycle is seven-plus months out.	
NOTES	Environmental and historic preservation review applies to any exterior work on a National Register-listed building, so cameras and lighting on the school would go through FEMA's screening. Keep the first application to the sanctuary to keep it simple.	

APPLICATION URL <https://homelandsecurity.ky.gov/Pages/Grants.aspx> (2026 walkthrough, Investment Justification form, checklist and notice are posted there); federal program page <https://www.fema.gov/grants/preparedness/nonprofit-security>

SOURCE CHECKED <https://homelandsecurity.ky.gov/Pages/Grants.aspx> (2026-09-18); FY2026 NSGP Notice of Funding Opportunity PDF (FEMA, as mirrored by Cal OES, sections on eligible subapplicants, award caps, cost share, application deadline, Appendix B urban areas and NSGP-S allocations) (2026-09-18); <https://simpler.grants.gov/opportunity/f093f16b-616d-4509-8da8-84887d36771a> (2026-09-18); <https://www.fema.gov/grants/preparedness/nonprofit-security> (2026-09-18).

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7.2 National preservation funds

National Trust for Historic Preservation: Preserving Black Churches (African American Cultural Heritage Action Fund, funded by Lilly Endowment)

NATIONAL PRESERVATION FUND

AWARD RANGE	NEXT DEADLINE	MATCH / COST SHARE
\$50,000 to \$500,000; "requests below \$50,000 will not be considered." Maximums: Capital \$250,000 to \$500,000 depending on applicant type; Endowment \$500,000; Organizational Capacity \$300,000; Planning \$100,000; Programming \$100,000.	Unknown. Pattern (rounds opened summer 2025 and August 2026, awards each February) suggests an August-to-September 2027 window for a "2028 cycle," if one is funded.	None for Capital, Planning, Capacity, Programming ("grant funds can be used to fund up to 100% of the proposed project"). 1:1 for Endowment.

APPLIES TO	Church only, on the facts established; conditionally both. The program funds historically Black churches and their auxiliary buildings on the same lot. The fact check found the school on a separate parcel about two blocks from the sanctuary (Section 4.5), so the school does not qualify on a plain reading of the rule. The argument for the school is same owner, same county block; the risk is the separate parcel. Decided in Section 2.9: the school is not eligible under this program on the published rule, and the church's application is for the sanctuary only.
WHAT IT FUNDS	Capital Projects, Endowment and Financial Sustainability, Organizational Capacity, Project Planning, Programming and Interpretation. Interior sanctuary features "fixed in place" are eligible. Guidelines: "Parsonages, annexes, and educational buildings located on the same parcel of land as the church building may be included in the project if the buildings are at least 50 years old." FAQ: "Auxiliary buildings must be located on the same lot and within the property line of the church AND must also be at least 50 years old."
ELIGIBILITY	"Historically Black churches with active and non-active congregations; 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations stewarding a historically Black church building with or without an active congregation; and public agencies." Site must be more than 50 years old and significant to African American cultural heritage. First Baptist Church of Jeffersontown qualifies if the congregation is historically Black (it is; Section 4.2) and its building meets the 50-year test (the sanctuary's date is not yet established; Section 4.8, item U12).
RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION ELIGIBILITY	Yes, congregations apply directly.
STATUS AS OF 2026-09-18	Closed. The round the Trust calls the "2027 grant cycle" opened 2026-08-05 and closed 2026-09-11 5 pm ET; status update 2026-10-30; awards February 2027. No later cycle is announced on the guidelines, FAQ or program pages.
REGISTRATION PREREQUISITES	Foundant portal; EIN; no SAM.gov.
CONTACT	actionfundgrants@savingplaces.org
PRIOR AWARDS TO SIMILAR PROJECTS	Fifth Street Baptist Church, Louisville (founded 1829), 2026 round: masonry, electrical, windows and bell-tower flooring (amount not published). February 24, 2026 round: 33 churches, \$8.5 million (average about \$258,000); 2026 total including the Martin Luther King Day awards to five churches: 38 churches, \$13.5 million. St. Paul AME, Lexington; Saint John AME, Frankfort; St. Paul Methodist Episcopal, Augusta KY, earlier rounds. Quinn Chapel AME, Louisville, \$100,000 (WHAS11 report of an earlier round).
FIT SCORE (1 TO 5)	5 for the church bucket; 1 for the school. The scores as first recorded were 5 church / 4 school (conditional). It is the largest church-bucket award in the report and Kentucky churches have won in every round. Ranking adjustment: the school is scored 1 because the Trust's rule is a parcel test (guidelines: "on the same parcel of land as the church building"; FAQ: "on the same lot and within the property line of the church") and the county record puts the school on a separate, non-adjacent parcel; the church's 5 assumes the sanctuary is more than 50 years old (Section 4.8, item U12) and falls to 1 if it is not.

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National Trust for Historic Preservation: Preserving Black Churches (African American Cultural Heritage Action Fund, funded by Lilly Endowment) CONTINUED

NOTES

Program size and burn: \$60 million committed by Lilly Endowment; more than 170 historically Black churches funded through February 2026 per the Trust; roughly \$34 million awarded per Lilly's last published figure (which already includes the February 2026 round), leaving on the order of \$26 million, enough for two or more rounds at 2026 scale. A further round is still unannounced. Treat a 2027 round as likely but unconfirmed; the church should email the Action Fund team in spring 2027 and be ready to file in August 2027. The church missed the September 11, 2026 deadline by one week.

APPLICATION URL <https://savingplaces.org/preserving-black-churches-guidelines>

SOURCE CHECKED <https://savingplaces.org/preserving-black-churches-guidelines>, <https://savingplaces.org/black-churches-faq>, <https://savingplaces.org/black-churches>, <https://savingplaces.org/stories/preserving-black-churches-grant-recipients-2026>, <https://lillyendowment.org/our-work/religion/>; 2026-09-18.

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Partners for Sacred Places and the National Trust: National Fund for Sacred Places

NATIONAL PRESERVATION FUND

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AWARD RANGE	NEXT DEADLINE	MATCH / COST SHARE
Matching capital grants \$50,000 to \$500,000; planning up to \$20,000. Cohort of 30 to 40 congregations per year; the 2025 cohort totaled \$8.73 million across 30 congregations.	2027-03-03, 11:59 pm EST, in the Foundant system; notification October 2027.	"All capital grants awarded from the National Fund require a 1:1 cash match." The Fund's apply page says 25 percent of project costs must be raised or pledged before the capital grant submission; its program-details page says the match "must be new money solicited, applied for, pledged, or secured after the congregation's official acceptance." Read both pages together before planning the match.
APPLIES TO	Church only; the property "must have been originally built to be a house of worship, and must be owned by an active community of faith," so the school cannot be the subject.	
WHAT IT FUNDS	Capital rehabilitation of historic houses of worship, plus planning grants "up to \$20,000" for professional services, capital-campaign training, and technical assistance. Projects must improve space used to serve others or accessibility.	
ELIGIBILITY	Congregation-owned historic house of worship; "designation as a local landmark or listing on the National Register of Historic Places is not required" but the building must show historic, cultural or architectural significance; the congregation must be "community-minded" and serve nonmembers; must show fundraising readiness and a healthy congregation. Priority geographies for 2027: Arkansas, Mississippi, Nebraska, Nevada, West Virginia, U.S. Territories (Kentucky is eligible but not prioritized). No minimum building age is published; in practice grantees are historic buildings.	
RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION ELIGIBILITY	Yes, by design.	
STATUS AS OF 2026-09-18	Opens 2027-01-12.	
REGISTRATION PREREQUISITES	Foundant portal; 2 to 3 leaders must attend the training event.	
CONTACT	https://www.fundforsacredplaces.org/contact-us/ ; Partners for Sacred Places, (866) 796-0297.	
PRIOR AWARDS TO SIMILAR PROJECTS	Christ Church Episcopal Cathedral, Louisville, 2025 cohort, \$480,240 capital grant with \$480,240 match, structural and roof repairs and interior restoration; described as the first Kentucky recipient. Six historically Black Episcopal churches were named in 2025 nationally.	
FIT SCORE (1 TO 5)	3. Plainly eligible if the sanctuary has a historic case, but the 1:1 cash match and the "only the worship building" rule make it a church-bucket program that depends on facts not yet confirmed (sanctuary date and significance; Section 4.8, item U12).	
NOTES	Funded by \$64 million from Lilly Endowment. If the sanctuary is not historic, this program falls away and Preserving Black Churches is the church's route to Lilly money. The Fund's grantee directory returned 404 on the URL tried; the apply, eligibility, program-details and participant pages were used instead.	

APPLICATION URL <https://fundforsacredplaces.org/apply/> (portal <https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=nthpsp>)

SOURCE CHECKED <https://fundforsacredplaces.org/apply/>, <https://fundforsacredplaces.org/eligibility/>, <https://www.fundforsacredplaces.org/what-we-offer/program-details/>, <https://www.fundforsacredplaces.org/participants/christ-church-episcopal-cathedral-louisville/>; 2026-09-18.

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Part C: Funds that could cover both

Twenty-five sources that could pay for either building, most of them on the condition that the funded space is open to everyone.

Twenty-five sources. These funders will pay for either building, or for a combined campus project, usually because they fund "community facilities," "civic projects," or programs run by any local nonprofit. Most of them admit the church only when the funded space or program is open to the whole public without regard to religion, and several are programs-only (they will not pay for construction at either building). Each entry says which.

Cross-reference. Louisville Metro's Community Development Block Grant (Part A) can fund the school as a community center but never the sanctuary; it is written up in Part A.

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U.S. House of Representatives: Community Project Funding (Rep. Morgan McGarvey, KY-3)		
FEDERAL		
AWARD RANGE	NEXT DEADLINE	MATCH / COST SHARE
Roughly \$500,000 to \$2,000,000 for facility projects in this district's recent submissions; \$12,000,000 to \$47,760,000 total requested per cycle.	Unknown; expect spring 2027 for FY2028.	Depends on the account; HUD EDI has no statutory match, but the office requires a plan for any match the account imposes.
APPLIES TO	Both, but only through a public sponsor. A historic community facility or a church-campus community project can be requested; the recipient of record must be a government entity.	
WHAT IT FUNDS	Congressionally directed appropriations in eligible accounts, most relevantly HUD's Economic Development Initiative (community facilities) and Interior's Historic Preservation Fund line for congressionally directed preservation projects. Typical FY2027 requests from this office ranged from \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000 for facilities (Simmons College Ollie Green Building renovation, \$1,750,000; Park DuValle Community Wellness Center, \$1,091,565).	
ELIGIBILITY	Per the McGarvey office page: "Only state and local government entities and public institutions are eligible to submit and receive CPF funding." Nonprofits were made ineligible by the House majority in April 2024. The church would need Louisville Metro, the City of Jeffersontown, or a public institution to request the project and own or control the funded work, with the church as beneficiary under a written agreement. Projects must be in KY-3; the Watterson Trail address is in U.S. Congressional District 3 (Section 4.2). Community support letters, local elected-official support and a plan for any match are required; multi-year requests are not accepted.	
RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION ELIGIBILITY	Conditional. The church cannot be the recipient at all under current House rules; and because the underlying account is HUD EDI, 24 CFR 5.109(j) would still bar paying for the sanctuary. The school as a public-purpose facility is the workable ask.	
STATUS AS OF 2026-09-18	Closed for FY2027 (20 projects submitted, about \$47,760,000). Predictable annual cycle: the FY2025 deadline to this office was 2024-05-01; FY2028 requests are expected to be solicited in roughly March to April 2027, after the House Appropriations Committee issues guidance.	
REGISTRATION PREREQUISITES	SAM.gov/UEI for the recipient (the public sponsor and, if funds flow through, the church); a written sponsor agreement; letters of community support.	
CONTACT	mcgarvey.grants@mail.house.gov (grants team); letters-of-support form linked from https://mcgarvey.house.gov/services/grant-applicants	
PRIOR AWARDS TO SIMILAR PROJECTS	Simmons College of Kentucky, Ollie Green Building renovation, \$1,750,000 requested for FY2027 (an HBCU, a public-purpose historic building). The office reports about \$12,000,000 secured for local projects in the FY2024 package.	
FIT SCORE (1 TO 5)	3. Eligible only with a public sponsor; the amounts are meaningful and a Rosenwald school is an easy story for a member to carry, but it is a 2027 window with a 2028 payout.	
NOTES	The City of Jeffersontown is the most natural sponsor if it will own a public-use interest in the school (a lease, easement or programming agreement). Ask the McGarvey grants team in January 2027 which accounts will be open and what the office wants from a sponsor. The same one-page project brief serves the Kentucky General Assembly request below.	
APPLICATION URL https://mcgarvey.house.gov/community-project-funding (the request form is posted only while the window is open); FY2027 submissions https://mcgarvey.house.gov/fy2027-community-project-funding-submissions		
SOURCE CHECKED https://mcgarvey.house.gov/community-project-funding (2026-09-18); https://mcgarvey.house.gov/fy2027-community-project-funding-submissions (2026-09-18); https://mcgarvey.house.gov/services/grant-applicants (2026-09-18); https://mcgarvey.house.gov/media/press-releases/congressman-morgan-mcgarvey-slams-republican-majority-decision-to-cut-off-federal-funding-for-nonprofits (2026-09-18).		

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U.S. Senate: Congressionally Directed Spending (Kentucky senators)

FEDERAL

AWARD RANGE	NEXT DEADLINE	MATCH / COST SHARE
Not stated; Kentucky FY2026 items ranged from hundreds of thousands to tens of millions.	Unknown; expect spring 2027.	Depends on the account.
APPLIES TO	Both, via a public sponsor or, in accounts that allow it, a nonprofit directly. The Senate did not adopt the House's nonprofit exclusion; nonprofits remain eligible in some accounts (for-profits are barred), and the Historic Preservation Fund itself carries a congressionally directed spending line in the FY2025 HPF statistical report.	
WHAT IT FUNDS	Same as House Community Project Funding: project-specific appropriations in eligible accounts, including HUD EDI and Interior HPF.	
ELIGIBILITY	Determined per account by the Senate Appropriations Committee guidance for the cycle; nonprofits are eligible in some accounts. Requests go through each senator's office on that office's form and timeline (other senators' FY2027 windows closed in March 2026, and the committee posted FY2027 requests by 2026-06-01).	
RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION ELIGIBILITY	Conditional. Not barred as an entity, but the account rules apply: HUD EDI money cannot rehabilitate a sanctuary (24 CFR 5.109(j)); HPF money must go to the historic fabric under the Secretary's Standards.	
STATUS AS OF 2026-09-18	Closed for FY2027. Predictable annual cycle: FY2028 windows expected February to April 2027. Senator McConnell has announced he will not seek re-election and leaves office in January 2027 (confirm); the FY2028 request would go to his successor, seated 2027-01-03, and to Senator Paul, whose office has historically not submitted these requests (confirm at paul.senate.gov during the window).	
REGISTRATION PREREQUISITES	SAM.gov/UEI for the recipient; sponsor letters; the senator's request form.	
CONTACT	The Kentucky senators' Louisville offices; not published as a grants mailbox on the pages checked.	
PRIOR AWARDS TO SIMILAR PROJECTS	The McConnell office reported nearly \$2,600,000,000 in FY2026 Kentucky funding across accounts; no historic-church or Rosenwald item was identified on the pages read. Unknown; before asking a senator's office, open the FY2027 Kentucky chart on the committee page and look for comparable projects.	
FIT SCORE (1 TO 5)	2. Eligible on paper, but the Kentucky delegation's practice and the transition in January 2027 make the odds hard to price; treat it as a companion to the House request with the same public sponsor.	
NOTES	The one federal earmark path where a nonprofit can sometimes be the direct recipient. Ask the new senator's office in February 2027 which accounts allow nonprofits that cycle.	

APPLICATION URL <https://www.appropriations.senate.gov/fy27-appropriations-requests-and-congressionally-directed-spending> (committee guidance and request charts); senators' own pages open in the window.

SOURCE CHECKED <https://www.appropriations.senate.gov/fy27-appropriations-requests-and-congressionally-directed-spending> (2026-09-18); <https://www.appropriations.senate.gov/congressionally-directed-spending-requests-fy2027> (2026-09-18, data table not rendered); <https://www.warner.senate.gov/services/federal-funding/fiscal-year-2027-congressionally-directed-spending/> (2026-09-18, for cycle timing); <https://home.nps.gov/subjects/historicpreservationfund/statistical-reports.htm> (2026-09-18, HPF CDS category).

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8.2 Kentucky state

Kentucky General Assembly: Line-item or community project appropriation (state budget)

KENTUCKY STATE (LEGISLATIVE)

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AWARD RANGE	NEXT DEADLINE	MATCH / COST SHARE
Discretionary; comparable nonprofit and local heritage line items have ranged from \$100,000 to several million.	Fall 2027 for the 2028 budget (members pre-file requests in late 2027); earlier if a 2027 supplemental moves.	None formal; local match strengthens the ask.
APPLIES TO	Both; legislators have placed historic sites, community centers, and nonprofit facilities in the budget bill, and the ask can be framed either way. A church sanctuary is a harder sell than a Rosenwald school community center.	
WHAT IT FUNDS	Whatever the appropriation says; typically capital for named projects through a cabinet (Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet for heritage sites; Department for Local Government for community facilities via a local government).	
ELIGIBILITY	No formal application. The request goes to the member and the budget committee. Often the recipient named in the bill is a local government or state agency that passes funds through, so the City of Jeffersontown or Louisville Metro may be the named recipient with the church as beneficiary.	
RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION ELIGIBILITY	Conditional. Kentucky follows the federal Establishment Clause; a secular public purpose (historic preservation, community facility) is required, and the sanctuary is not fundable.	
STATUS AS OF 2026-09-18	Closed for this biennium. HB 500, the FY2026-27 and FY2027-28 executive branch budget, passed 2026-04-01 (vetoes overridden 2026-04-14). No line for this building was found. The next biennial budget is written in the 2028 regular session; the 2027 short session (January to March 2027) can carry a supplemental or a bond-funded project bill.	
REGISTRATION PREREQUISITES	None; a state vendor registration at award.	
CONTACT	The church's and the school's state legislators are Rep. John F. Hodgson (R), House District 36 , and Sen. Julie Raque Adams (R), Senate District 36 , Julie.Adams@lrc.ky.gov , confirmed against the county GIS legislative and senatorial district boundaries for both parcels (Section 4.2). For context, the City of Jeffersontown's representation page lists these state legislators for the city as a whole: House Districts 29 (Chris Lewis, R), 31 (Susan Witten, R), 34 (Sarah Stalker, D), 36 (John Hodgson, R), 46 (Al Gentry, D); Senate Districts 7 (Aaron Reed, R), 14 (Jimmy Higdon, R), 26 (Karen Berg, D), 36 (Julie Raque Adams, R). Do not rely on that city page for federal officeholders; it still lists Senator McConnell, whose seat changes in January 2027. Julie Raque Adams chairs the Senate Majority Caucus and sits on Appropriations and Revenue; she is the door.	
PRIOR AWARDS TO SIMILAR PROJECTS	HB 500 (2026) carried Louisville-area capital lines (for example \$5,000,000 for a law-enforcement driving track); heritage and community-facility earmarks for nonprofits appear in most Kentucky budgets. No Rosenwald school line found.	
FIT SCORE (1 TO 5)	2. Possible and potentially large, but the cycle is 18 months out, there is no application, and success depends on a legislator adopting the project.	
NOTES	Pair with the Community Project Funding request to Rep. McGarvey; the same one-page project brief serves both.	
APPLICATION URL https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26rs/hb500.html (enacted budget, for reference)		
SOURCE CHECKED Kentucky LRC HB 500 record and press coverage of passage (spectrumnews1.com 2026-04-02; klc.org), 2026-09-18; City of Jeffersontown representation page, 2026-09-18.		

8.3 Louisville Metro and local

Louisville Metro Council: Neighborhood Development Fund (NDF), District 11

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AWARD RANGE

Each of 26 districts receives \$75,000 in NDF for FY27 (July 2026 to June 2027) plus \$100,000 in Capital Infrastructure Fund for publicly owned assets. Individual grants run from a few hundred dollars to \$10,000 to \$25,000; any grant over \$5,000 to one organization in a fiscal year requires an ordinance passed by the full Metro Council. As of the Center for Neighborhoods hub snapshot, \$0 of FY27 NDF had been deployed metro-wide.

NEXT DEADLINE

Rolling. Practical timing: ask now for a spring 2027 program; ask in January to March 2027 for FY28 (July 2027) funds, before the district's allocation is committed.

MATCH / COST SHARE

None required; the budget must show Metro and non-Metro funds.

APPLIES TO

Both, for programs and events only. Capital improvements to the church's property, including the school, are ineligible under Metro's own rule (see Eligibility). A secular community program run out of either building qualifies.

WHAT IT FUNDS

"Program support that satisfies public purpose": one-time capital expenditures such as equipment and "infrastructure repairs" for eligible nonprofits, direct client services, general operating, community events. **Ineligible:** "Capital improvements to faith-based organizations or schools," "Direct appropriations to improve private property," sales tax for 501(c)(3)s, indirect costs (Office of Management and Budget NDF training deck, 2025-01-24, slides 8 to 9).

ELIGIBILITY

501(c)(3) organizations (also 501(c)(4) civic leagues, HOAs, 501(c)(6), 501(c)(19), governmental entities). Must be in good standing with the IRS, Kentucky Secretary of State, Louisville Metro Human Relations Commission, Louisville Metro Revenue Commission, and all Metro grant agencies. Council member sponsorship required; applicants must complete NDF training before applying and request the application from a council office. Metro Council policy adds: NDF "may not be used to fund any church or religious organization in the furtherance of its religious purpose unless all funds received are applied completely to a project or program that serves a public purpose, is completely open to all members of the public regardless of organization membership or faith/moral considerations."

RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION ELIGIBILITY

Conditional. Programs open to the public, yes. Capital improvements to a faith-based organization, no.

STATUS AS OF 2026-09-18

Rolling within FY27 (funds appropriated annually each July 1; grants approved by council action through the year). Council recess is July.

REGISTRATION PREREQUISITES

NDF training certificate; Metro Revenue Commission registration; W-9; grant agreement signed within 90 days of approval; financial report with receipts and cancelled checks within 60 days of spending (one-time payments) or quarterly (disbursements). No SAM.gov.

CONTACT

Council Member Kevin Kramer, District 11, 601 W. Jefferson St., Louisville, KY 40202, 502-574-1111; Legislative Assistant Scott Harrington, 502-574-3456, scott.harrington@louisvilleky.gov. OMB NDF Coordinator: Roxanne Steele, Office of Management and Budget, 611 W. Jefferson St., Louisville, KY 40202.

PRIOR AWARDS TO SIMILAR PROJECTS

District 11 publishes its NDF and CIF expenditures at louisvilleky.gov/government/metro-council-district-11/district-11-ndf-cif-expenditures (403 to automated fetch; open by hand). Kramer's published District 11 NDF policy says funds go "primarily to capital projects with a lifespan of greater than 5 years" and prioritizes "a safer community, crime prevention, essential services, and youth initiatives."

FIT SCORE (1 TO 5)

3. Eligible for a public heritage or youth program at either building and the council member's office is two blocks from the school; but Metro's rule blocks the capital use, and Kramer's stated preference for capital projects works against a program ask.

Louisville Metro Council: Neighborhood Development Fund (NDF), District

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NOTES

Two ways NDF could still touch the building, both needing legal review: (1) a separately incorporated secular 501(c)(3) "Friends of the Alexander-Ingram School" that holds a long-term lease on the school and applies for equipment or "infrastructure repairs" in its own name; (2) a Metro-owned or Metro-managed interest (an easement or lease to Metro Parks or the Office of Planning) that would move the project into the Capital Infrastructure Fund, which is publicly owned assets only. Neither is quick. The straightforward NDF ask is programming: a Rosenwald heritage day, a youth history program, alumni reunion, interpretive signage that is treated as program materials rather than a capital improvement. The seat is on the 2026-11-03 ballot; FY28 asks should wait for the January 2027 seating.

APPLICATION URL <https://louisvilleky.gov/government/metro-council/ndf-application-request> (training: <https://louisvilleky.gov/sites/default/files/2024-07/ndftrainingpresentation.pdf>)

SOURCE CHECKED OMB and Metro Council NDF Training Presentation PDF dated 2025-01-24 (slides 4 to 14, 16 to 21, 25 to 30, 37 to 39), 2026-09-18; Center for Neighborhoods Louisville Metro Policy Hub (FY27 allocations), 2026-09-18; Metro Council Policies and Procedures (religious-organization clause, search-surfaced text; page returns 403), 2026-09-18; District 11 eNews (contacts), 2026-09-18.

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City of Jeffersontown: Resolution, in-kind support, and letter of commitment (no formal grant program)

LOUISVILLE METRO / JEFFERSON COUNTY / JEFFERSONTOWN

AWARD RANGE

Not stated; in-kind.

NEXT DEADLINE

None; ask before the city's FY28 budget is drafted (spring 2027) for any line item.

MATCH / COST SHARE

Not applicable.

APPLIES TO

Both; the city has published the school's history on its own site and treats the building as a city heritage asset.

WHAT IT FUNDS

No grant program was found on jeffersontownky.com. The city's preservation page directs owners to state and federal tax credits and lists no local incentive. What the city can provide: a council resolution of support, in-kind public works (site work, dumpsters, right-of-way, signage), use of city communications, a fiscal-agent or pass-through role for a state appropriation, and the Economic Development Finance Authority for any commercial component.

ELIGIBILITY

Any city organization; the church and the school are inside city limits.

RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION ELIGIBILITY

Conditional; public purpose required for any city expenditure.

STATUS AS OF 2026-09-18

Rolling; the city council meets monthly.

REGISTRATION PREREQUISITES

None.

CONTACT

City Hall, 10416 Watterson Trail, Jeffersontown, KY 40299, 502-267-8333. Council members listed for 2025-2026: Mark Blum, Ruth Gao (rgao@jeffersontownky.gov), Vince Grisanti, Tim Hall, Allison Neal Head, Pam Hickey, Mark Russell (mrussell@jeffersontownky.gov), Pam Ware. Mayor: Carol Pike, cpike@jeffersontownky.gov, 502-267-8333 (City of Jeffersontown online directory, <https://www.jeffersontownky.com/Directory.aspx>, 2026-09-18).

PRIOR AWARDS TO SIMILAR PROJECTS

None found. The Greater Jeffersontown Historical Society (city-hosted newsletter, 2013) has written about the school and is a natural co-signer.

FIT SCORE (1 TO 5)

2. No money on the table, but a city letter of commitment and in-kind labor count as match for KAAHC, CLG, and federal applications, and the city is the likeliest named recipient of any state line item.

NOTES

The city's own page states the building "is currently owned by First Baptist Church of Jeffersontown" and sits on Shelby Street, which supports the title finding but is not a deed. Ask the city for a resolution naming the school a city heritage priority; that single page does more for the Action Fund and National Park Service applications than any small local grant.

APPLICATION URL <https://www.jeffersontownky.com/93/City-Council> (council); <https://www.jeffersontownky.com/650/Alexander-Ingram-School> (city's page on the building)

SOURCE CHECKED <https://www.jeffersontownky.com/339/Historic-Preservation-Tax-Credits>; <https://www.jeffersontownky.com/650/Alexander-Ingram-School>; <https://www.jeffersontownky.com/93/City-Council>; <https://www.jeffersontownky.com/166/Local-State-Federal-Representation>; 2026-09-18.

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Louisville Metro Government: External Agency Fund (EAF)

LOUISVILLE METRO / JEFFERSON COUNTY / JEFFERSONTOWN

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● CLOSED

AWARD RANGE	NEXT DEADLINE	MATCH / COST SHARE
Not published in the announcements; awards commonly \$10,000 to \$100,000-plus for established agencies.	Expected late February 2027 for FY28 (July 2027 to June 2028); applications open around 2027-01-11.	Not stated.
APPLIES TO	Both, programs only; EAF funds services, youth programming, and arts and culture delivered by nonprofits, at either building.	
WHAT IT FUNDS	Competitive grants from the Office of Social Services (homelessness, household financial stability, youth and young adult engagement, access to services) and from Louisville Forward's Arts and Creative Industries (arts experiences, creative workforce, creative community spaces and neighborhoods). Not capital.	
ELIGIBILITY	Nonprofit organizations offering programs in Louisville/Jefferson County; mandatory orientation; good standing with Metro agencies.	
RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION ELIGIBILITY	Conditional; secular program open to the public.	
STATUS AS OF 2026-09-18	Closed. FY27 cycle opened 2026-01-12 and closed 2026-02-24 at 5:00 p.m. Predictable annual cycle (prior cycle: questions posted January 6, orientation January 17, deadline February 7).	
REGISTRATION PREREQUISITES	Metro Revenue Commission and Human Relations Commission good standing; orientation attendance.	
CONTACT	EAF@louisvilleky.gov.	
PRIOR AWARDS TO SIMILAR PROJECTS	Metro funds dozens of youth and arts nonprofits annually; no church or heritage-site award identified in this check.	
FIT SCORE (1 TO 5)	2. Eligible for a youth or arts program at the school, but the church has no track record as a Metro service provider and the fund will not touch the building.	
NOTES	Relevant only if the church runs, or plans to run, a youth program from the school.	

APPLICATION URL <https://louisvilleky.gov/government/external-agency-fund>

SOURCE CHECKED GovDelivery bulletin <https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/KYLOUISVILLE/bulletins/2745875> and louisvilleky.gov EAF page text (search-surfaced; page returns 403), 2026-09-18.

8.4 National preservation funds

National Trust for Historic Preservation: Linda and Jerry Bruckheimer Preservation Fund for Kentucky

NATIONAL PRESERVATION FUND (KENTUCKY-RESTRICTED)

AWARD RANGE	NEXT DEADLINE	MATCH / COST SHARE
\$2,500 to \$10,000; about \$13,000 available per year statewide.	2026-10-01, then 2027-02-01.	"Applicants are encouraged to match their awarded grant amount on a one-to-one basis" (encouraged, not required).
APPLIES TO	Both; funds "designated historic sites and structures" in Kentucky, so either building qualifies if it is a designated historic resource (the school is; the sanctuary only if it is listed or contributing).	
WHAT IT FUNDS	"Restoration, rehabilitation, stabilization, and preservation of designated historic sites and structures, including bricks-and-mortar construction," plus consultants, educational programs and materials. This is the one small National Trust fund that pays for bricks.	
ELIGIBILITY	National Trust page: "a public agency, 501(c)(3), or other nonprofit organization," and "Only Organizational Level Preservation Leadership Forum Members, Main Street America Community Members, and Main Street America General Members are eligible to receive funding." Preservation Kentucky's page for the same fund says "an IRS designated 501(c)(3) public charity, church or governmental agency." The Trust's page also says "Organizations without active memberships may still apply but selected grantees will be required to become members prior to the release of funds," so membership is not needed to apply, only to receive an award (cost not published on the Forum page; individual levels are \$195 to \$250; confirm with forum@savingplaces.org).	
RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION ELIGIBILITY	Yes; Preservation Kentucky names churches explicitly.	
STATUS AS OF 2026-09-18	Open on a predictable cycle; deadlines "usually February 1, June 1 and October 1"; the application appears in the portal 6 to 8 weeks before each deadline.	
REGISTRATION PREREQUISITES	Forum organizational membership required before funds are released (not to apply); grantinterface.com portal.	
CONTACT	grants@savingplaces.org	
PRIOR AWARDS TO SIMILAR PROJECTS	Not published per-grantee on the Trust site; the fund is administered with Preservation Kentucky and the Kentucky Heritage Council. Unknown; Preservation Kentucky can be asked for the award list.	
FIT SCORE (1 TO 5)	4. Plainly eligible, bricks-and-mortar allowed, but small; useful for a discrete stabilization item (roof patch, window repair) or as match-building. It surfaced independently in the Kentucky state review as a top-three small-grant fit for the building.	
NOTES	The 2026-10-01 deadline is 13 days out and the portal opens 6 to 8 weeks ahead, so it is likely already open; if the church has one shovel-ready small item with a quote, it can apply now without joining Forum first. Otherwise target 2027-02-01.	

APPLICATION URL <https://savingplaces.org/bruckheimer> (uses the National Trust Preservation Funds application)

SOURCE CHECKED <https://savingplaces.org/bruckheimer>, <https://preservationkentucky.org/funding/>, <https://savingplaces.org/preservation-leadership-forum>; 2026-09-18.

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National Trust for Historic Preservation: National Trust Preservation Funds (NTPF)

NATIONAL PRESERVATION FUND

AWARD RANGE

\$2,500 to \$5,000.

NEXT DEADLINE

2026-10-01, then 2027-02-01.

MATCH / COST SHARE

Not stated as required on the Grant Ready Kentucky summary; the Trust's fund family generally encourages 1:1. Confirm in the portal.

APPLIES TO

Both; planning money for any historic building the nonprofit stewards.

WHAT IT FUNDS

"Planning activities and education efforts focused on preservation": hiring architects, engineers, archaeologists, preservation planners; education programs. Not bricks and mortar.

ELIGIBILITY

Public agencies, 501(c)(3)s and other nonprofits; same membership rule as Bruckheimer ("selected grantees will be required to become members prior to the release of funds"; not required to apply). Kentucky is within the funded geography for FY2026.

RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION ELIGIBILITY

Yes; no exclusion.

STATUS AS OF 2026-09-18

Open on cycle; deadlines February, June, October (usually the 1st).

REGISTRATION PREREQUISITES

Forum organizational membership required before funds are released (not to apply); grantinterface.com portal.

CONTACT

grants@savingplaces.org

PRIOR AWARDS TO SIMILAR PROJECTS

The Trust's February 2025 round funded "field schools, case studies, and strategic planning" nationally; no Kentucky church example found.

FIT SCORE (1 TO 5)

3. Small, but it can pay for the conditions assessment that every larger program will ask for.

NOTES

Apply to Bruckheimer and NTPF in the same portal with one membership. National Trust money cannot be used as match for other National Trust programs.

APPLICATION URL <https://savingplaces.org/preservation-funds>

SOURCE CHECKED <https://savingplaces.org/grants>, <https://www.grantreadyky.org/opportunities/national-trust-for-historic-preservation-national-trust-preservation-funds-ntpf--fy-2026>, <https://savingplaces.org/preservation-funds> (via search snippet; the guidelines page returned 404 on two alternate URLs); 2026-09-18.

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8.5 Foundations

Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels: Good Works Program		
FOUNDATION (KENTUCKY-ONLY MEMBERSHIP ORDER). IT SURFACED IN BOTH THE FOUNDATION AND THE CORPORATE REVIEWS; THIS IS THE SINGLE ENTRY.		
AWARD RANGE	NEXT DEADLINE	MATCH / COST SHARE
\$10,000 to \$100,000 for most projects (from the program's 2026 materials as summarized by LaRue County and grant aggregators; vehicles capped at \$20,000); the 2026 cycle split into Small, Medium and Large tracks. The program page says it "annually provides over \$2.6 million."	Unknown for 2027; the 2026 cycle ran Letter of Intent from 2025-12-08, deadlines 2026-01-09 (large), 2026-01-16 (medium), 2026-01-23 (small), awards mid-June 2026. Expect the same shape in December 2026 to January 2027 (the guidelines page, re-read 2026-09-18, confirms the 2026 cycle opened 2025-12-08 with the January deadlines above; 2027 guidelines are not yet posted). The church should have its Letter of Intent ready for early December 2026.	None stated. Reimbursement model: "all purchases complete and receipts turned in for reimbursement" by October 30 of the award year, so the church floats the cost.
APPLIES TO	Both; funds tangible items and projects for Kentucky 501(c)(3)s, and Historic Preservation is a listed category; a church-owned community facility or a church facility improvement both fit provided services are open to all.	
WHAT IT FUNDS	"Items/projects that can be seen or touched." Excludes marketing, design, staff-used items, rentals, software, salaries, scholarships, travel, websites, and "Building improvements for leased properties" (owned buildings are fine).	
ELIGIBILITY	501(c)(3), "existed for at least five years," located in Kentucky. "Nonprofits that require a religious requirement to utilize their services are not eligible." Note: the church's IRS determination is dated 2025 though the congregation dates to 1833 (Section 4.2); be ready to document the five years.	
RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION ELIGIBILITY	Conditional. A church qualifies if the funded facility or service is open without a religious requirement; the school as a community facility clears this, a sanctuary-only project may not.	
STATUS AS OF 2026-09-18	Closed; annual cycle "opening in December," awards in June.	
REGISTRATION PREREQUISITES	Letter of Intent by email, then an access code for the grantinterface.com portal.	
CONTACT	grants@kycolonels.org; 502-753-0780.	
PRIOR AWARDS TO SIMILAR PROJECTS	Behringer-Crawford Museum, Covington, \$80,874 (2024) and \$32,930 (2022); Awake Ministries, Shelbyville, \$101,600 (2023); Action Ministries, Covington, \$8,613 (2026). Faith-based grantees appear every year.	
FIT SCORE (1 TO 5)	4. Church-friendly in practice, capital-friendly, Kentucky-only competition, meaningful size; the reimbursement model and the December-to-January window are the constraints.	
NOTES	The 2026 guidelines PDF link returned 404; award-range figures come from the county and aggregator summaries of that PDF and should be re-checked when the 2027 guidelines post in December.	
APPLICATION URL https://www.kycolonels.org/good-works-program/ and https://www.kycolonels.org/grant-guidelines/		
SOURCE CHECKED https://www.kycolonels.org/good-works-program/ , https://www.kycolonels.org/grant-guidelines/ , https://www.kycolonels.org/good-works-awards/ ; 2026-09-18 (checked twice, and re-checked later the same day).		

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Preservation Kentucky: Kentucky Preservation Fund

FOUNDATION (STATEWIDE NONPROFIT)

AWARD RANGE

\$500 to \$5,000.

NEXT DEADLINE

2026-10-01, then 2027-02-01.

MATCH / COST SHARE

"Must be matched on a dollar-for-dollar cash basis."

APPLIES TO

Both; any Kentucky historic resource stewarded by an eligible applicant.

WHAT IT FUNDS

"Community revitalization efforts, feasibility studies for endangered buildings and sites, architectural planning, landscape research and planning, development of heritage education programs, emergency stabilization, and co-sponsorships of workshops and conferences."

ELIGIBILITY

"An IRS designated 501(c)(3) public charity, church or governmental agency. Individuals and private building owners do not qualify."

RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION ELIGIBILITY

Yes, churches named explicitly.

STATUS AS OF 2026-09-18

Open on cycle; deadlines February 1, June 1, October 1.

REGISTRATION PREREQUISITES

None stated.

CONTACT

Preservation Kentucky via the funding page (no named officer published).

PRIOR AWARDS TO SIMILAR PROJECTS

Not published on the page. Unknown.

FIT SCORE (1 TO 5)

3. Eligible and church-friendly, but small and cash-matched; best used for emergency stabilization or the feasibility study.

NOTES

Preservation Kentucky also lists the Bruckheimer Fund on the same page and co-administers it; its page does not mention Rosenwald schools, easements or fiscal sponsorship. Whether it offers a fiscal-agent role is Unknown; the church can ask when it applies.

APPLICATION URL <https://preservationkentucky.org/funding/>

SOURCE CHECKED <https://preservationkentucky.org/funding/>; 2026-09-18.

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Vital Sites (with Louisville Metro and the Owsley Brown II Family Foundation): Historic Property Revolving Loan Fund

FOUNDATION (NONPROFIT LOAN FUND; THE OWSLEY BROWN FAMILY'S PRESERVATION VEHICLE IN LOUISVILLE)

AWARD RANGE	NEXT DEADLINE	MATCH / COST SHARE
Maximum loan \$75,000 (per the 2023 launch coverage). Rate and term not published.	Rolling.	None; it is debt.
APPLIES TO	Both; any property "listed or eligible for listing in the National Register" in Louisville-Jefferson County.	
WHAT IT FUNDS	Low-interest loans for "eligible repairs to stabilize and revitalize" historic properties; also help accessing state historic tax credits. Loan, not grant.	
ELIGIBILITY	Owners of National Register-listed or eligible properties; program "prioritizes low- to moderate-income homeowners" and neighborhoods with less prior preservation investment, but National Register properties outside priority areas "are considered." Nonprofit and church eligibility is Not stated on the application page, and the prescreen and application are written for owner-occupants (they weigh "property use and owner occupancy" and verify "occupancy, household income"); ask before spending time on the prescreen. The \$75,000 maximum is sourced only to the 2023 launch coverage.	
RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION ELIGIBILITY	Not stated; ask.	
STATUS AS OF 2026-09-18	Rolling; prescreening form first.	
REGISTRATION PREREQUISITES	Prescreen form; proof of ownership.	
CONTACT	info@vitalsites.org; 502-260-4488.	
PRIOR AWARDS TO SIMILAR PROJECTS	Fund capitalized with \$1 million (Louisville Metro plus Owsley Brown II Family Foundation, announced 2023-05-31). Priority list at launch included the James Taylor-Jacob School, a comparable historic Black school building.	
FIT SCORE (1 TO 5)	3. Not free money, but it is the one Louisville preservation capital source with a Rosenwald-adjacent priority list, and it can bridge reimbursement-model grants.	
NOTES	The Owsley Brown II Family Foundation itself gave only \$240,418 in 2024 and does not publish an application; its preservation giving runs through Vital Sites. It is not a direct door (Section 11).	

APPLICATION URL <https://vitalsites.org/loan-program-application/>

SOURCE CHECKED <https://vitalsites.org/>, <https://vitalsites.org/loan-program-application/>, <https://projects.propublica.org/nonprofits/organizations/611189915> (Owsley Brown II Family Foundation, \$240,418 charitable disbursements in 2024); 2026-09-18.

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Community Foundation of Louisville: Community Impact Fund

FOUNDATION

AWARD RANGE	NEXT DEADLINE	MATCH / COST SHARE
Not stated.	Unknown; expected late May to June 2027.	Not stated.
APPLIES TO	Both; general community-benefit competitive fund.	
WHAT IT FUNDS	Competitive grants to local nonprofits through "a responsive, open application process with one annual deadline." Capital eligibility Not stated.	
ELIGIBILITY	Local 501(c)(3) nonprofits. Religious organization eligibility Not stated; ask.	
RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION ELIGIBILITY	Not stated.	
STATUS AS OF 2026-09-18	Closed; 2026 application opened 2026-05-26, due 2026-06-23.	
REGISTRATION PREREQUISITES	None stated.	
CONTACT	Amber Burns-Jones, Executive Director, Grantmaking, 502-855-6957; info@cflouisville.org; Strategic Initiatives Team 502-585-4649.	
PRIOR AWARDS TO SIMILAR PROJECTS	None found; 2025 total giving \$57.6 million across 678 awards (filing summary), but most of that is donor-advised. Unknown for capital preservation.	
FIT SCORE (1 TO 5)	2. Eligible on paper; no evidence it funds bricks, and the fund's action areas are not heritage. The more useful Community Foundation doors are non-grant: Give for Good Louisville (2026-09-10 just passed; 2027 registration by early July) for a public crowdfunding day, and Sparking Change \$1,000 mini-grants for nonprofits under \$250,000 budgets.	
NOTES	Donor-advised funds at the Community Foundation cannot be applied to, but a letter to the grantmaking director asking whether any heritage-minded fund holders would like to see the Rosenwald project is a legitimate move. The UPS Louisville Community Care Fund, run through the Community Foundation, has its own entry under Corporate below.	

APPLICATION URL <https://www.cflouisville.org/competitive-grant-opportunities/>

SOURCE CHECKED <https://www.cflouisville.org/competitive-grant-opportunities/>, <https://www.cflouisville.org/funding/>, <https://www.instrumentl.com/990-report/the-community-foundation-of-louisville-inc;> 2026-09-18. The Community Impact Fund page returned 404 on the URL tried; the competitive-grants and funding pages were used.

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Republic Bank and Republic Bank Foundation: Corporate Donation Request		
CORPORATE CASH		
AWARD RANGE	NEXT DEADLINE	MATCH / COST SHARE
Not stated. Foundation filing data (Cause IQ / Instrumentl, 2024): \$1,411,775 in grants; typical awards \$11 to \$266,666, most in the low thousands to low tens of thousands.	Rolling; submit at least two months before funds are needed.	None stated.
APPLIES TO	Both. Guidelines have no religious exclusion, list "Recreation and Preservation Programs," "Civic Projects," and "Performing Arts and Cultural Activities," and the form asks how the project serves low-to-moderate-income people, so either building or a campus project can be framed.	
WHAT IT FUNDS	Program, project, or event support for nonprofits in Kentucky, Indiana, Ohio, Tennessee, and Florida that serve people in Republic's service area. "We do not fund general operating expenses." Advertising asks are routed to the ad budget. Occasional in-kind used computers and office furniture.	
ELIGIBILITY	Nonprofits with a 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), or 501(c)(19) letter, not individuals; "organizations that serve a wide, varied constituency." The church qualifies. Each organization may request once a year.	
RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION ELIGIBILITY	Yes. No exclusion in the guidelines; the Foundation's filing categories include religion.	
STATUS AS OF 2026-09-18	Rolling. Current external request form is dated June 2026.	
REGISTRATION PREREQUISITES	IRS letter, Form 990, board list, W-9, annual report if available.	
CONTACT	contributions@republicbank.com; Republic Bank, 601 West Market St., Louisville KY 40202-2700.	
PRIOR AWARDS TO SIMILAR PROJECTS	Republic Bank Foundation has made multi-year payments to the Locust Grove Improvement Project (a Louisville historic site; "payment 4 of 5" appears in its grant records via Zeffy). That is a direct capital-preservation precedent in Louisville.	
FIT SCORE (1 TO 5)	4. Louisville-headquartered, no religious bar, preservation and civic projects named, a Louisville historic-site precedent, and a Community Reinvestment Act-flavored form that rewards low- and moderate-income and neighborhood framing. Award will be modest.	
NOTES	The form asks whether the organization banks with Republic, whether any Republic employees are involved, whether 51% or more of clients are low- and moderate-income, and whether Republic may give workplace-banking presentations. Answer every one; they are scoring questions. Ask for a specific, named item (windows, roof section, ADA restroom) rather than "renovation." Note: the church is a church and not required to file Form 990; say so where the form asks for one.	
APPLICATION URL Form: https://www.republicbank.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/June-2026Republic-Bank-and-Foundation-donation-external-request-form.pdf · Guidelines: https://www.republicbank.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/ContributionGuidelines2021.pdf · Page: https://www.republicbank.com/about-us/in-our-community/		
SOURCE CHECKED Guidelines and form PDFs downloaded from republicbank.com and read 2026-09-18; https://www.republicbank.com/about-us/in-our-community/ (fetched 2026-09-18); https://www.causeiq.com/organizations/republic-bank-foundation-inc,272222303/ (filing summary, 2026-09-18).		

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LG&E and KU Foundation: Community Grants

CORPORATE CASH (CORPORATE FOUNDATION). IT SURFACED IN BOTH THE FOUNDATION AND THE CORPORATE REVIEWS; THIS IS THE SINGLE ENTRY.

AWARD RANGE	NEXT DEADLINE	MATCH / COST SHARE
Not published. Plant for the Planet tree grants are \$500 to \$5,000; general community grants from the filing are typically low thousands to \$25,000.	October 2026 window (exact dates posted at the portal when it opens; an aggregator lists 2026-10-31). Award notice about two months later.	None stated.
APPLIES TO	Both. The Foundation gives to community organizations in Louisville and its service territory across economic development, education, environment, and diversity; no published religious exclusion, so the school (education and heritage) and a church community program can both be framed, though the sanctuary itself is a poor fit.	
WHAT IT FUNDS	Programs and projects in four areas: economic development, education (public school math, science, technology emphasis), environment, and diversity and inclusion. Event sponsorships in the same cycle. The pages read do not list capital as included or excluded; ask.	
ELIGIBILITY	501(c)(3) organizations in Louisville and the 16 surrounding counties LG&E and KU serve (Instrumentl summary of the Foundation's own guidance). Jeffersontown is LG&E territory. One award per organization per calendar year.	
RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION ELIGIBILITY	Yes, as far as published; no exclusion appears on the Foundation's community-grant pages. The separate Plant for the Planet tree-planting grant says "religious organizations are not eligible," which suggests the same instinct may apply. Confirm at the portal, which gates eligibility before the form opens.	
STATUS AS OF 2026-09-18	Closed between windows. The Foundation's own pages disagree on the spring month: lge-ku.com/cg says applications are accepted "in March and October"; lge-ku.com/community/investment says "February and October." October applications fund the following calendar year.	
REGISTRATION PREREQUISITES	Online portal account.	
CONTACT	Contact form at https://lge-ku.com/cg/contact ; LG&E and KU Foundation, 220 W. Main St., Louisville KY 40202.	
PRIOR AWARDS TO SIMILAR PROJECTS	Not found at the Foundation's site. Comparable utility precedent: Columbia Gas of Kentucky gave \$25,000 as a corporate sponsor of the Sadieville Rosenwald School restoration (press coverage in search index; Columbia Gas does not serve Louisville, LG&E does).	
FIT SCORE (1 TO 5)	2. The scores as first recorded were 3 from the corporate review (because it is Louisville-based, open to the church, and the nearest corporate window on the calendar) and 2 from the foundation review (because it is a diversity- or education-framed program grant, not a renovation grant). Both readings agree the four focus areas do not name preservation or capital. Resolved at 2: the rubric's 2 is "eligible on paper but no evidence of capital, heritage or religious giving," which is what both found; a near-term window changes timing, not fit. File in October anyway if the church can name an education program; the form is short.	
NOTES	Apply in the October 2026 window for 2027 activity. Pair a modest capital ask (one classroom as a community learning space) with an education program the Foundation can name, for example Rosenwald history education for local schools.	

APPLICATION URL <https://lge-ku.com/cg>

SOURCE CHECKED <https://lge-ku.com/cg> (fetched 2026-09-18); <https://lge-ku.com/community/investment> (fetched 2026-09-18); <https://lge-ku.com/environment/plants-and-wildlife/tree-planting-grants> (2026-09-18); <https://www.instrumentl.com/grants/lg-e-and-ku-foundation-grant> (secondary, 2026-09-18).

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GAF: Community Contractor Program (donated roofing systems)

CORPORATE IN-KIND OR VOLUNTEER

AWARD RANGE	NEXT DEADLINE	MATCH / COST SHARE
Value of materials for the roof; a 30 to 60 square roof is roughly \$6,000 to \$15,000 in product.	Rolling.	Contractor labor is the match; the contractor decides whether to donate it.
APPLIES TO	Both. The program donates a GAF roofing system plus warranty to a project a GAF-certified contractor undertakes with a local 501(c)(3); nothing in the indexed program text limits it to housing, and it has been used for nonprofit buildings, but the church should confirm that a nonprofit-owned school or church roof qualifies, since the program's examples are homes and "community heroes."	
WHAT IT FUNDS	Complete roofing system (shingles and accessories) and qualifying warranty for a repair, rehab, or replacement performed by a GAF-certified contractor; the contractor donates or discounts labor. Not cash.	
ELIGIBILITY	The application comes from a GAF Certified or Master Elite contractor, not the nonprofit: "Email CommunityContractor@gaf.com, cc'ing your rep, with your organization name, the non-profit, number of squares and accessories requested, and address." The nonprofit must be a 501(c)(3).	
RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION ELIGIBILITY	Yes as far as published; no exclusion in the indexed program text. Confirm with GAF when a contractor applies.	
STATUS AS OF 2026-09-18	Rolling. GAF's program pages returned HTTP 403 to automated fetch; the terms above are GAF's own page text as indexed by search. Open the page in a browser to confirm.	
REGISTRATION PREREQUISITES	A willing GAF-certified contractor in Louisville (GAF's contractor locator lists them by ZIP).	
CONTACT	CommunityContractor@gaf.com	
PRIOR AWARDS TO SIMILAR PROJECTS	GAF, ABC Supply, and Expert Roofing Services donated a roof to a nonprofit (Roofing Contractor magazine, 2022); GAF expanded warranty coverage on donated systems in 2023.	
FIT SCORE (1 TO 5)	3. Only matters if the roof is in the scope, but if it is, this is the largest single in-kind item available and it counts as match; the church must recruit the contractor.	
NOTES	Any roof work on a National Register building should follow the Secretary of the Interior's Standards; the school has a flat roof with a parapet (Section 4.3), so confirm the historic roofing material and whether a shingle system is even the right product before recruiting a contractor.	

APPLICATION URL <https://www.gaf.com/en-us/for-pros/contractors/community-contractors>

SOURCE CHECKED <https://www.gaf.com/en-us/for-pros/contractors/community-contractors> and <https://www.gaf.com/en-us/about-us/community> (both HTTP 403 on 2026-09-18; text taken from search index of the same URLs); <https://www.roofingcontractor.com/articles/101998-gaf-expands-program-supporting-donated-roofing-systems> (secondary, 2026-09-18).

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The status and terms in this entry were read from the funder's own text as indexed by search or from a secondary listing that quotes the funder. Open the funder's page in a browser before the church relies on it.

Churchill Downs Racetrack and Community Foundation of Louisville: Winsday

CORPORATE CASH (EVENT-BASED FUNDRAISING WITH GUARANTEED MINIMUM AND PRIZE DRAWINGS)

AWARD RANGE	NEXT DEADLINE	MATCH / COST SHARE
\$500 minimum; prizes to \$20,000; ticket-share revenue depends on the nonprofit's own sales.	Registration expected early January 2027; watch cflouisville.org/events/winsday .	None; the church must sell tickets.
APPLIES TO	Both. Any Louisville-area nonprofit selected in the lottery may participate; funds are unrestricted.	
WHAT IT FUNDS	Unrestricted. Fifty nonprofits selected by lottery sell Derby-week box seats; a share of each ticket goes to the nonprofit; every participating organization receives a minimum \$500, with additional prizes of \$2,000 to \$20,000 through drawings and competitions.	
ELIGIBILITY	Local nonprofits; private non-operating foundations ineligible; a 2026 participant may not repeat in 2027 but may in 2028.	
RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION ELIGIBILITY	Yes as far as published; no exclusion stated. Confirm with the Community Foundation.	
STATUS AS OF 2026-09-18	Closed. 2026 registration ran January 7 to January 21, 2026 (WAVE 3 report of the Community Foundation announcement).	
REGISTRATION PREREQUISITES	None.	
CONTACT	Christina Miller, Director of Marketing and Communications, Community Foundation of Louisville, 502-855-6980; main office 502-585-4649.	
PRIOR AWARDS TO SIMILAR PROJECTS	Fifty nonprofits a year, all types.	
FIT SCORE (1 TO 5)	3. Plainly eligible, unrestricted money, but small and lottery-gated; worth the free registration because it also puts the church in front of the Community Foundation's donor-advised fund advisors.	
NOTES	Churchill Downs Incorporated Foundation itself publishes no open application; its giving runs through the Community Foundation and invited partners. Winsday is the only public door found.	

APPLICATION URL <https://www.cflouisville.org/events/winsday/>

SOURCE CHECKED <https://www.cflouisville.org/events/winsday/> (fetched 2026-09-18); <https://www.wave3.com/2026/01/07/nonprofit-organizations-submissions-2026-churchill-downs-winsday-now-open/> (secondary, 2026-09-18).

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Bank of America Charitable Foundation: local Request for Proposal grants

CORPORATE CASH

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AWARD RANGE	NEXT DEADLINE	MATCH / COST SHARE
Varies by market; Louisville-market local grants are typically \$5,000 to \$25,000.	Expected February 2027 (basic needs, income) and May 2027 (housing, empowering communities). The May window is the relevant one.	None.
APPLIES TO	Both, narrowly. The Foundation will not fund "religious observance promotion" but will fund secular services run by faith organizations; a community-facility program in the school or a secular church community program qualifies.	
WHAT IT FUNDS	Four priorities: basic needs, income creation, stable housing, and "empowering communities" (the last includes neighborhood and community development). Local grants are one per organization per year. Capital is not addressed in the FAQ; historically local grants are program-sized.	
ELIGIBILITY	501(c)(3) public charities, not private foundations, not fiscally sponsored; based in and serving an eligible market. Kentucky is listed as an eligible state.	
RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION ELIGIBILITY	Conditional (secular services only, no promotion of religious observance).	
STATUS AS OF 2026-09-18	Closed. 2026 requests for proposals: Basic Needs and Income Creation, February 2 to March 2, 2026; Stable Housing and Empowering Communities, May 18 to June 29, 2026. Predictable annual cycle.	
REGISTRATION PREREQUISITES	Online application account.	
CONTACT	foundation@bofa.com	
PRIOR AWARDS TO SIMILAR PROJECTS	None found for Louisville heritage buildings; Louisville awards cluster in workforce and housing nonprofits.	
FIT SCORE (1 TO 5)	2. Eligible on paper and Kentucky is in footprint, but no capital signal and the priorities are social-service, not heritage. Include for a programming ask only.	
NOTES	None.	

APPLICATION URL <https://about.bankofamerica.com/en/making-an-impact/grant-funding-for-nonprofits-sponsorship-programs> (Apply for a Grant)

SOURCE CHECKED <https://about.bankofamerica.com/en/making-an-impact/eligibility-criteria> (fetched 2026-09-18); <https://about.bankofamerica.com/en/making-an-impact/eligible-states-local-markets> (fetched 2026-09-18); <https://about.bankofamerica.com/en/making-an-impact/charitable-foundation-grant-faq> (fetched 2026-09-18).

Sherwin-Williams: local store paint donation (no formal program)

CORPORATE IN-KIND OR VOLUNTEER

AWARD RANGE	NEXT DEADLINE	MATCH / COST SHARE
Store discretion; typically tens of gallons.	Rolling.	None.
APPLIES TO	Both. A store-level in-kind gift carries no published religious restriction.	
WHAT IT FUNDS	The Sherwin-Williams Foundation's giving concentrates on Cleveland and Ohio, in healthy housing, workforce, and "beautifying and preserving community assets," with no open application; corporate paint donations flow through national partners (Boys and Girls Clubs, Ronald McDonald House, Rebuilding Together, Habitat for Valspar). For a Louisville church the practical path is a written request to the local store manager or district manager for product at cost or donated.	
ELIGIBILITY	Store discretion; bring the IRS letter.	
RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION ELIGIBILITY	Yes as far as published (no rule; store discretion).	
STATUS AS OF 2026-09-18	No program. Rolling by store.	
REGISTRATION PREREQUISITES	None.	
CONTACT	Nearest stores to Watterson Trail include the Sherwin-Williams stores on Taylorsville Road and Hurstbourne Parkway (store list not verified; use the sherwin-williams.com store locator for 40299).	
PRIOR AWARDS TO SIMILAR PROJECTS	Not found.	
FIT SCORE (1 TO 5)	2. No program, so no scoreable eligibility; useful only as a small in-kind line.	
NOTES	Valspar is a Sherwin-Williams brand; see Section 11.	

APPLICATION URL None. Community page: <https://corporate.sherwin-williams.com/us/en/sustainability/focus-areas/social-imprint/community.html>

SOURCE CHECKED <https://corporate.sherwin-williams.com/us/en/sustainability/focus-areas/social-imprint/community.html> (fetched 2026-09-18); Sherwin-Williams Foundation filing summary at <https://www.causeiq.com/organizations/sherwin-williams-foundation,346555476/> (2026-09-18).

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● NO PROGRAM

Behr Paint Company: in-kind product donations

CORPORATE IN-KIND OR VOLUNTEER

AWARD RANGE	NEXT DEADLINE	MATCH / COST SHARE
Not stated.	Unknown.	Unknown.
APPLIES TO	Both. No published restriction.	
WHAT IT FUNDS	Behr reports "\$890,000+ through in-kind products in 2024" and long-term partnerships with more than 30 nonprofits; Behr Cares gives employees paid volunteer time. No request form, guidelines, or eligibility rules are published.	
ELIGIBILITY	Not stated; Behr's partners are national (Fresh Artists, Habitat, housing nonprofits).	
RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION ELIGIBILITY	Unknown; nothing published.	
STATUS AS OF 2026-09-18	Unknown. Searched corporate.behr.com/responsibility/community (fetched) and Behr news pages; no application path exists.	
REGISTRATION PREREQUISITES	None.	
CONTACT	Behr Paint Company, 1801 E. St. Andrew Place, Santa Ana CA 92705. Behr is sold at The Home Depot, so the Home Depot store gift card (Part A) is the realistic way to obtain Behr product.	
PRIOR AWARDS TO SIMILAR PROJECTS	Not found.	
FIT SCORE (1 TO 5)	2. No program to apply to.	
NOTES	None.	

APPLICATION URL None; general contact at <https://corporate.behr.com/contacts>

SOURCE CHECKED <https://corporate.behr.com/responsibility/community> (fetched 2026-09-18).

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GE Appliances (a Haier company): Community Heroes and the Good Things, For Life Foundation

CORPORATE IN-KIND OR VOLUNTEER (COMMUNITY HEROES); CORPORATE CASH (FOUNDATION, PARTNERSHIP MODEL)

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AWARD RANGE	NEXT DEADLINE	MATCH / COST SHARE
Appliances (Community Heroes); Foundation grants not published.	Rolling.	None.
APPLIES TO	Both. Neither program publishes a religious exclusion; both fit a community kitchen or laundry use in the school or church.	
WHAT IT FUNDS	Community Heroes: consumers nominate a nonprofit whose mission is advanced by a new appliance for preparing food, laundering, or similar services; one winner a month. Good Things, For Life Foundation (launched March 3, 2026, headquartered in Louisville): STEM education and workforce pathways, food access, housing security, disaster response; "organizations aligned with the Foundation's strategic focus areas may be invited to explore collaborative partnerships." No open grant application.	
ELIGIBILITY	501(c)(3) nonprofits; Foundation geography is Kentucky, Tennessee, Georgia, Alabama, Connecticut, South Carolina.	
RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION ELIGIBILITY	Yes as far as published.	
STATUS AS OF 2026-09-18	Community Heroes rolling; Foundation partnership by invitation.	
REGISTRATION PREREQUISITES	None.	
CONTACT	Sara Anguiano, GE Appliances, (502) 616-5361, sara.anguiano@geappliances.com (Foundation press contact).	
PRIOR AWARDS TO SIMILAR PROJECTS	Smoketown Laundry (Louisville, with YouthBuild Louisville, 2022): commercial laundry units, installation, and technical support donated; Dare to Care cold-storage donations.	
FIT SCORE (1 TO 5)	2. Louisville-headquartered and generous in kind, but a heritage building renovation is outside its four focus areas; fits only if the school includes a community kitchen or food-access program.	
NOTES	None.	

APPLICATION URL Community Heroes nominations via geappliances.com (Community Heroes page); Foundation: <https://geappliancesco.com/good-things-for-life-foundation>

SOURCE CHECKED <https://pressroom.geappliances.com/news/ge-appliances-launches-the-good-things-for-life-foundation> (fetched 2026-09-18); Community Heroes program described at <https://pressroom.geappliances.com/news/ge-appliances-launches-community-heroes-program> (search index, 2026-09-18).

UPS Foundation: UPS Louisville Community Care Fund (administered by the Community Foundation of Louisville)

CORPORATE CASH

AWARD RANGE	NEXT DEADLINE	MATCH / COST SHARE
Up to \$150,000 requested.	Expected summer 2027 if the fund recurs (first cycle; recurrence not confirmed).	None stated.
APPLIES TO	Both. Open to any Jefferson County 501(c)(3); no religious exclusion published; focus areas are programmatic.	
WHAT IT FUNDS	Programs in disaster relief, education, environmental resilience, first responder support, and mental wellness; new or existing projects. Capital not addressed.	
ELIGIBILITY	501(c)(3) nonprofits or fiscally sponsored projects located in Jefferson, Oldham, Shelby, Spencer, or Bullitt counties in Kentucky, or Clark, Floyd, or Harrison counties in Indiana.	
RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION ELIGIBILITY	Yes as far as published (no exclusion on the fund page).	
STATUS AS OF 2026-09-18	Closed; 2026 application closed August 14, 2026; decisions early September, announcement early October.	
REGISTRATION PREREQUISITES	Community Foundation grant portal account.	
CONTACT	Amber Burns-Jones, Executive Director of Grantmaking, Community Foundation of Louisville, 502-855-6957; Andrew Takami, UPS Region Community Relations Manager, 502-356-5580.	
PRIOR AWARDS TO SIMILAR PROJECTS	First-year fund; awardees announced October 2026.	
FIT SCORE (1 TO 5)	2. Large and local, but the five focus areas do not touch heritage or capital; an education program housed in the school is the only angle. Note the UPS community relations contact for a direct in-kind or volunteer ask.	
NOTES	The UPS Foundation's national grants are invitation-only; this Louisville fund is the open door.	

APPLICATION URL <https://www.cflouisville.org/community-support/ups-louisville-community-care-fund/>

SOURCE CHECKED <https://www.cflouisville.org/community-support/ups-louisville-community-care-fund/> (fetched 2026-09-18); also noted on <https://www.cflouisville.org/competitive-grant-opportunities/> (2026-09-18).

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Kroger: Louisville Division donation request

CORPORATE IN-KIND OR VOLUNTEER (GIFT CARDS, PRODUCT; OCCASIONAL CASH)

AWARD RANGE	NEXT DEADLINE	MATCH / COST SHARE
Typically \$50 to \$2,500 per store request; division cash gifts larger and discretionary.	Rolling; four weeks lead.	None.
APPLIES TO	Both. Kroger's donation portal accepts 501(c)(3) requests without a published religious exclusion.	
WHAT IT FUNDS	Local donations, gift cards, product, and sponsorships, with priority to hunger relief under Zero Hunger Zero Waste. The Louisville Division gave \$25,000 to Feed Louisville in September 2025.	
ELIGIBILITY	501(c)(3) organizations; requests go through the store-level portal (select store first) at least four weeks before the need.	
RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION ELIGIBILITY	Yes as far as published.	
STATUS AS OF 2026-09-18	Rolling.	
REGISTRATION PREREQUISITES	None.	
CONTACT	Kroger Louisville Division, 1600 Ormsby Station Court, Louisville KY 40223 (division office; giving contact not published). Nearest store to Watterson Trail: Kroger on Taylorsville Road, Jeffersontown (address not verified).	
PRIOR AWARDS TO SIMILAR PROJECTS	Not relevant; hunger-relief focus.	
FIT SCORE (1 TO 5)	2. Useful only for food and gift cards on volunteer build days and community events at the school.	
NOTES	None.	

APPLICATION URL <https://www.thekrogerco.com/community/> ("Request a Donation," routed to Kroger's Versaic portal)
SOURCE CHECKED <https://www.thekrogerco.com/community/> (fetched 2026-09-18); Spectrum News 2025-09-22 on the Feed Louisville gift (search index).

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ScionHealth (Kindred Healthcare successor): ScionHealth Gives

CORPORATE CASH

AWARD RANGE	NEXT DEADLINE	MATCH / COST SHARE
Roughly \$5,000 to \$10,000.	Unannounced.	None.
APPLIES TO	Both. Team-member-nominated 501(c)(3) organizations in communities ScionHealth serves; no religious exclusion published.	
WHAT IT FUNDS	Grassroots community efforts in underserved areas: health disparities, education gaps, social services. Recent round: "more than \$100,000 in grants to a dozen not-for-profit organizations" (about \$8,000 each).	
ELIGIBILITY	Must be nominated and sponsored by a current ScionHealth employee; nonprofits cannot apply directly. ScionHealth is headquartered in Louisville.	
RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION ELIGIBILITY	Yes as far as published.	
STATUS AS OF 2026-09-18	Between rounds; program "opens multiple times a year" for nominations.	
REGISTRATION PREREQUISITES	An employee sponsor.	
CONTACT	Through the sponsoring employee.	
PRIOR AWARDS TO SIMILAR PROJECTS	February 2025 round funded twelve community nonprofits; none identified as heritage.	
FIT SCORE (1 TO 5)	2. Small and gated by an employee sponsor; worth one question to the congregation.	
NOTES	Kindred Healthcare's own contributions program no longer exists as such; ScionHealth is the successor entity.	

APPLICATION URL <https://www.scionhealth.com/inclusion-and-opportunity/the-scionhealth-institute-of-inclusion-and-equity>
SOURCE CHECKED <https://www.scionhealth.com/News-Stories/scionhealth-gives-awards-more-than-100000-in-grants> (fetched 2026-09-18).

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Humana Foundation: Connected Healthy Lives (and related funds)

CORPORATE CASH (LOUISVILLE'S LARGEST CORPORATE FOUNDATION). IT SURFACED IN BOTH THE FOUNDATION AND THE CORPORATE REVIEWS; THIS IS THE SINGLE ENTRY.

AWARD RANGE	NEXT DEADLINE	MATCH / COST SHARE
Not stated per grant. 2026 first slate: \$12.2 million across 13 nonprofits and five research teams for emotional health among seniors and veterans; Louisville community grants historically \$50,000 to \$250,000.	Unknown; expected February 2027 (Q1).	None.
APPLIES TO	Both, programming only. Faith-based organizations are eligible if programs are non-denominational and serve broad community needs; capital is not funded. It could be tagged "church only (programs)" or "both (programming only)." A senior social-connection program hosted in the restored school is the plausible ask, so it sits here.	
WHAT IT FUNDS	Emotional well-being, loneliness, social isolation among seniors and veterans; nutrition; health equity, with Kentucky and Louisville emphasis. FAQ: proposals whose budgets are "heavily allocated to general expenses" or capital are not aligned. Indirect costs capped at 15%. No sponsorships or events.	
ELIGIBILITY	"Tax exempt organizations including non-profits, governmental organizations and faith-based organizations"; primary geography Kentucky (especially Louisville), Florida, Louisiana, Texas. Register in the SmartSimple portal and pass an eligibility check.	
RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION ELIGIBILITY	Yes for grants, conditional on non-denominational programs serving broad community needs (requires nomination and vetting per the FAQ); matching gifts exclude religious organizations unless the program is non-denominational.	
STATUS AS OF 2026-09-18	Closed. Connected Healthy Lives "opens its annual grant cycle in Q1"; 2026 windows were an early-access cycle February 13 to 23 (one reading of the site recorded January 20 to February 20) and a regular cycle April 1 to May 10. Health Equity Innovation Fund and Research are invitation-only.	
REGISTRATION PREREQUISITES	SmartSimple profile and eligibility check.	
CONTACT	humanafoundation@humana.com; contact form on the site.	
PRIOR AWARDS TO SIMILAR PROJECTS	None to buildings; Louisville Community Partners grants (2021, \$1.8 million) went to health and social-service nonprofits.	
FIT SCORE (1 TO 5)	2. The scores as first recorded were 2 from the corporate review (for the senior-program angle) and 1 from the foundation review (so the board knows it was checked); both readings agree there is no capital and no heritage angle. Resolved at 2: the rubric reserves 1 for programs the church is ineligible for or that no longer exist, and the Foundation names faith-based organizations as eligible; it stays a programs-only door for a senior social-connection program in the restored school.	
NOTES	It would fund the program, not the walls.	
APPLICATION URL https://www.humanafoundation.org/grants ; portal https://humanafoundation.us-1.smartsimple.com/		
SOURCE CHECKED https://www.humanafoundation.org/grants (fetched 2026-09-18, twice); https://www.humanafoundation.org/faqs (fetched 2026-09-18, twice).		

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FIT 2

● CLOSED

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Stock Yards Bank Foundation

CORPORATE CASH

AWARD RANGE		NEXT DEADLINE	MATCH / COST SHARE
Not published; filing data (Cause IQ, Charity Navigator) show a small private foundation making local grants in the low thousands.		Unknown.	Unknown.
APPLIES TO	Both. Private company foundation with no published restrictions.		
WHAT IT FUNDS	Local Louisville nonprofits; the bank's own page reports employee and company giving to Fund for the Arts (\$22,015 in 2024) and United Way (\$75,486 in 2024) and encourages employee board service.		
ELIGIBILITY	Not published.		
RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION ELIGIBILITY	Unknown.		
STATUS AS OF 2026-09-18	Unknown. syb.com community page returned HTTP 403 on two attempts; no donation-request form was found. Searched: syb.com, Cause IQ, Charity Navigator, ProPublica.		
REGISTRATION PREREQUISITES	None.		
CONTACT	Stock Yards Bank and Trust, 1040 East Main Street, Louisville KY 40206; a written request to the Community Relations or Marketing department, or through the Jeffersontown-area branch manager.		
PRIOR AWARDS TO SIMILAR PROJECTS	Not found.		
FIT SCORE (1 TO 5)	2. Louisville-headquartered bank with Community Reinvestment Act obligations and no published process; a branch-manager letter is the path.		
NOTES	Before writing to the bank, open the Foundation's latest 990-PF on ProPublica (EIN 61-1380342; the file path is in Appendix A) and look for any church or preservation grant. The download link returned a bot-challenge page to automated access, so this must be done in a browser.		

APPLICATION URL None found; <https://www.syb.com/careers/culture-and-community-impact>

SOURCE CHECKED <https://www.syb.com/careers/culture-and-community-impact> (blocked 2026-09-18; content from search index); <https://www.causeiq.com/organizations/stock-yards-bank-foundation,611380342/> (2026-09-18).

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The status and terms in this entry were read from the funder's own text as indexed by search or from a secondary listing that quotes the funder. Open the funder's page in a browser before the church relies on it.

09

Master table of every funding source, sorted by next deadline

Every source in deadline order: the near-term dates are small money, the large programs open in 2027, and the rest are rolling or unknown.

All 53 sources from Parts A, B and C. Order: firm and expected dates soonest first (expected dates are inferred from the funder's past cycles and marked "expected"), then rolling sources, then sources whose next date is unknown or is simply "next cycle." Bucket: A = Rosenwald school building; B = church; C = both. Fit scores are as originally set, with the three adjustments made in Section 2.10 (Preserving Black Churches for the school, LG&E and KU Foundation, Humana Foundation) carried through.

EXHIBIT 11 All 53 sources by next deadline: the near-term dates are small money and the large programs open in 2027.

NEXT DEADLINE	FUNDER AND PROGRAM	BUCKET	AWARD RANGE	FIT	STATUS (2026-09-18)
2026-09-30 (letter of intent)	Kentucky Humanities, Project Grants	A	Up to \$5,000; 1:1 match	3	Open; letter of intent September 30, application by invitation October 31; needs a humanities scholar and SAM.gov active by October 31
2026-10-01	National Trust, Bruckheimer Preservation Fund for Kentucky	C	\$2,500 to \$10,000	4	Open on cycle (then 2027-02-01); Forum membership required only before funds are released
2026-10-01	National Trust Preservation Funds (planning)	C	\$2,500 to \$5,000	3	Open on cycle (then 2027-02-01); Forum membership required only before funds are released
2026-10-01	Preservation Kentucky, Kentucky Preservation Fund	C	\$500 to \$5,000; 1:1 cash	3	Open on cycle (then 2027-02-01)
October 2026 (confirm; last posted window closed October 13)	Kentucky Historical Society, Local History Trust Fund	A	Up to \$1,500	3	Annual cycle; 2026 window not posted; call 502-564-1792
2026-10-15	James Graham Brown Foundation, letter of interest (application 2026-12-01; or LOI 2027-01-15)	A	\$150,000 to \$500,000	3	Rolling letter of interest; secular community-facility framing required
October 2026 window (portal; aggregator lists 2026-10-31)	LG&E and KU Foundation, Community Grants	C	Not published; typically low thousands to \$25,000	2	Opens October 2026 for 2027 activity
2026-10-31	Daughters of the American Revolution, Historic Preservation Grant	A	\$500 to \$10,000; 1:1 cash	3	Open; needs a DAR chapter sponsor letter
2026-11-13	IMLS, Museum Grants for African American History and Culture	A	\$5,000 to \$500,000	2	Open; church does not meet the museum test today
2026-11-13	IMLS, Inspire! Grants for Small Museums	A	\$5,000 to \$75,000	2	Open; same museum test
2026-12-09	National Endowment for the Humanities, Public Humanities Projects	A	Planning up to \$75,000; implementation up to \$750,000	2	Open; interpretation only, no construction
December 2026 letter of intent, mid-January 2027 deadlines (expected)	Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels, Good Works Program	C	\$10,000 to \$100,000	4	Closed; annual cycle opens in December; reimbursement model
Early January 2027 (expected)	Churchill Downs and Community Foundation of Louisville, Winsday	C	\$500 minimum; prizes to \$20,000	3	Closed; annual lottery registration

EXHIBIT 11 All 53 sources by next deadline: the near-term dates are small money and the large programs open in 2027. CONTINUED

NEXT DEADLINE	FUNDER AND PROGRAM	BUCKET	AWARD RANGE	FIT	STATUS (2026-09-18)
Mid-January 2027 open, early February 2027 close (expected)	National Trust, African American Cultural Heritage Action Fund, National Grant Program	A	\$50,000 to \$150,000	5	Closed; annual cycle; no match
February 2027 (expected)	Humana Foundation, Connected Healthy Lives	C	Historically \$50,000 to \$250,000; programs only	2	Closed; opens Q1 annually
2027-02-15	Kentucky Historical Society, Historical Marker Program (letter of interest)	A	Not a grant; applicant pays marker cost	2	Annual cycle
Mid-February to mid-March 2027 (expected)	Lowe's, Community Impact Grants (Lowe's Hometowns)	A	Sized to project; on the order of \$10,000 to \$200,000 plus associate labor	5	Closed; annual nomination window
Late February 2027 (expected)	Louisville Metro, External Agency Fund	C	\$10,000 to \$100,000-plus; programs only	2	Closed; FY28 round opens about 2027-01-11
Spring 2027 Action Plan drafting; approach by January 2027 (services round expected late February 2027)	Louisville Metro / HUD, Community Development Block Grant capital	A	Nonprofit capital awards \$200,000 to \$1,000,000	3	No open application; council- and staff-directed; sanctuary excluded
About March 2027 (expected)	Kentucky Heritage Council, Certified Local Government grant (applicant: Louisville Metro)	A	Not stated; 2026 average about \$12,400; 60/40 match	3	Closed; annual; Metro must sponsor
2027-03-03	Partners for Sacred Places and National Trust, National Fund for Sacred Places	B	\$50,000 to \$500,000 capital (1:1 cash match); planning up to \$20,000	3	Opens 2027-01-12
Spring 2027 (expected)	FEMA via Kentucky Office of Homeland Security, Nonprofit Security Grant Program	B	Up to \$200,000 per site, three sites, \$600,000 per organization	3	Closed; "will return in 2027"
March to April 2027 (expected)	U.S. House, Community Project Funding (Rep. McGarvey)	C	\$500,000 to \$2,000,000 for facilities	3	Closed for FY2027; FY2028 window; public sponsor required
February to April 2027 (expected)	U.S. Senate, Congressionally Directed Spending	C	Not stated	2	Closed for FY2027; FY2028 window; new senator seated January 2027
2027-04-15	Kentucky Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit	A	20% of qualified rehabilitation costs, as a credit	3	Paused pending HB 757 regulations; next allocation round 2027-04-15
May 2027 (expected)	Bank of America Charitable Foundation, local RFP (Empowering Communities)	C	\$5,000 to \$25,000	2	Closed; annual
Late May to June 2027 (expected)	Community Foundation of Louisville, Community Impact Fund	C	Not stated	2	Closed; annual
Summer 2027 (expected, if the fund recurs)	UPS Louisville Community Care Fund	C	Up to \$150,000; programs	2	Closed 2026-08-14; first-year fund
August to September 2027 (expected)	Kentucky Heritage Council, Kentucky African American Heritage Commission grant	A	\$1,000 to \$10,000	4	Closed 2026-09-07; annual
August to September 2027 (probable, not announced)	National Trust, Preserving Black Churches	B (school not eligible)	\$50,000 to \$500,000; no match	5 church / 1 school	Closed 2026-09-11; no later round posted
Fall 2027 (2028 budget); earlier if a 2027 supplemental moves	Kentucky General Assembly, line-item appropriation	C	Discretionary; \$100,000 to several million in comparable items	2	Closed for the biennium
Rolling; two months before funds are needed	Republic Bank and Republic Bank Foundation	C	Not stated; typically low thousands to low tens of thousands	4	Rolling; once per year per organization
Rolling	The Home Depot Foundation, Community Impact Grants and Team Depot	A	Up to \$5,000 in gift cards plus volunteer labor	4	Rolling (primary page blocked; confirm)

EXHIBIT 11 All 53 sources by next deadline: the near-term dates are small money and the large programs open in 2027. CONTINUED

NEXT DEADLINE	FUNDER AND PROGRAM	BUCKET	AWARD RANGE	FIT	STATUS (2026-09-18)
Rolling letter of interest	U.S. Bank Foundation, Community Possible	A	Typically \$5,000 to \$25,000; capital only with funding history	3	Rolling; applications by invitation
Rolling	PNC Foundation, Economic Development grants	A	Typically \$2,500 to \$25,000	3	Rolling; relationship-driven
Rolling	GAF, Community Contractor Program	C	Roughly \$6,000 to \$15,000 in roofing product	3	Rolling (pages blocked; confirm); contractor applies
Rolling	Vital Sites, Historic Property Revolving Loan Fund	C	Loan up to \$75,000	3	Rolling; prescreen first
Rolling; approach October 2026	Louisville Metro Office of Planning, Historic Preservation and Urban Design	A	None; CLG sponsor and technical help	3	Rolling
Rolling; FY28 ask January to March 2027	Louisville Metro Council, Neighborhood Development Fund, District 11	C	Few hundred dollars to \$25,000; programs only	3	Rolling within FY27
Rolling; before city FY28 budget (spring 2027)	City of Jeffersontown, resolution and in-kind support	C	In-kind	2	Rolling; no formal grant program
Rolling inquiry	Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, Humanities in Place	A	Not stated; typically six and seven figures	2	Rolling inquiry; invitation to propose
Rolling	Sherwin-Williams, local store paint donation	C	Store discretion; tens of gallons	2	No program; store manager
Rolling	GE Appliances, Community Heroes and Good Things, For Life Foundation	C	Appliances; Foundation grants not published	2	Rolling nominations; Foundation by invitation
Rolling; four weeks lead	Kroger, Louisville Division donation request	C	\$50 to \$2,500 per store request	2	Rolling
Rolling questionnaire	State Farm, Good Neighbor Citizenship Company Grants	A	Typically \$5,000 to \$25,000	2	Invitation only; open questionnaire
Unknown; expected May to August 2027 (about 30-day window)	National Park Service, African American Civil Rights Grants, Preservation track	A	\$75,000 to \$750,000; no match	5	Closed 2026-07-14; FY2026 notice not yet posted
Unknown; expected 2027	National Park Service, African American Civil Rights Grants, History track	A	\$15,000 to \$75,000; no match	3	Closed 2026-07-14
Unknown; expected 2027	National Park Service, History of Equal Rights Preservation Grants	A	\$15,000 to \$750,000; no match	2	Closed 2026-07-21; fallback only
Unknown	Toyota Motor Manufacturing Kentucky, community giving	A	Not published	3	Unknown (pages blocked)
Unknown	Behr Paint Company, in-kind product	C	Not stated	2	No public process
Unannounced	ScionHealth Gives	C	Roughly \$5,000 to \$10,000	2	Between rounds; employee nomination only
Unknown	Stock Yards Bank Foundation	C	Low thousands	2	Unknown (page blocked)
None; pending legislation	Congress, Rosenwald Schools National Historical Park Act (H.R. 8887 / S. 3925)	A	None authorized	Not scored	Pending in committee; watch

Source: Section 9. Bucket: A = Rosenwald school building; B = church; C = both. Fit scores carry the three adjustments made in Section 2.10. Status as of 2026-09-18.

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Readiness checklist for the church

Forty-five things to have, do, decide or ask, ordered by whether they block an application outright.

This section gathers everything the research found that the church must have, do, decide, or ask before the sources above can be applied for. It is organized by whether the item blocks an application outright, is paperwork, is a document to assemble, is a call to make, or is a decision for the board. Items are drawn from the strategy memo's capacity analysis, the individual entries, and the fact-check.

10.1 Blockers: without these, the larger applications cannot be scored

- 1 **Clean title to the school, and the deed.** The county property record shows the church as owner of parcel 004506780084. The church must supply the recorded deed showing when and from whom it acquired the building (Section 4.8, item U2). Every preservation funder requires proof of ownership, and the National Trust programs ask for it at application.
- 2 **A conditions assessment, scope of work and cost estimate** from an architect or contractor with historic rehabilitation experience, written to the Secretary of the Interior's Standards. This is the first thing to fund: several sources pay for planning (National Trust Preservation Funds, the Action Fund planning track, the Kentucky Heritage Council CLG grant via Metro, Preservation Kentucky, the National Park Service pre-preservation track), so the sequence is planning grant first, capital second.
- 3 **SAM.gov registration and a Unique Entity Identifier.** Required for every federal dollar, including Kentucky Humanities (which requires it), FEMA's security grant, Metro CDBG, and any earmark. Free; takes several weeks; renews annually. Start now.
- 4 **Match capacity,** cash or documented in-kind, sized to the programs actually pursued. The National Fund for Sacred Places requires a 1:1 cash match; the DAR grant requires 1:1 secured cash; Preservation Kentucky requires 1:1 cash; Kentucky Humanities requires 1:1 cash or in-kind; the CLG grant requires 40% local match, which can be in-kind from the church. Corporate in-kind commitments (Lowe's, Home Depot, GAF, paint) can be counted as match for foundation and federal grants if documented with a valuation letter.
- 5 **Cash flow for reimbursement grants.** Federal money, FEMA's security grant, the Kentucky Colonels, and many Metro awards reimburse after the church has paid. The church must be able to float costs for 60 to 90 days, or use a bridge such as the Vital Sites loan fund.

10.2 Two documents the corporate lane found necessary

- 6 **A two-page community-use plan for the school:** who will use it, hours, programs (youth, seniors, heritage tourism, alumni events), and an open-to-all policy. Lowe's, The Home Depot Foundation, U.S. Bank, PNC, Bank of America, State Farm, the James Graham Brown Foundation, the Kentucky Colonels, Metro CDBG and Metro's Neighborhood Development Fund all condition a church's eligibility on the funded space or program serving the whole public without regard to religion. One document answers all of them.
- 7 **A board-adopted written non-discrimination policy** covering religion and other protected classes. U.S. Bank requires certification of one; the others ask the question in their own words.

10.3 Paperwork and registrations

- 8 **IRS determination letter and a screenshot of the IRS Tax Exempt Organization Search** showing the church's Publication 78 listing and determination (open <https://apps.irs.gov/app/eos/> in a browser, search EIN 610730354). The IRS site refused automated access during the research (Section 4.8, item U1).
- 9 **Good standing** with the Kentucky Secretary of State, the Louisville Metro Revenue Commission, and the Louisville Metro Human Relations Commission (required for Metro's Neighborhood Development Fund and External Agency Fund).
- 10 **Kentucky vendor registration (VSS)** at award for any state grant (Kentucky African American Heritage Commission, Kentucky Office of Homeland Security).
- 11 **Metro registrations:** Neighborhood Development Fund training certificate (before requesting an application from Council Member Kramer's office); Euna Grants subrecipient portal account for CDBG.
- 12 **Online portal accounts:** Foundant/grantinterface.com (National Trust, National Fund for Sacred Places, Kentucky Humanities, Kentucky Colonels); Grants.gov (federal); SmartSimple (Humana); the DAR academicworks portal.
- 13 **Preservation Leadership Forum organizational membership** with the National Trust. Not required to apply to the Bruckheimer Fund or the National Trust Preservation Funds; a selected grantee must join before funds are released, so buy it after an award. Price not published; ask forum@savingplaces.org.
- 14 **Reviewed or audited financials** for larger asks. A federal single audit is required only if federal spending exceeds \$1,000,000 in a year. The church is not required to file Form 990; be ready to explain that where a form asks for one (Republic Bank, for example).
- 15 **Board resolution** authorizing each application and any preservation covenant or easement a funder requires.
- 16 **Evidence of organizational age.** The church's IRS determination is dated 2025 though the congregation dates to 1833. The Kentucky Colonels require five years of existence; The Home Depot Foundation requires one year. Have the church's history and prior tax-exempt status ready to show.

10.4 Documents and facts to assemble for the grant file

- 17 **Current photographs of the school**, inside and out, and a written statement of its present condition, use, utilities and roof (Section 4.8, item U10). Required by every capital application and by the Kentucky African American Heritage Commission's site form.
- 18 **The National Register nomination form** (NRIS 85002448) and the **Fisk University Rosenwald card** (KY 3537), both downloadable from the links in Appendix A.
- 19 **A short written history** of the school using the resolved facts in Section 4: six-teacher plan, three-teacher staff; Holmes architect, Moore Brothers builder; closed 1961; one of three surviving Rosenwald schools of seven in Jefferson County.
- 20 **The date the sanctuary was built** and whether it is over 50 years old (Section 4.8, item U12). This decides whether the church can apply to Preserving Black Churches and the National Fund for Sacred Places.
- 21 **Whether census tract 011116 (where both buildings sit) is low- and moderate-income** under HUD's definitions (Section 4.8, item U14), or which limited-clientele group (seniors, youth) the school would serve. Needed for Metro CDBG and useful for every bank application.
- 22 **Whether any easement, covenant or prior grant encumbers the school** (Section 4.8, item U4). Check the church's title records and ask the Kentucky Heritage Council.
- 23 **Any records of the reported 1985 renovation** (Section 4.8, item U3).
- 24 **A one-page project brief** modeled on the Kentucky African American Heritage Commission site-grant section. The same brief serves the congressional and state legislative requests.

- 25 **A security vulnerability assessment** for the sanctuary (the CISA faith-based self-assessment is accepted) if the church intends to apply to FEMA's Nonprofit Security Grant Program.
- 26 **A list of congregants who are veterans** (Home Depot priority), State Farm agents or employees, ScionHealth employees, U.S. Bank employees, Republic Bank customers, or DAR members. Several programs turn on such a connection.

10.5 **Calls and letters to make now**

Before any of these calls, open two pages in a browser. The Home Depot Foundation Community Impact Grants page (<https://corporate.homedepot.com/page/community-impact-grants>) and GAF's Community Contractor Program pages (<https://www.gaf.com/en-us/for-pros/contractors/community-contractors> and <https://www.gaf.com/en-us/about-us/community>) refused automated access on September 18, 2026, and again at the quality check the same day. The \$5,000 gift-card figure, the "not solely for worship" rule, and the contractor-applies process in those two entries come from the companies' own text as reproduced elsewhere. Read both pages directly and note the date before relying on either entry.

- 27 **Savannah Darr, Historic Preservation Officer, Louisville Metro Office of Planning, 502-574-5705, savannah.darr@louisvilleky.gov.** The question, in one sentence: "Will Metro's CLG program sponsor a Kentucky Heritage Council CLG grant for a National Register property inside the City of Jeffersontown?" This could not be answered online. It decides the CLG path and the cheapest way to fund the conditions assessment (60% federal money, March 2027 round). Ask in October 2026. Fallback: Nicole Roth, Kentucky Heritage Council, 502-892-3606, nicole.roth@ky.gov.
- 28 **Tressa T. Brown, Kentucky African American Heritage Commission, 502-892-3607, Tressa.Brown@ky.gov.** Ask whether late or rolling consideration exists for the 2026 round that closed September 7, and whether a Rosenwald-specific initiative is planned.
- 29 **Craig Potts, Kentucky Heritage Council Executive Director and State Historic Preservation Officer, craig.potts@ky.gov.** A short note about a surviving brick Rosenwald school in Jefferson County puts the building on the list for whatever replaces the America250KY preservation grants.
- 30 **Council Member Kevin Kramer's office (Scott Harrington, 502-574-3456, scott.harrington@louisvilleky.gov) and Laura Grabowski, Office of Housing and Community Development, 502-574-5850.** Open the CDBG conversation for the PY2027 Action Plan by January 2027. Note that the District 11 seat is on the November 3, 2026 ballot.
- 31 **Mayor Carol Pike, City of Jeffersontown, cpike@jeffersontownky.gov, 502-267-8333.** Ask for a council resolution naming the school a city heritage priority and for in-kind public works; ask whether the city would sponsor a federal earmark request.
- 32 **Rep. McGarvey's grants team, mccgarvey.grants@mail.house.gov.** Ask him to cosponsor H.R. 8887 (Rosenwald Schools National Historical Park Act); in January 2027, ask which accounts will be open for FY2028 Community Project Funding and what the office wants from a public sponsor.
- 33 **A local DAR chapter,** for a sponsor letter before the October 31, 2026 deadline (hpgrants@nsdar.org can confirm whether a church applicant is acceptable).
- 34 **A University of Louisville or Kentucky State University historian,** to serve as Principal Humanities Scholar for a Kentucky Humanities application (letter of intent September 30, 2026, or the 2027 cycle) and as the NEH scholar if that path is taken.
- 35 **A GAF-certified roofing contractor in Louisville,** if the roof is in scope; only the contractor can apply to GAF.
- 36 **Preservation Kentucky (via preservationkentucky.org/funding),** to ask whether it offers a fiscal-agent role and for the Bruckheimer Fund award list.

- 37 **The Rosenwald Park Campaign** (rosenwaldpark.org), a letter of interest so the school is on its list if the park and network program are enacted.
- 38 **The National Trust Action Fund team**, actionfundgrants@savingplaces.org, in spring 2027, to ask whether a 2028 Preserving Black Churches round will run.
- 39 **A Kentucky tax lawyer**, once the revised state tax-credit regulation is final, on how the church would claim or sell the Kentucky Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit.
- 40 **Subscribe** to the National Park Service Historic Preservation Fund grant bulletin and watch simpler.grants.gov for the FY2026 African American Civil Rights notice.

10.6 Decisions for the board

- 41 **Preservation covenant or easement.** The National Park Service programs, the CLG grant and some others require a recorded covenant for a term tied to the grant amount. The board should see the NPS schedule before applying.
- 42 **Local landmark designation** through Louisville Metro's Landmarks process, which adds design review on exterior changes but strengthens every heritage application.
- 43 **Whether to form a separately incorporated secular "Friends of the Alexander-Ingram School"** or use a fiscal sponsor. This would remove the religious-organization question at the James Graham Brown Foundation, Benjamin Moore, Brown-Forman (programs only), U.S. Bank (capital), and Metro's Neighborhood Development Fund, and would be the cleaner applicant for IMLS museum grants. It is not quick.
- 44 **Prior work.** Work done before a grant is awarded is generally ineligible for reimbursement. If the church has started any work on the school, it should stop and document what has been done.
- 45 **Which bounded scope to nominate to Lowe's** in February 2027 (one project its associates can finish between August and December), and **which single item to ask Republic Bank and the Bruckheimer Fund** for (windows, roof section, ADA restroom), rather than "renovate the school."

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Checked and excluded

Sixty programs the church should not chase, with the rule that closes each one.

Sixty programs checked and set aside, with the reason, so the church does not re-chase them. Twelve of them (marked "full entry in Appendix B") were written up in the full schema and are preserved in Appendix B. Two programs that the federal research listed as excluded, House Community Project Funding (direct application) and the National Park Service History of Equal Rights grant, remain as scored entries in Parts A and C because a workaround exists.

EXHIBIT 12 Sixty programs checked and excluded, with the rule that closes each door.

PROGRAM	WHY EXCLUDED	CHECKED (2026-09-18 UNLESS NOTED)
Federal		
National Park Service, Save America's Treasures (full entry in Appendix B)	National significance or National Historic Landmark required; the nomination's significance statement is framed at the Jefferson County level and the NPS index carries no national flag, so the listing is local; also 1:1 match. FY2025 round closed 2026-06-16. No practical workaround.	National Register nomination PDF, NPGallery NRIS 85002448, IMLS Save America's Treasures page
National Park Service, Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization Subgrant Program (full entry in Appendix B)	"Rural" means USDA nonmetropolitan counties; Jefferson County is the core of the Louisville metropolitan area. Kentucky's only intermediary (Paducah) serves McCracken County. Closed 2026-06-23.	Grants.gov P25AS00497; Paducah program page
USDA Rural Development, Community Facilities Direct Loan and Grant (full entry in Appendix B)	Rural area capped at 20,000 population; Jeffersontown had 28,474 people at the 2020 Census and sits inside the Louisville urbanized area; a secondary map shows no eligible parcels in Jefferson County. The USDA page returned 403; the cap text was read from search excerpts, but the population figure closes the question on any reading. The USDA eligibility map (eligibility.sc.egov.usda.gov) can be run in a browser if the formal screen is ever wanted.	USDA Kentucky page (search excerpt); usdaproperties.com (secondary)
National Park Service, Underrepresented Communities grants (full entry in Appendix B)	Funds only survey and National Register nominations; the school is already listed (1985). One narrow future use: nominating the sanctuary if it is over 50 years old, with the Kentucky Heritage Council or Metro's CLG program as applicant. Closed 2026-07-07.	Grants.gov P25AS00510; Kentucky Heritage Council
National Park Service, Semiquincentennial grants (full entry in Appendix B)	Founding-era properties (through 1800) only. Closed 2026-06-30.	NPS program page
National Park Service, HBCU grants	Applicant must be a Historically Black College or University.	NPS Historic Preservation Fund program list (rule is definitional; not separately fetched)
National Park Service, African American Civil Rights Network (AACRN) reserved pool	The FY2024 notice reserved \$5,000,000 for Network members; the school is not a member. If the church joins the Network (free, by application to NPS), this pool opens. Not verified for FY2025 or later.	NPS African American Civil Rights page
National Park Service, Preservation Technology and Training Grants (NCPTT)	Research and training only, not site work. Not fetched at source; confirm at ncptt.nps.gov if ever in doubt.	Not checked at source
National Endowment for the Humanities, Infrastructure and Capacity Building Challenge Grants (full entry in Appendix B)	Discontinued after the 2023-05-17 deadline. This was the only NEH program that paid for construction.	RIT summary of the NEH notice; NEH page returned 403
National Endowment for the Humanities, Endowments for Advancing the Humanities (full entry in Appendix B)	A 20-year endowment program, not capital; \$5,000,000 scale with 1:1 match; wrong applicant type. Opens 2026-11-01, deadline 2027-01-13.	NEH program page
National Endowment for the Arts, Grants for Arts Projects, Our Town, Challenge America (full entry in Appendix B)	Three-year arts-programming history required; the church has none; no arts use case. Closed for 2027 projects. A Louisville arts nonprofit could apply with the school as a site.	NEA eligibility page and FY2027 guidelines release (search excerpts)

EXHIBIT 12 **Sixty programs checked and excluded, with the rule that closes each door.** CONTINUED

PROGRAM	WHY EXCLUDED	CHECKED (2026-09-18 UNLESS NOTED)
Federal Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit, 20% (full entry in Appendix B)	Income-producing (depreciable) use required; tax-exempt use property excluded; the church has no tax liability. Applies only if the church sold or long-term leased the building to a taxable developer.	NPS tax incentives eligibility page; IRS rehabilitation credit FAQs
Grants.gov keyword sweep, "Rosenwald"	Zero results, any status.	simpler.grants.gov
Grants.gov keyword sweep, "historic preservation," open or forecast	Only the American Battlefield Protection Program land-acquisition grant (P26AS00019, closes 2026-09-30) and a BLM youth corps notice; nothing applicable.	simpler.grants.gov
Kentucky state and Louisville Metro		
Kentucky Heritage Council and Kentucky Historical Society, America250KY Preservation Grants (full entry in Appendix B)	Two rounds only; both awarded; funds had to be spent by 2026-08-07. It was the best state bricks-and-mortar door in a decade and it is closed. Watch for a successor (see the note to Craig Potts in Section 10).	Kentucky Heritage Council America250KY page and Round 1 application PDF; press coverage of Round 2
Louisville Metro Council, Capital Infrastructure Fund (\$100,000 per district)	Restricted to "long-lived public improvements ... owned or managed by local government." The school is privately owned. Reopens only if Metro takes a lease or easement interest.	Metro Office of Management and Budget NDF training deck, 2025-01-24
Kentucky Department for Local Government, state CDBG (Public Facilities, Community Projects; 2026 window 2026-04-01 to 2026-09-02)	Louisville/Jefferson County Metro Government is an entitlement jurisdiction expressly excluded from the state CDBG program. CDBG for this address flows only through Metro (Part A).	Kentucky Department for Local Government CDBG page
Kentucky Arts Council (Kentucky Arts Partnership; Kentucky Arts Rising; Arts and Accessibility Award; Kentucky Touring; KPAN)	The partnership and Rising programs are for organizations "whose primary mission is to provide Kentuckians with year-round arts programming." The Arts and Accessibility Award (\$2,500/\$5,000, deadline 2026-08-24) closed and is health-and-wellness programming. America250KY Through the Arts was for artist fees at a 2026 festival. Nothing funds a building.	Kentucky Arts Council program pages
Louisville Metro, 250 Lou Grant Program	Events only, \$48,000 total, events had to occur by 2026-06-30. Expired.	Metro announcement
Louisville Metro CDBG Public Services (Office of Social Services), FY27 round 2026-01-12 to 2026-02-24	Services only; explicitly not capital. Closed. The capital path is the Office of Housing and Community Development entry in Part A.	Metro CDBG information page
Jefferson County Fiscal Court legacy funds	The Fiscal Court ceased to exist with the 2003 city-county merger; no successor fund for nonprofits was found outside Metro Council's Neighborhood Development Fund and Capital Infrastructure Fund.	Search
Kentucky Tourism Development Act incentives (Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet)	Sales-tax recovery (up to 25% of development cost over 10 years) for tourism attractions generating taxable sales; structured for for-profit and large attraction projects.	Cabinet program page
Kentucky Department of Tourism, Regional Marketing and Matching Funds	For local tourism marketing organizations (destination marketing), \$2,000,000 statewide; not capital and not for a property owner.	Department page
Kentucky Humanities Minigrants	"Not currently offering minigrants"; the project-grant entry in Part A is the live door.	kyhumanities.org
Foundations and national funds		
Lilly Endowment Inc., direct inquiry (full entry in Appendix B)	Lilly funds congregations mostly through intermediaries and states that building-campaign requests from outside Indianapolis "usually are declined, except as part of special initiatives." Its money for this church flows through Preserving Black Churches and the National Fund for Sacred Places (Part B). Do not spend effort on a direct letter.	lillyendowment.org guidelines and religion pages
Gheens Foundation	Its guidelines list "Churches (congregations, conventions, associations)" among organizations it will not fund; also excludes endowments; requires \$50,000 unrestricted revenue. Deadlines exist (2026-11-05 next) but the applicant is barred. 2025: 157 awards, \$6.3 million.	gheensfoundation.org guidelines and process pages; ProPublica EIN 61-6031406
Brown-Forman Foundation and Corporation	"Religious organizations such as churches and synagogues" are ineligible; "we do not accept capital campaign requests"; in-kind not offered. Quarterly deadlines (November 1, February 1) are irrelevant for this applicant. A Friends-of group could apply for arts and culture programming only.	brown-forman.com grant guidelines (fetched twice)
Norton Healthcare Foundation / Community Initiatives; Baptist Health Foundation; Elevance Health Foundation	Norton excludes "religious organizations or activities that are denominational or sectarian in purpose" and "brick-and-mortar capital projects." Baptist Health and Elevance giving is restricted to health programs; no capital or heritage path.	nortonhealthcare.com community initiatives page; search index for the others
C.E. and S. Foundation	Focus is early childhood, caregiver engagement, family stability and postsecondary success; asks partners not to send unsolicited proposals. No preservation or capital fit. Site certificate error on fetch; confirmed via the foundation's about page as indexed.	cesfoundation.com (via search index)
Owsley Brown III Philanthropic Foundation	2024 giving about \$2.2 million across 95 grants to Louisville arts institutions; no application process; no preservation or church grants visible. Relationship-only.	CauseIQ, EIN 27-4432014

EXHIBIT 12 Sixty programs checked and excluded, with the rule that closes each door. CONTINUED

PROGRAM	WHY EXCLUDED	CHECKED (2026-09-18 UNLESS NOTED)
Owsley Brown II Family Foundation (direct)	\$240,418 in 2024 disbursements, no application; its preservation vehicle is the Vital Sites loan fund (Part C).	ProPublica EIN 61-1189915
Blue Grass Community Foundation	Competitive grants are county-restricted (Fayette, Boyle, Magoffin) or program-restricted (aging, early literacy, newsrooms, school field trips). Nothing for a Jefferson County building.	bgcfc.org grant opportunities
The 1772 Foundation	Regional matching grants limited to New England and Georgia; Historic Properties Redevelopment Program grants go to revolving-fund organizations that are National Preservation Partners Network members (\$50,000 to \$75,000); African American History program is "by invitation only." Not a door for a single owner. Vital Sites, as a Louisville revolving fund, is the kind of organization 1772 funds; worth telling Vital Sites.	1772foundation.org grants
Kresge Foundation	"Do not currently accept unsolicited proposals"; supports the Action Fund at the program level.	kresge.org how-to-apply (via search index)
Ford Foundation	"Does not accept unsolicited grant proposals"; no preservation program.	fordfoundation.org grant opportunities (via search index)
Kentucky Trust for Historic Preservation	Offers no grants, loans, easements or fiscal sponsorship; its resources page points to Bruckheimer, the state tax credit, DAR and the Kentucky Colonels.	kthp.org resources
Rosenwald Park Campaign and Rosenwald alumni or descendant networks	The Campaign is an advocacy 501(c)(3) for a Rosenwald national historical park; the National Park Service special resource study recommends a future "Rosenwald School Network Program with grant-making authority," which does not exist yet (see the pending bill in Part A). No descendant or alumni network that makes grants was found. Worth a letter of interest.	rosenwaldpark.org; savingplaces.org Rosenwald schools page
National Trust Rosenwald Schools Initiative	Ran 2001 to 2017 with Lowe's grants; today the Trust points Rosenwald owners to the Action Fund and the National Trust Preservation Funds. No Rosenwald-specific grant.	savingplaces.org Rosenwald schools page
Action Fund sub-programs: Conserving Black Modernism, Descendant and Family Stewardship, HBCU Cultural Heritage Stewardship	Wrong building type, wrong applicant type, or HBCU-only.	savingplaces.org grants
Other National Trust named funds (Favrot, Cynthia Woods Mitchell, Hart Family Small Towns, Battlefield, Appell, Peter Grant, Cooke, Southwest Intervention, Bartus Trew, Jordan, Moe, Route 66, Brink)	Geography, subject, or membership restrictions do not reach a Jeffersontown school; Favrot and Mitchell are planning-only and duplicate the National Trust Preservation Funds; Hart Family is for towns under 10,000.	savingplaces.org grants
Partners for Sacred Places regional funds (Pennsylvania's Faithful Fund, Philadelphia Fund for Black Sacred Spaces, Arts in Sacred Places, Nordic Churches)	Geographically restricted; none in Kentucky. Partners' fee-based capital campaign consulting remains available to any congregation.	sacredplaces.org
Community Foundation of Louisville named funds (Artemis, Charles and Jack, Community Safety and Healing, county affiliates)	Youth development, LGBTQ+ youth, safety, or other counties; all closed for 2026. (The UPS Community Care Fund at the Community Foundation has its own entry in Part C.)	cflouisville.org competitive grants
Corporate		
Truist Foundation, local and regional grants (full entry in Appendix B)	The church as an entity is excluded by tax status. The Foundation's page bars "Religious organizations (churches, synagogues, mosques, other houses of worship) with tax status identified as IRC 170(b)(1)(A)(i) or other organizations primarily promoting religious purposes"; First Baptist Church of Jeffersontown is classified as a church under that section (Section 4.2). The separate clause admitting "faith-based community service organizations or schools" with open programs applies to a separately incorporated service organization, not to the congregation. Only a separately incorporated secular Friends-of entity running an adult workforce or trades program could apply. Quarterly deadlines (next 2026-11-30); \$15,000 minimum.	truistfoundation.org grant application page (fetched)
Benjamin Moore and Co., Donation Request	Written exclusions: "Religious organizations or church programs/events" and "Capital expenditures." Both apply. A Friends-of entity would clear the first bar but not the second.	benjaminmoore.com donation request (fetched)
Valspar (Sherwin-Williams brand)	Paint donations run exclusively through the national Habitat for Humanity partnership (over 2.5 million gallons to date); no open request path.	valspar.com about page and Habitat press release (search index)
Andersen Windows / Andersen Corporate Foundation	Corporate giving "currently by invitation only"; product donations limited to "affordable and accessible housing projects" in communities where Andersen employees live and work (Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa and plant towns; no Kentucky plant).	andersenwindows.com community page (fetched); 2025 foundation announcement (fetched)
Kohler Co.	No donation request process published; giving concentrated where Kohler has "sizable operations" (Wisconsin); no Louisville-area Kohler facility.	kohlercompany.com social impact page (downloaded and read)

EXHIBIT 12 Sixty programs checked and excluded, with the rule that closes each door. CONTINUED

PROGRAM	WHY EXCLUDED	CHECKED (2026-09-18 UNLESS NOTED)
Trex	"Requests submitted for Trex furniture or Trex material will not be approved due to agreements with our distributors"; cash sponsorships limited to education, environment, and children's programs.	trex.com donation form (fetched)
Ace Hardware Foundation	Gives only to Children's Miracle Network Hospitals and American Red Cross disaster relief; no external grant application. Local Ace stores are independently owned; a Jeffersontown Ace owner may donate at discretion (ask in person).	acehardwarefoundation.org (fetched)
Menards	"Menards doesn't have an in-kind donation program"; support is the Scrip gift-card program (nonprofits buy at 4% discount to resell), which is fundraising, not a grant; Menard Family Foundation "not accepting requests." Nearest Menards is across the river in Indiana (not verified). Primary page not fetched.	Aggregator summaries of menards.com policy (search index)
Yum! Brands Foundation	No formal or competitive grant program; Unlocking Opportunity Initiative partners are invited (Louisville: Evolve502, University of Louisville, Downtown Development Corp.). Foundation matching grants are for employee-directed gifts.	Inside Philanthropy and Candid profiles (search index); yum.com page timed out twice
Papa Johns Foundation	"Papa Johns does not accept or respond to unsolicited grant proposals"; Building Community Fund grants are applied for by franchisees on a nonprofit's behalf and target youth leadership, hunger, and food waste. A Jeffersontown franchisee could nominate a youth program, not a renovation.	papajohns.com/foundation (fetched)
Texas Roadhouse, Andy's Outreach Fund	Employee hardship fund only, "does not accept unsolicited proposals." Corporate sponsorships exist but no public application was found.	CauseIQ and GuideStar profiles (search index)
Ford Motor Company / Ford Philanthropy (Louisville Assembly Plant, Kentucky Truck Plant)	Ford reports \$6.7 million to Kentucky nonprofits over the years, but no open application, portal, or Kentucky-specific program was found; giving is by invitation through Ford Philanthropy and plant community relations. Unknown, not ineligible; check fordphilanthropy.org in a browser before ruling it out.	Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development releases 2025-08-11 and 2026-09-10 (search index)
Fifth Third Bank / Foundation Office at Fifth Third	The Foundation Office's published geography is Cincinnati, Dayton, Northern Kentucky, and Piqua (churches eligible for non-denominational programming there). Every 53.com foundation URL tried returned 404; Louisville-market giving path not found. Unknown; ask a Louisville Fifth Third branch manager before ruling it out.	53.com press release 2024-10-10 (search index)
Wells Fargo Foundation	"Invitation-only"; applicants need an invitation code; priorities are financial opportunity, housing, small business; religious organizations only for non-sectarian broad-benefit programs. Minimal Louisville branch presence.	wellsfargo.com grant process page (fetched)
JPMorgan Chase Foundation	Louisville giving is large-scale strategic (AdvancingCities \$3 million, KentuckianaWorks, Goodwill Kentucky) with no open local application.	News and Metro United Way pages (search index)
Allstate Foundation	"Does not have a public application process"; focus is youth empowerment, relationship abuse, nonprofit leadership. Agent-directed Helping Hands grants exist but the foundation page timed out on two fetches.	Inside Philanthropy profile (search index)
Sherwin-Williams Foundation (as a grantmaker)	Giving concentrated in Cleveland and Ohio; no open application; Grants for Volunteers is an employee program. The local-store in-kind path is an entry in Part C.	Filing summaries (search index); corporate community page (fetched)
Churchill Downs Incorporated Foundation (direct)	No published application; the public door is Winsday via the Community Foundation of Louisville (Part C).	cflouisville.org/events/winsday (fetched)

Source: Section 11. Checked 2026-09-18 unless noted. Twelve programs marked "full entry in Appendix B" are written up in full in Section 13.

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Appendix A: Sources and dates checked

Every page, record and filing consulted, with the ones that must be reopened in a browser before the church relies on them.

Every source was checked on 2026-09-18 unless a different date is shown. Pages that refused automated access on that day are marked; those should be opened in a browser before the church relies on the entry.

Kentucky Heritage Council site outage at the quality check. heritage.ky.gov returned errors (502 or 403) on every attempt during the quality check on 2026-09-18, including the Kentucky African American Heritage Commission page, the CLG grant page, both CLG contact-list PDFs, and the tax credit overview. Those pages were read earlier the same day, before the outage, and the entries are consistent with what was read then. Before relying on the KAAHC deadline sentence, the CLG list, or the tax credit status, reopen those pages.

Two 990-PF filings the church should open in a browser. ProPublica's filing download links returned a bot-challenge page rather than the document. To cite one capital grant from the James Graham Brown Foundation, open the 2023 Form 990-PF (Part XV, grants paid): https://projects.propublica.org/nonprofits/download-filing?path=IRS%2F610724060_202312_990PF_2024122022965015.pdf (the 2024 filing is listed on ProPublica as 202523149349102602). For the Stock Yards Bank Foundation, the 2022 filing path is [download990pdf_12_2023_prefixes_58-62/611380342_202212_990PF_2023121922140779.pdf](https://projects.propublica.org/nonprofits/download-filing?path=IRS%2F611380342_202212_990PF_2023121922140779.pdf).

A.1 Sources for Section 4 (the church and the building)

Primary and authoritative:

- National Park Service NPGallery index record, NRIS 85002448: <https://npgallery.nps.gov/AssetDetail/NRIS/85002448>
- National Register nomination (Kentucky Historic Resources Inventory JF 686, Jefferson County MRA), PDF: <https://npgallery.nps.gov/GetAsset/3801ad0b-3889-403a-987e-ca88fd3265ab> ; text asset https://npgallery.nps.gov/NRHP/GetAsset/NRHP/85002448_text
- Fisk University Rosenwald Fund Card File, Jeffersontown School (KY 3537): <https://rosenwald.fisk.edu/s/rosenwald-fund-collection/item/20130> ; photographs <https://rosenwald.fisk.edu/s/rosenwald-fund-collection/item/39717> and <https://rosenwald.fisk.edu/s/rosenwald-fund-collection/item/51114> ; transportation applications <https://rosenwald.fisk.edu/s/rosenwald-fund-collection/item/52068>
- Jefferson County PVA, school parcel 004506780084: <https://jeffersonpva.ky.gov/property-search/property-listings/?psfldParcelId=004506780084&propertySearchFormButton=Search&searchType=ParcelSearch> ; church parcel 004506180000: <https://jeffersonpva.ky.gov/property-search/property-listings/?psfldParcelId=004506180000&propertySearchFormButton=Search&searchType=ParcelSearch> ("Data last updated 09/16/2026")

- LOJIC open data: address points
<https://gis.lojic.org/maps/rest/services/LojicSolutions/OpenDataAddresses/MapServer/0> ; parcels
<https://gis.lojic.org/maps/rest/services/LojicSolutions/OpenDataPVA/MapServer/1> ; National Register layer
<https://gis.lojic.org/maps/rest/services/LojicSolutions/OpenDataDevelopment/MapServer/8>
- Kentucky Heritage Council CLG contact list:
<https://heritage.ky.gov/Documents/2026%20CLG%20Contact%20list.pdf> (cited as updated March 2026) and
<https://heritage.ky.gov/community/clg-program/Documents/2026January-CLG%20Contact%20list.pdf> (January 2026); program page <https://heritage.ky.gov/community/clg-program/Pages/overview.aspx>
- IRS master-file republishers: ProPublica <https://projects.propublica.org/nonprofits/organizations/610730354> ; CauseIQ <https://www.causeiq.com/organizations/first-baptist-church-of-jeffersontown,610730354/> ; GuideStar <https://www.guidestar.org/profile/61-0730354>
- Church: <https://www.fbcjtown.org/> ; https://www.fbcjtown.org/Dot_AboutUs.asp ;
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<https://www.fbcjtown.org/images/files/@%20A%20Glance%203.3.24.pdf>

Secondary:

- City of Jeffersontown, "Alexander Ingram School / St. Paul's Church":
<https://www.jeffersontownky.com/650/Alexander-Ingram-School>
- Beth Wilder, "Alexander-Ingram School," Towne Post / Jeffersontown Magazine, January 21, 2022:
<https://townepost.com/kentucky/jeffersontown/alexander-ingram-school/>
- Beth Wilder, "Faith and Foundations," Towne Post, April 20, 2021:
<https://townepost.com/kentucky/jeffersontown/faith-and-foundations/>
- Towne Post, "Reverend Thurmond Coleman, Sr.": <https://townepost.com/kentucky/fine-fine-fine/>
- Courier-Journal obituary, Thurmond Coleman (2019):
<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/louisville/name/thurmond-coleman-obituary?id=2173456&fhid=16681>
- Louisville Public Media, February 10, 2016: <https://www.lpm.org/news/2016-02-10/rosenwald-schools-aimed-to-help-louisvilles-african-american-students>
- Greater Jeffersontown Historical Society newsletters, August 2013 and April 2016:
<https://www.jeffersontownky.com/Archive/ViewFile/Item/310> ;
<https://jeffersontownky.com/Archive/ViewFile/Item/702>
- Notable Kentucky African Americans Database: <https://nkaa.uky.edu/nkaa/items/show/2631>
- LOJIC political boundary layers (point-in-polygon checks for both parcels, 2026-09-18): Metro Council districts (OpenDataPolitical, layer 8), state legislative districts (layer 1), state senatorial districts (layer 3), congressional districts (layer 4), and 2020 census tracts, at <https://gis.lojic.org/maps/rest/services/LojicSolutions/>
- City of Jeffersontown online directory (mayor and city officials):
<https://www.jeffersontownky.com/Directory.aspx>
- Jeffersontown 2020 Census population (28,474): Wikipedia, "Jeffersontown, Kentucky," citing the U.S. Census Bureau (census.gov QuickFacts and the Census API blocked automated access on 2026-09-18)
- Greater Louisville Inc., Kevin Kramer profile, July 25, 2024: <https://www.greaterlouisville.com/general/meet-the-councilmembers-kevin-kramer/>
- Louisville Metro news, Kramer elected National League of Cities president (November 2025):
<https://louisvilleky.gov/news/metro-councilman-kevin-kramer-elected-national-league-cities-president>
- Preservation Kentucky, Rosenwald Schools in Kentucky: <https://preservationkentucky.org/rosenwald-schools-in-kentucky/>

- Jeffersontown Chamber directory listing:
<https://jeffersontownchamberky.growthzoneapp.com/directory/Details/first-baptist-church-jeffersontown-2785145?rendermode=print>
- Spectrum News, January 4, 2023 (Jefferson Jacob School, not this building):
[https://spectrumnews1.com/ky/louisville/news/2023/01/04/kentucky-rosenwald-school-being-restored-](https://spectrumnews1.com/ky/louisville/news/2023/01/04/kentucky-rosenwald-school-being-restored-historic-structures.com)
- historic-structures.com transcription of the nomination: <https://www.historic-structures.com/ky/jeffersontown/jeffersontown-colored-school/>
- Church history PDF (image-only, not read page by page): <https://www.jeffersontownky.com/Archive.aspx?ADID=130>

Blocked to automated fetch on 2026-09-18 (open in a browser to confirm): IRS Tax Exempt Organization Search <https://apps.irs.gov/app/eos/> (403); louisvilleky.gov district pages <https://louisvilleky.gov/government/metro-council-district-11> (Cloudflare); hmdb.org (403); NPGallery photo asset a01a868d-f49a-4389-a094-980f422c7111 (504).

A.2 Sources for the funding entries, by program

EXHIBIT 13 Every source consulted for the funding entries, by program.

PROGRAM	SOURCES CHECKED (2026-09-18)
NPS African American Civil Rights, Preservation	https://www.nps.gov/articles/000/african-american-civil-rights-grant-opportunity.htm ; https://simpler.grants.gov/opportunity/b0577fe7-00da-4374-8693-476b6249eadf ; https://www.nps.gov/subjects/historicpreservationfund/african-american-civil-rights.htm ; https://www.nps.gov/subjects/historicpreservationfund/african-american-civil-rights-application-information.htm ; https://www.nps.gov/orgs/1207/aacr-2023.htm ; https://www.nps.gov/orgs/1207/national-park-service-awards-\$23-4-million-to-preserve-african-american-civil-rights-history.htm
NPS African American Civil Rights, History	https://simpler.grants.gov/opportunity/5206dfc2-c1e0-437d-b7ad-898a72e92c11 ; https://www.nps.gov/subjects/historicpreservationfund/aacr-funded-projects.htm
NPS History of Equal Rights	https://simpler.grants.gov/opportunity/3b44ded3-d42c-4b90-82f4-da45ddf59904 ; https://www.nps.gov/subjects/historicpreservationfund/history-of-equal-rights.htm
NEH Public Humanities Projects	https://www.neh.gov/grants/public/public-humanities-projects ; https://www.neh.gov/grants ; https://www.neh.gov/grants/preservation/infrastructure-and-capacity-building-challenge-grants (403; via search result)
IMLS Museum Grants for African American History and Culture	https://www.imls.gov/find-funding/funding-opportunities/grant-programs/museum-grants-for-african-american-history-and-culture ; https://www.imls.gov/find-funding/how-to-apply/eligibility-criteria ; https://www.imls.gov/find-funding/how-to-apply/funding-opportunities
IMLS Inspire! Grants for Small Museums	https://www.imls.gov/find-funding/funding-opportunities/grant-programs/inspire-grants-for-small-museums ; https://www.imls.gov/find-funding/how-to-apply/eligibility-criteria
Rosenwald Schools National Historical Park Act	https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/BILLS-119hr8887ih/html/BILLS-119hr8887ih.htm ; https://www.congress.gov/bill/119th-congress/house-bill/8887 ; https://www.congress.gov/bill/119th-congress/senate-bill/3925 ; search results for S. 3925 status
KHC Kentucky African American Heritage Commission grant	https://heritage.ky.gov/aa-na/Pages/aa-commission.aspx ; https://heritage.ky.gov/aa-na/Documents/2025%20KAAHC%20Grant%20Application%20Blank.pdf
KHC Certified Local Government grant	https://heritage.ky.gov/community/clg-program/Pages/CLG%20Grant%20Program.aspx ; https://heritage.ky.gov/community/clg-program/Documents/2026January-CLG%20Contact%20list.pdf ; https://lexingtonky.news/2026/07/02/beshear-awards-112k-to-9-clg-communities-for-historic-preservation/
Kentucky Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit	https://heritage.ky.gov/historic-buildings/rehab-tax-credits/Pages/overview.aspx ; https://heritage.ky.gov/historic-buildings/rehab-tax-credits/resources/Pages/default.aspx ; https://revenue.ky.gov/Business/Pages/Certified-Rehab-Tax-Credit.aspx ; https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/kar/titles/300/006/011/
Kentucky Humanities Project Grants	https://www.kyhumanities.org/grants/ ; https://www.kyhumanities.org/grants/grants ; https://www.kyhumanities.org/grants/applicant-resources (503) ; us.fundsforgos.org listing of the 2026 guidelines (secondary)
KHS Local History Trust Fund	https://history.ky.gov/participate/support-local-history ; https://history.ky.gov/news/grant-funding-available-through-ky-local-history-trust-fund
KHS Historical Marker Program	https://history.ky.gov/explore/historical-marker-program
Louisville Metro / HUD CDBG	https://louisvilleky.gov/government/office-social-services/hopwa-esg-and-cdbg-information ; https://louisvilleky.gov/government/housing/federal-plans-and-public-notices ; https://louisvilleky.gov/sites/default/files/2026-04/Public%20Comment%20DRAFT%20-%202026%20Action%20Plan.pdf (pages 5 to 10, 44 to 58) ; https://www.law.cornell.edu/cfr/text/24/5.109 ; Metro HUD competitive grants notice (search-surfaced) ; Kentucky Department for Local Government CDBG page. louisvilleky.gov HTML returned 403.
Louisville Metro Office of Planning, Historic Preservation	Kentucky Heritage Council CLG contact list (January 2026) ; https://louisvilleky.gov/government/office-planning/historic-preservation-urban-design (403; search-surfaced text)

EXHIBIT 13 Every source consulted for the funding entries, by program. CONTINUED

PROGRAM	SOURCES CHECKED (2026-09-18)
National Trust Action Fund National Grant Program	https://savingplaces.org/action-fund-guidelines ; https://savingplaces.org/files/action-fund-ngp-guidelines ; https://savingplaces.org/stories/actionfund2025 ; https://savingplaces.org/stories/actionfund2026 ; https://savingplaces.org/grants
DAR Historic Preservation Grants	https://www.dar.org/system/files/members/darnet/forms/HP-1010.pdf (instruction sheet, revised August 2026) ; https://www.dar.org/outreach/historic-preservation/dar-historic-preservation-grants (403) ; portal https://dar.academicworks.com/opportunities/854
James Graham Brown Foundation	https://www.jgbf.org/grants.html ; https://www.jgbf.org/ ; https://projects.propublica.org/nonprofits/organizations/610724060 ; https://www.instrumentl.com/990-report/james-graham-brown-foundation-inc ; https://www.insidephilanthropy.com/find-a-grant-places/kentucky-grants/james-graham-brown-foundation
Mellon Humanities in Place	https://www.mellon.org/grant-programs/humanities-in-place ; inquiry https://mellon.fluxx.io/apply/hip
Lowe's Community Impact Grants	https://corporate.lowes.com/our-responsibilities/community-impact/faqs ; https://corporate.lowes.com/sites/lowes-corp/files/lowes-hometowns/2026/2026-Community-Impact-Grants-Program-Terms-and-Conditions_Final.pdf ; https://corporate.lowes.com/our-responsibilities/lowes-hometowns ; https://corporate.lowes.com/newsroom/press-releases/lowes-invites-communities-nominate-projects-lowes-hometowns-01-27-25 (search index)
The Home Depot Foundation Community Impact Grants	https://corporate.homedepot.com/page/home-depot-foundation ; https://corporate.homedepot.com/page/grants ; https://corporate.homedepot.com/page/community-impact-grants (403) ; https://grantedai.com/grants/the-home-depot-foundation-community-impact-grants-program-the-home-depot-foundation-f4e5bda9 and https://www.thegrantplantnm.com/grant-detail/home-depot-foundation-community-impact-grants-4/ (secondary)
U.S. Bank Foundation Community Possible	https://www.usbank.com/content/dam/usbank/en/documents/pdfs/about-us-bank/community-possible-grant-guidelines-2026.pdf (dated 01/2026) ; https://www.usbank.com/about-us-bank/community/community-possible-grant-program.html
PNC Foundation	https://www.pnc.com/en/about-pnc/corporate-responsibility/philanthropy/pnc-foundation.html ; https://www.pnc.com/en/about-pnc/corporate-responsibility/philanthropy/charitable-sponsorships.html
Toyota Motor Manufacturing Kentucky	https://spectrumnews1.com/ky/louisville/news/2023/01/04/kentucky-rosenwald-school-being-restored-and https://forward.com/news/843761/julius-rosenwald-school-sadieville-kentucky-national-park/ (search index) ; https://www.toyota.com/usa/community/ (403)
State Farm Good Neighbor Citizenship	https://www.statefarm.com/about-us/corporate-responsibility/community-grants ; https://www.cybergrants.com/statefarm/Good_Neighbor_Grant_Individual_Program_Guidelines.pdf (search index)
FEMA / Kentucky Office of Homeland Security NSGP	https://homelandsecurity.ky.gov/Pages/Grants.aspx ; https://homelandsecurity.ky.gov/Pages/contact.aspx ; FY2026 NSGP Notice of Funding Opportunity PDF (FEMA, as mirrored by Cal OES) ; https://simpler.grants.gov/opportunity/f093f16b-616d-4509-8da8-84887d36771a ; https://www.fema.gov/grants/preparedness/nonprofit-security
National Trust Preserving Black Churches	https://savingplaces.org/preserving-black-churches-guidelines ; https://savingplaces.org/black-churches-faq ; https://savingplaces.org/stories/preserving-black-churches-grant-recipients-2026 ; https://lillyendowment.org/our-work/religion/
National Fund for Sacred Places	https://fundforsacredplaces.org/apply/ ; https://fundforsacredplaces.org/eligibility/ ; https://www.fundforsacredplaces.org/what-we-offer/program-details/ ; https://www.fundforsacredplaces.org/participants/christ-church-episcopal-cathedral-louisville/ ; portal https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Login?urlkey=nthpsp
House Community Project Funding (McGarvey)	https://mcgarvey.house.gov/community-project-funding ; https://mcgarvey.house.gov/fy2027-community-project-funding-submissions ; https://mcgarvey.house.gov/services/grant-applicants ; https://mcgarvey.house.gov/media/press-releases/congressman-morgan-mcgarvey-slams-republican-majority-decision-to-cut-off-federal-funding-for-nonprofits
Senate Congressionally Directed Spending	https://www.appropriations.senate.gov/fy27-appropriations-requests-and-congressionally-directed-spending ; https://www.appropriations.senate.gov/congressionally-directed-spending-requests-fy2027 (data table not rendered) ; https://www.warner.senate.gov/services/federal-funding/fiscal-year-2027-congressionally-directed-spending/ (cycle timing) ; https://home.nps.gov/subjects/historicpreservationfund/statistical-reports.htm
Kentucky General Assembly appropriation	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26rs/hb500.html ; press coverage of passage (spectrumnews1.com 2026-04-02; klc.org) ; https://www.jeffersontownky.com/166/Local-State-Federal-Representation
Louisville Metro Council Neighborhood Development Fund	OMB and Metro Council NDF Training Presentation PDF, 2025-01-24: https://louisvilleky.gov/sites/default/files/2024-07/ndftrainingpresentation.pdf ; https://louisvilleky.gov/government/metro-council/ndf-application-request ; Center for Neighborhoods Louisville Metro Policy Hub ; Metro Council Policies and Procedures (403; search-surfaced) ; District 11 eNews ; District 11 expenditures page (403)
City of Jeffersontown	https://www.jeffersontownky.com/339/Historic-Preservation-Tax-Credits ; https://www.jeffersontownky.com/650/Alexander-Ingram-School ; https://www.jeffersontownky.com/93/City-Council ; https://www.jeffersontownky.com/166/Local-State-Federal-Representation
Louisville Metro External Agency Fund	https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/KYLOUISVILLE/bulletins/2745875 ; https://louisvilleky.gov/government/external-agency-fund (403; search-surfaced)
National Trust Bruckheimer Fund for Kentucky	https://savingplaces.org/bruckheimer ; https://preservationkentucky.org/funding/ ; https://savingplaces.org/preservation-leadership-forum
National Trust Preservation Funds	https://savingplaces.org/grants ; https://www.grantreadyky.org/opportunities/national-trust-for-historic-preservation-national-trust-preservation-funds-ntpf--fy-2026 ; https://savingplaces.org/preservation-funds (search snippet; guidelines page 404 on two alternate URLs)
Kentucky Colonels Good Works Program	https://www.kycolonels.org/good-works-program/ ; https://www.kycolonels.org/grant-guidelines/ ; https://www.kycolonels.org/good-works-awards/ (2026 guidelines PDF link 404)
Preservation Kentucky, Kentucky Preservation Fund	https://preservationkentucky.org/funding/

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PROGRAM	SOURCES CHECKED (2026-09-18)
Vital Sites loan fund	https://vitalsites.org/ ; https://vitalsites.org/loan-program-application/ ; https://projects.propublica.org/nonprofits/organizations/611189915
Community Foundation of Louisville Community Impact Fund	https://www.cflouisville.org/competitive-grant-opportunities/ ; https://www.cflouisville.org/funding/ ; https://www.instrumentl.com/990-report/the-community-foundation-of-louisville-inc
Republic Bank	https://www.republicbank.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/June-2026Republic-Bank-and-Foundation-donation-external-request-form.pdf ; https://www.republicbank.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/ContributionGuidelines2021.pdf ; https://www.republicbank.com/about-us/in-our-community/ ; https://www.causeiq.com/organizations/republic-bank-foundation-inc,272222303/
LG&E and KU Foundation	https://lge-ku.com/cg ; https://lge-ku.com/community/investment ; https://lge-ku.com/environment/plants-and-wildlife/tree-planting-grants ; https://www.instrumentl.com/grants/lge-e-and-ku-foundation-grant (secondary)
GAF Community Contractor Program	https://www.gaf.com/en-us/for-pros/contractors/community-contractors and https://www.gaf.com/en-us/about-us/community (both 403; search index) ; https://www.roofingcontractor.com/articles/101998-gaf-expands-program-supporting-donated-roofing-systems
Churchill Downs / Community Foundation Winsday	https://www.cflouisville.org/events/winsday/ ; https://www.wave3.com/2026/01/07/nonprofit-organizations-submissions-2026-churchill-downs-winsday-now-open/
Bank of America Charitable Foundation	https://about.bankofamerica.com/en/making-an-impact/eligibility-criteria ; https://about.bankofamerica.com/en/making-an-impact/eligible-states-local-markets ; https://about.bankofamerica.com/en/making-an-impact/charitable-foundation-grant-faq ; https://about.bankofamerica.com/en/making-an-impact/grant-funding-for-nonprofits-sponsorship-programs
Truist Foundation	https://www.truistfoundation.org/grant-application
Sherwin-Williams local store	https://corporate.sherwin-williams.com/us/en/sustainability/focus-areas/social-imprint/community.html ; https://www.causeiq.com/organizations/sherwin-williams-foundation,346555476/
Behr Paint Company	https://corporate.behr.com/responsibility/community ; https://corporate.behr.com/contacts
GE Appliances	https://pressroom.geappliances.com/news/ge-appliances-launches-the-good-things-for-life-foundation ; https://pressroom.geappliances.com/news/ge-appliances-launches-community-heroes-program (search index) ; https://geappliancesco.com/good-things-for-life-foundation
UPS Louisville Community Care Fund	https://www.cflouisville.org/community-support/ups-louisville-community-care-fund/ ; https://www.cflouisville.org/competitive-grant-opportunities/
Kroger Louisville Division	https://www.thekrogerco.com/community/ ; Spectrum News 2025-09-22 on the Feed Louisville gift (search index)
ScionHealth Gives	https://www.scionhealth.com/News-Stories/scionhealth-gives-awards-more-than-100000-in-grants ; https://www.scionhealth.com/inclusion-and-opportunity/the-scionhealth-institute-of-inclusion-and-equity
Humana Foundation	https://www.humanafoundation.org/grants ; https://www.humanafoundation.org/faqs ; portal https://humanafoundation.us-1.smartsimple.com/
Stock Yards Bank Foundation	https://www.syb.com/careers/culture-and-community-impact (403; search index) ; https://www.causeiq.com/organizations/stock-yards-bank-foundation,611380342/
Excluded programs (Section 11 and Appendix B)	
NPS Save America's Treasures	https://www.imls.gov/find-funding/funding-opportunities/grant-programs/save-americas-treasures ; https://www.nps.gov/articles/000/save-america-s-treasures-grant-opportunity.htm (placeholder page) ; nomination text asset https://npgallery.nps.gov/NRHP/GetAsset/NRHP/85002448_text ; https://npgallery.nps.gov/AssetDetail/NRIS/85002448 ; https://ncshpo.org/2025/05/16/congress-supports-225-million-for-hpf-for-fy-2026/
NPS Paul Bruhn	https://simpler.grants.gov/opportunity/449cd5d1-d543-4ea0-807a-cf55e54ed823 ; https://paducahky.gov/departments/planning/paul-bruhn-historic-revitalization-subgrant-program (search result)
USDA Community Facilities	https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/community-facilities/community-facilities-direct-loan-grant-program-27 (403; search excerpts) ; https://usdaproperties.com/states/KY/counties/Jefferson/ (secondary) ; eligibility map https://eligibility.sc.egov.usda.gov
NPS Underrepresented Communities	https://simpler.grants.gov/opportunity/5dc139dd-9033-443b-bc85-f4646db23573
NPS Semiquincentennial	https://www.nps.gov/subjects/historicpreservationfund/semiquincentennial.htm
NEH Infrastructure and Capacity Building Challenge	https://www.rit.edu/srs/about/important-updates/neh-infrastructure-and-capacity-building-challenge-grants (search excerpt) ; https://www.neh.gov/grants/preservation/infrastructure-and-capacity-building-challenge-grants (403)
NEH Endowments for Advancing the Humanities	https://www.neh.gov/program/endowments-advancing-humanities
NEA Grants for Arts Projects	https://www.arts.gov/grants/grants-for-arts-projects/eligibility ; https://www.arts.gov/news/press-releases/2025/nea-fy-2027-grants-arts-projects-guidelines-now-available (search excerpts)
Federal Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit	https://www.nps.gov/subjects/taxincentives/eligibility-requirements.htm ; https://www.irs.gov/businesses/small-businesses-self-employed/rehabilitation-credit-historic-preservation-faqs (search excerpt)
Grants.gov sweeps; NPS AACRN; NPS HBCU; NCPTT	simpler.grants.gov ; https://www.nps.gov/subjects/historicpreservationfund/african-american-civil-rights.htm ; NPS HPF program list (HBCU rule definitional) ; NCPTT not checked at source
America250KY Preservation Grants	https://heritage.ky.gov/historic-buildings/Pages/America250KY%20Grants.aspx ; Round 1 application PDF (heritage.ky.gov) ; Kentucky New Era coverage of Round 2 ; WDRB coverage January 2025

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PROGRAM	SOURCES CHECKED (2026-09-18)
Metro Capital Infrastructure Fund; Metro CDBG Public Services; 250 Lou; Jefferson County Fiscal Court	OMB NDF training deck 2025-01-24 ; Metro CDBG information page ; Metro announcements ; search
Kentucky Department for Local Government state CDBG	Kentucky DLG CDBG page (entitlement exclusion)
Kentucky Arts Council; Kentucky Tourism Development Act; Kentucky Department of Tourism matching funds; Kentucky Humanities Minigrants	Kentucky Arts Council program pages ; Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet pages ; kyhumanities.org
Lilly Endowment	https://lillyendowment.org/for-grantseekers/guidelines/ ; https://lillyendowment.org/our-work/religion/
Gheens Foundation	https://www.gheensfoundation.org/philanthropy-guidelines.html ; https://www.gheensfoundation.org/grant-process2.html ; ProPublica EIN 61-6031406
Brown-Forman Foundation	https://www.brown-forman.com/grant-guidelines-and-criteria
Norton Healthcare	https://nortonhealthcare.com/about-us/community-outreach/community-initiatives-funding/
C.E. and S. Foundation	http://www.cesfoundation.com/about.html (via search index; certificate error on fetch)
Owsley Brown III Philanthropic Foundation	https://www.causeiq.com/organizations/the-owsley-brown-iii-philanthropic-foundation,274432014/
Blue Grass Community Foundation	https://www.bgcf.org/grant-opportunities/
1772 Foundation	https://1772foundation.org/grants
Kresge Foundation	https://kresge.org/grants-social-investments/how-to-apply/ (via search index)
Ford Foundation	https://www.fordfoundation.org/work/our-grants/grant-opportunities/ (via search index)
Kentucky Trust for Historic Preservation	https://kthp.org/historical-preservation-resources/
Rosenwald Park Campaign; National Trust Rosenwald Schools Initiative; Action Fund sub-programs; other National Trust named funds	https://www.rosenwaldpark.org/campaign-3 ; https://savingplaces.org/places/rosenwald-schools ; https://savingplaces.org/grants
Partners for Sacred Places regional funds	https://sacredplaces.org/
Community Foundation of Louisville named funds	https://www.cflouisville.org/competitive-grant-opportunities/
Benjamin Moore	https://www.benjaminmoore.com/en-us/donation-request
Valspar	https://www.valspar.com/en/about-valspar and Habitat for Humanity press release (search index)
Andersen Windows	https://www.andersenwindows.com/about/community ; 2025 Andersen Corporate Foundation announcement
Kohler Co.	https://www.kohlercompany.com/social-impact/community/
Trex	https://www.trex.com/our-company/donation-form/
Ace Hardware Foundation	https://acehardwarefoundation.org/
Menards	Aggregator summaries of menards.com policy (search index; primary page not fetched)
Yum! Brands Foundation	Inside Philanthropy and Candid profiles (search index); yum.com Unlocking Opportunity page timed out
Papa Johns Foundation	https://www.papajohns.com/foundation/
Texas Roadhouse	CauseIQ and GuideStar profiles (search index)
Ford Motor Company / Ford Philanthropy	Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development releases 2025-08-11 and 2026-09-10 (search index)
Fifth Third Bank	53.com press release 2024-10-10 (search index); foundation URLs returned 404
Wells Fargo Foundation	https://www.wellsfargo.com/about/responsibility-and-impact/community-giving/grant-process/
JPMorgan Chase Foundation	News and Metro United Way pages (search index)
Allstate Foundation	Inside Philanthropy profile (search index); foundation page timed out
Churchill Downs Incorporated Foundation	https://www.cflouisville.org/events/winsday/

Source: Appendix A.2. Checked 2026-09-18 unless noted; pages that refused automated access are marked.

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Appendix B: Full entries for programs checked and excluded

The twelve excluded programs written up in full, so the record of what was checked is complete.

These twelve programs were scored 1 (ineligible or discontinued) but were written up in full during the research. They are preserved here so the church has the complete record of what was checked and why.

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Truist Foundation: local and regional grants

CORPORATE CASH

AWARD RANGE	NEXT DEADLINE	MATCH / COST SHARE
Minimum \$15,000 for local and regional grants.	2026-11-30 (not applicable to the church).	Capital campaigns require 60% raised.
APPLIES TO	Not applicable to the church as an entity. Only a separately incorporated secular "Friends of the Alexander-Ingram School" running an adult workforce or trades program could apply.	
WHAT IT FUNDS	Two pillars only: career pathways to economic mobility for adults, and strengthening small businesses. Within those, the Foundation funds "equipment to deliver a program, and capital needs," and capital campaigns once 60% of the goal is raised. Not funded: general operating, recurring expenses, scholarships, endowments, sponsorships.	
ELIGIBILITY	501(c)(3) public charities in Truist's 17-state footprint (Kentucky has Truist branches from the BB&T legacy; the state list was not displayed on the page read, so confirm). The page separately and explicitly excludes "Religious organizations (churches, synagogues, mosques, other houses of worship) with tax status identified as IRC 170(b)(1)(A)(i) or other organizations primarily promoting religious purposes." First Baptist Church of Jeffersontown is classified as a church under that section (Section 4.2), so it is excluded. The clause admitting "faith-based community service organizations or schools" whose programs are open to all applies to a separate service organization, not to the congregation itself.	
RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION ELIGIBILITY	No, for a church entity. Conditional only for a separately incorporated faith-based service organization with open-to-all programming.	
STATUS AS OF 2026-09-18	Open; quarterly deadlines March 31, July 31, November 30; decisions about four months after.	
REGISTRATION PREREQUISITES	IRS good standing, OFAC compliance.	
CONTACT	Not published on the page read.	
PRIOR AWARDS TO SIMILAR PROJECTS	Kentucky workforce programs; no heritage capital found.	
FIT SCORE (1 TO 5)	1. The church is excluded by tax status. Recorded so the church knows it was checked; a Friends-of entity with a building-trades training use (which would also help Home Depot Path to Pro and Lowe's "skilled trades" category) is the only path.	
NOTES	None.	

APPLICATION URL <https://www.truistfoundation.org/grant-application>

SOURCE CHECKED <https://www.truistfoundation.org/grant-application> (fetched 2026-09-18; re-read 2026-09-18 for the 170(b)(1)(A)(i) exclusion).

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National Park Service (Historic Preservation Fund): Save America's Treasures (SAT), Preservation projects

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AWARD RANGE	NEXT DEADLINE	MATCH / COST SHARE
\$125,000 to \$750,000 for preservation projects.	Unknown; 2027.	1:1 non-federal match, cash or documented in-kind.
APPLIES TO	Rosenwald school only.	
WHAT IT FUNDS	Preservation and conservation work on nationally significant historic properties and collections.	
ELIGIBILITY	Nonprofits, governments, tribes and institutions; the property must be listed in the National Register "for national significance" or designated a National Historic Landmark. The Jeffersontown Colored School (NRIS 85002448, listed 1985-03-29, Jefferson County Multiple Resource Area, Kentucky Heritage Council site JF 686) was nominated on a Kentucky survey form that has no national/state/local checkbox; its statement of significance is framed entirely at county level ("significant in the history of public school education and of black culture in Jefferson County ... the only elementary school structure built for black students which is still standing in Jefferson County, outside the city of Louisville"), and NPGallery's metadata records areas of significance (Black history, education), period 1925 to 1949, criterion A (event), and no national-significance flag. It is not a National Historic Landmark. Read together, the listing is at local significance and the building is ineligible for SAT.	
RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION ELIGIBILITY	Yes as an entity; the national-significance rule is the barrier.	
STATUS AS OF 2026-09-18	Closed. The FY2025 round closed 2026-06-16. Predictable annual cycle, expected 2027.	
REGISTRATION PREREQUISITES	SAM.gov/UEI; Section 106; preservation covenant.	
CONTACT	STLPG@nps.gov, 202-354-2020.	
PRIOR AWARDS TO SIMILAR PROJECTS	Unknown for Rosenwald schools at local significance, which is the point.	
FIT SCORE (1 TO 5)	1. Ineligible on the national-significance rule; recorded so the church knows it was checked.	
NOTES	No workaround; a National Historic Landmark nomination is a multi-year project and would not be worth pursuing for this purpose alone.	

APPLICATION URL <https://www.grants.gov> (Assistance Listing 15.929); partner page <https://www.imls.gov/find-funding/funding-opportunities/grant-programs/save-americas-treasures> (the NPS SAT page was under construction on 2026-09-18).
SOURCE CHECKED <https://www.imls.gov/find-funding/funding-opportunities/grant-programs/save-americas-treasures> (2026-09-18); <https://www.nps.gov/articles/000/save-america-s-treasures-grant-opportunity.htm> (2026-09-18, placeholder page); National Register nomination PDF https://npgallery.nps.gov/NRHP/GetAsset/NRHP/85002448_text (2026-09-18, blocks 11 to 14 and 20 read directly); <https://npgallery.nps.gov/AssetDetail/NRIS/85002448> (2026-09-18); NCSHPO FY2026 request page <https://ncshpo.org/2025/05/16/congress-supports-225-million-for-hpf-for-fy-2026/> (2026-09-18).

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A date or rule in this entry could not be settled at the source on 2026-09-18. The entry says what to check and whom to call before the church files.

National Park Service (Historic Preservation Fund): Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization Subgrant Program

FEDERAL

AWARD RANGE	NEXT DEADLINE	MATCH / COST SHARE
\$200,000 to \$750,000 to the intermediary; subgrants typically \$10,000 to \$150,000.	Not applicable to this building.	None at the federal level.

APPLIES TO	Rosenwald school only (churches are named as eligible building types in existing subgrant programs).
WHAT IT FUNDS	Grants of \$200,000 to \$750,000 to states, tribes, Certified Local Governments and nonprofits that then run subgrant programs rehabilitating historic buildings in rural communities.
ELIGIBILITY	The building must be listed in or eligible for the National Register and located in a rural community, defined in the FY2025 notice as USDA nonmetropolitan areas, applied at the county level. Jefferson County, Kentucky is the core county of the Louisville metropolitan statistical area, so no building in Jefferson County qualifies. Kentucky's only known Bruhn intermediary, the City of Paducah (\$750,000, 2024), serves McCracken County only.
RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION ELIGIBILITY	Yes in principle (Paducah's program lists churches as eligible buildings); moot here.
STATUS AS OF 2026-09-18	Closed. Notice P25AS00497 posted 2026-05-18, closed 2026-06-23.
REGISTRATION PREREQUISITES	Not applicable.
CONTACT	STLPG@nps.gov.
PRIOR AWARDS TO SIMILAR PROJECTS	City of Paducah, KY, \$750,000 (accepted 2024) for a Paducah subgrant program.
FIT SCORE (1 TO 5)	1. Ineligible on geography; recorded with the reason.
NOTES	None.

APPLICATION URL <https://simpler.grants.gov/opportunity/449cd5d1-d543-4ea0-807a-cf55e54ed823>

SOURCE CHECKED <https://simpler.grants.gov/opportunity/449cd5d1-d543-4ea0-807a-cf55e54ed823> (2026-09-18); <https://paducahky.gov/departments/planning/paul-bruhn-historic-revitalization-subgrant-program> (2026-09-18, via search result).

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USDA Rural Development: Community Facilities Direct Loan and Grant Program

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AWARD RANGE	NEXT DEADLINE	MATCH / COST SHARE
Grants typically \$10,000 to a few hundred thousand dollars; loans larger.	Not applicable to this address.	Grant share depends on population and income tier; the balance is loan or other funds.
APPLIES TO	Both in theory (community facilities owned by nonprofits, including faith-based organizations, are eligible nationally).	
WHAT IT FUNDS	Purchase, construction and improvement of essential community facilities in rural areas; grants on a sliding scale up to 75% for the smallest, poorest communities, and loans.	
ELIGIBILITY	Public bodies, nonprofits and tribes; the facility must be in a rural area, defined for this program as a city, town or unincorporated area of 20,000 or fewer people. Jeffersontown's population was 28,474 at the 2020 Census (Section 4.8, item U13), and it sits inside the Louisville urbanized area; USDA's Kentucky eligibility mapping, as summarized by a secondary site, shows no eligible parcels in Jefferson County. The address fails the rural test on the population figure alone.	
RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION ELIGIBILITY	Conditional nationally (faith-based organizations may apply; facilities used for inherently religious activity are not funded); moot here.	
STATUS AS OF 2026-09-18	Rolling nationally.	
REGISTRATION PREREQUISITES	SAM.gov/UEI; not applicable here.	
CONTACT	USDA Rural Development Kentucky State Office, Lexington; Community Programs staff listed on the Kentucky page.	
PRIOR AWARDS TO SIMILAR PROJECTS	Not applicable.	
FIT SCORE (1 TO 5)	1. Ineligible on the population cap; recorded with the reason. The USDA eligibility map is a browser-only application; the church can run the Watterson Trail address through it if it ever wants the formal screen, but nothing in this report depends on it.	
NOTES	The population-cap text comes from search excerpts of the USDA page, not a direct read; the conclusion does not change under any reading of the rule because Jeffersontown is neither under 20,000 nor outside the urbanized area.	

APPLICATION URL <https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/community-facilities/community-facilities-direct-loan-grant-program-27> (Kentucky page; the USDA site returned 403 to automated fetch on 2026-09-18 and was read through search excerpts); address check at <https://eligibility.sc.egov.usda.gov>

SOURCE CHECKED Search excerpts of <https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/community-facilities/community-facilities-direct-loan-grant-program-27> (2026-09-18); <https://usdaproperties.com/states/KY/counties/Jefferson/> (2026-09-18, secondary; used only for the "no eligible parcels in Jefferson County" statement).

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The status and terms in this entry were read from the funder's own text as indexed by search or from a secondary listing that quotes the funder. Open the funder's page in a browser before the church relies on it.

National Park Service (Historic Preservation Fund): Underrepresented Communities (URC) Grants

FEDERAL

AWARD RANGE	NEXT DEADLINE	MATCH / COST SHARE
\$15,000 to \$100,000; FY2025 listing \$1,250,000 total, 15 awards.	Unknown; 2027.	None.

APPLIES TO	Not applicable to either building.
WHAT IT FUNDS	Surveys and National Register nominations for underrepresented communities; "every URC grant project MUST result in at least one new or amended nomination." No physical work.
ELIGIBILITY	Nonprofits, governments, SHPOs, THPOs, CLGs. The school is already listed (1985), so there is nothing to nominate unless the church wanted to amend the nomination (for example to add the church itself or to raise the level of significance).
RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION ELIGIBILITY	Yes; moot.
STATUS AS OF 2026-09-18	Closed. Notice P25AS00510 posted 2026-06-02, closed 2026-07-07.
REGISTRATION PREREQUISITES	SAM.gov/UEI.
CONTACT	STLPG@nps.gov.
PRIOR AWARDS TO SIMILAR PROJECTS	Not applicable.
FIT SCORE (1 TO 5)	1. Not applicable; recorded with the reason. One narrow use: if the sanctuary is over 50 years old and unlisted, a URC-funded nomination of the church would open National Register-dependent doors for the church bucket. Jeffersontown is not a Certified Local Government but Louisville Metro is, so the Kentucky Heritage Council or Metro's CLG program would be the applicant.
NOTES	None.

APPLICATION URL <https://simpler.grants.gov/opportunity/5dc139dd-9033-443b-bc85-f4646db23573>

SOURCE CHECKED <https://simpler.grants.gov/opportunity/5dc139dd-9033-443b-bc85-f4646db23573> (2026-09-18).

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National Park Service (Historic Preservation Fund): Semiquincentennial Grants

FEDERAL

AWARD RANGE	NEXT DEADLINE	MATCH / COST SHARE
Not stated per award; \$11,907,000 appropriated for the round.	Not applicable.	Not stated.

APPLIES TO	Not applicable.
WHAT IT FUNDS	Preservation of National Register-listed properties associated with the founding of the nation, through 1800-12-31.
ELIGIBILITY	Local governments, nonprofits, higher education and tribes (state ownership no longer required). A 1929 building cannot qualify.
RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION ELIGIBILITY	Yes; moot.
STATUS AS OF 2026-09-18	Closed; notice P25AS00503 closed 2026-06-30.
REGISTRATION PREREQUISITES	Not applicable.
CONTACT	STLPG@nps.gov.
PRIOR AWARDS TO SIMILAR PROJECTS	Not applicable.
FIT SCORE (1 TO 5)	1. Period rule excludes the building.
NOTES	None.

APPLICATION URL <https://www.nps.gov/subjects/historicpreservationfund/semiquincentennial.htm>

SOURCE CHECKED <https://www.nps.gov/subjects/historicpreservationfund/semiquincentennial.htm> (2026-09-18).

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National Endowment for the Humanities: Infrastructure and Capacity Building Challenge Grants

FEDERAL

AWARD RANGE	NEXT DEADLINE	MATCH / COST SHARE
Formerly up to \$750,000 to \$1,000,000.	None.	Moot.

APPLIES TO	Would have been Rosenwald school only.
WHAT IT FUNDS	Formerly construction, renovation and capital projects at humanities institutions, with a match.
ELIGIBILITY	Discontinued. NEH states the 2023-05-17 deadline was the final competition.
RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION ELIGIBILITY	Moot.
STATUS AS OF 2026-09-18	Discontinued.
REGISTRATION PREREQUISITES	Moot.
CONTACT	NEH Office of Challenge Programs (historical).
PRIOR AWARDS TO SIMILAR PROJECTS	Not researched; program closed.
FIT SCORE (1 TO 5)	1. Discontinued; recorded because the church may have seen it referenced.
NOTES	This was the only NEH program that paid for bricks. Its successor for institutional capacity is the endowment program below, which is not a fit.

APPLICATION URL <https://www.neh.gov/grants/preservation/infrastructure-and-capacity-building-challenge-grants>

SOURCE CHECKED Search excerpt of <https://www.rit.edu/srs/about/important-updates/neh-infrastructure-and-capacity-building-challenge-grants> and the NEH program page (2026-09-18; the NEH page returned 403 to automated fetch).

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National Endowment for the Humanities: Endowments for Advancing the Humanities

FEDERAL

AWARD RANGE	NEXT DEADLINE	MATCH / COST SHARE
Up to \$5,000,000, 1:1 match.	2027-01-13 (anticipated).	1:1 non-federal.

APPLIES TO	Not applicable.
WHAT IT FUNDS	20-year term endowments for humanities organizations, focused on research and teaching of Western civilization, American history and government, and civics; not capital.
ELIGIBILITY	Humanities organizations; a church is not the intended applicant and the match is out of reach.
RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION ELIGIBILITY	Not stated on the program page.
STATUS AS OF 2026-09-18	Opens 2026-11-01.
REGISTRATION PREREQUISITES	SAM.gov/UEI.
CONTACT	NEH.
PRIOR AWARDS TO SIMILAR PROJECTS	New program; none.
FIT SCORE (1 TO 5)	1. Wrong instrument and wrong scale.
NOTES	None.

APPLICATION URL <https://www.neh.gov/program/endowments-advancing-humanities>

SOURCE CHECKED <https://www.neh.gov/program/endowments-advancing-humanities> (2026-09-18).

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National Endowment for the Arts: Grants for Arts Projects (including Our Town and Challenge America)

FEDERAL

AWARD RANGE	NEXT DEADLINE	MATCH / COST SHARE
Generally \$10,000 to \$100,000, 1:1 match.	Expected February 2027 for projects beginning in 2028.	1:1.

APPLIES TO	Not applicable.
WHAT IT FUNDS	Arts projects; Our Town funds creative-placemaking with an arts partner. No construction.
ELIGIBILITY	501(c)(3)s, governments and tribes with a completed three-year history of arts programming before the deadline. The church has no documented arts programming history.
RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION ELIGIBILITY	Yes as an entity; the arts-history rule is the barrier.
STATUS AS OF 2026-09-18	Closed for projects beginning in 2027 (deadlines were 2026-02-12 and 2026-07-09).
REGISTRATION PREREQUISITES	SAM.gov/UEI.
CONTACT	NEA.
PRIOR AWARDS TO SIMILAR PROJECTS	Not researched; no use case.
FIT SCORE (1 TO 5)	1. No arts use case and the three-year rule excludes the church.
NOTES	If a Louisville arts nonprofit wanted to run a mural or oral-history-performance project at the school, that partner could apply; the church would be a site, not the applicant.

APPLICATION URL <https://www.arts.gov/grants/grants-for-arts-projects>

SOURCE CHECKED <https://www.arts.gov/grants/grants-for-arts-projects/eligibility> and <https://www.arts.gov/news/press-releases/2025/nea-fy-2027-grants-arts-projects-guidelines-now-available> (2026-09-18, via search excerpts).

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● CLOSED

Internal Revenue Service / National Park Service: Federal Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit (20%)

FEDERAL

AWARD RANGE	NEXT DEADLINE	MATCH / COST SHARE
20% of qualified expenditures, taken over five years.	Not applicable.	Not applicable.
APPLIES TO	Not applicable as owned and used today.	
WHAT IT FUNDS	A 20% income-tax credit on qualified rehabilitation expenditures for certified historic structures placed in income-producing (depreciable) use for at least five years.	
ELIGIBILITY	The building must be depreciable, income-producing property after rehabilitation; expenditures on "tax-exempt use property" (portions leased to a tax-exempt entity under a disqualified lease) are excluded, and a tax-exempt owner has no tax liability to offset. A church-owned school used for church or community purposes does not qualify. It would only apply if the church sold or long-term leased the building to a taxable developer who rehabilitated it for rental use, which changes the ownership every preservation funder assumes.	
RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION ELIGIBILITY	No, as a tax-exempt owner-user.	
STATUS AS OF 2026-09-18	Standing law.	
REGISTRATION PREREQUISITES	Not applicable.	
CONTACT	Kentucky Heritage Council tax credit staff, for the parallel state credit (Part A).	
PRIOR AWARDS TO SIMILAR PROJECTS	Not applicable.	
FIT SCORE (1 TO 5)	1. Recorded so the board is not sent chasing a credit it cannot use; the Kentucky state credit (Part A) has the same structural problem plus its own transferability rules, but the Kentucky Heritage Council states tax-exempt owners are eligible for the state credit.	
NOTES	None.	

APPLICATION URL <https://www.nps.gov/subjects/taxincentives/eligibility-requirements.htm>

SOURCE CHECKED <https://www.nps.gov/subjects/taxincentives/eligibility-requirements.htm> (2026-09-18); IRS Rehabilitation Credit FAQs <https://www.irs.gov/businesses/small-businesses-self-employed/rehabilitation-credit-historic-preservation-faqs> (2026-09-18, via search excerpt).

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● STANDING LAW

Kentucky Heritage Council and Kentucky Historical Society: America250KY Preservation Grants

KENTUCKY STATE

AWARD RANGE	NEXT DEADLINE	MATCH / COST SHARE
Round 1: \$9,370 to \$176,539; Round 2: \$6,207 to \$125,000 (Round 2 total \$500,000).	None.	None required.
APPLIES TO	Rosenwald school only.	
WHAT IT FUNDS	Physical preservation of historic properties tied to America's 250th: brick-and-mortar, heritage conservation, interpretive signs, events and programs. Excluded maintenance, personnel, collections, state markers, fundraising, oral history.	
ELIGIBILITY	Local government agencies and 501(c)(3) institutions; Kentucky vendor (VSS) registration required. The church would have qualified.	
RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION ELIGIBILITY	Yes (501(c)(3)).	
STATUS AS OF 2026-09-18	Discontinued. Two rounds only; Round 1 deadline 2025-04-15, Round 2 awarded; grant funds had to be spent by 2026-08-07 with final reports 2026-08-28. The Kentucky Heritage Council's America250KY page shows both rounds as awarded and no further round.	
REGISTRATION PREREQUISITES	VSS vendor number; annual affidavit.	
CONTACT	Craig Potts, Kentucky Heritage Council Executive Director and State Historic Preservation Officer, craig.potts@ky.gov (application contact).	
PRIOR AWARDS TO SIMILAR PROJECTS	Awards across both rounds went to African American heritage sites among others (WDRB coverage, January 2025); individual Rosenwald awards not verified.	
FIT SCORE (1 TO 5)	1. It was the best state bricks-and-mortar door in a decade and it is closed. Recorded so the church knows it was checked and so a successor program (the Council and the Historical Society have talked about sustaining it) is watched for.	
NOTES	Craig Potts is the state's SHPO. A direct note to him about a surviving brick Rosenwald school in Jefferson County costs nothing and puts the building on the list for whatever replaces America250KY.	

APPLICATION URL <https://heritage.ky.gov/historic-buildings/Pages/America250KY%20Grants.aspx>

SOURCE CHECKED America250KY Round 1 application PDF (heritage.ky.gov), Kentucky Heritage Council America250KY Grants page, Kentucky New Era coverage of Round 2, 2026-09-18.

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Lilly Endowment Inc.: direct inquiry (religion grantmaking)

FOUNDATION

AWARD RANGE		NEXT DEADLINE	MATCH / COST SHARE
Not stated for unsolicited requests.		Rolling.	Not applicable.
APPLIES TO	Church only.		
WHAT IT FUNDS	Religion grantmaking is national, mostly through intermediaries (Thriving Congregations, Christian Practices, rural congregations, theological schools). It is the funder behind Preserving Black Churches (\$60 million) and the National Fund for Sacred Places (\$64 million).		
ELIGIBILITY	Charitable organizations may send "a preliminary letter of no more than two pages" by mail. "Requests from organizations outside of Indianapolis that involve building campaigns ... usually are declined, except as part of special initiatives."		
RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION ELIGIBILITY	Yes.		
STATUS AS OF 2026-09-18	Rolling preliminary letters only; no open program for a single congregation's building.		
REGISTRATION PREREQUISITES	None.		
CONTACT	By mail per the guidelines page.		
PRIOR AWARDS TO SIMILAR PROJECTS	Indirect: every Preserving Black Churches and National Fund for Sacred Places grant.		
FIT SCORE (1 TO 5)	1 as a direct door; the Lilly money for this church flows through Preserving Black Churches and the National Fund, both in Part B.		
NOTES	Do not spend effort on a direct letter; spend it on the two intermediaries.		

APPLICATION URL <https://lillyendowment.org/for-grantseekers/guidelines/>

SOURCE CHECKED <https://lillyendowment.org/for-grantseekers/guidelines/>, <https://lillyendowment.org/our-work/religion/>; 2026-09-18.

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End of report.

“The work of the next year is to be the applicant those three programs want to fund when they open.”

Section 2.1, The strategy in one paragraph