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Process: 2025 AACHAF Descendant & Family Stewardship Initiative

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Applicant:

Judge KP George

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Office of the County Judge

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Organization:

Fort Bend County

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Contact Email History

i Due by 02/24/2025 11:59 PM PST.

i Fields with an asterisk (*) are required.

Organization

Please read our guidelines and eligibility requirements before completing the Letter-of-Intent (LOI) form.

Applicants may apply for one category: Stewardship Project. Read the complete guidelines for the program here. Each grant will be \$200,000.

The program's LOIs are due **February 24, 2025 by 11:59 pm**Pacific time. Any LOIs submitted after that time will not be reviewed by the African American Cultural Heritage Action Fund.

All character counts do include spaces.

Please add **administrator@grantinterface.com** and **actionfundgrants@savingplaces.org**to your address book. This will ensure you receive all email messages related to your grant application, including important updates and notifications.

Please answer the following questions about your organization.

Main Contact*

The Honorable Judge KP George

Main Contact Email*

county.judge@fortbendcountytexas.gov

Applicant Detail*

Please select all that apply.

- ☐ 501(c)(3) Descendant or Family affiliated organization
- ☐ 501(c)(3) Nonprofit organization
- ☒ State or Local public agency

Applicant Organization's Age

What year was your organization founded?

1837

Applicant Paid Staff*

Please list the number of paid staff working for the organization and include the names and titles of paid staff who will participate in this project. If the organization has no paid staff, please list the names of volunteers and their roles in implementing the project.

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Fort Bend County Parks Department will participate in this project. The following individuals are points of contact: Darren McCarthy, Parks Director; Gwendolyn Climmons, Assistant Parks Director; Anahi Jimenez, Administrative Assistant; Karen Sloan-Ferguson, Administrative Assistant, and Loren Haskins, Project Manager Fort Bend County Commissioner Pct. 4.

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If the applicant is a nonprofit

Has the organization been classified as a tax-exempt organization pursuant to Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Pending
- ☒ N/A (City, town, government agency)

IRS Letter of Determination

If applicable, please upload your IRS letter of determination here.

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Previous National Trust Engagement*

Has your organization had any recent engagement with the National Trust for Historic Preservation? Examples include participating in training, receiving grant funding (African American Cultural Heritage Action Fund, National Fund for Sacred Places, Preservation Fund, Backing Small Historic Restaurants) or collaborating with National Trust for Historic Preservation staff or programs.

No

Previous Mellon Foundation Engagement*

Has your organization had any recent engagement with The Mellon Foundation? Examples include participating in trainings, receiving grant

funding or any close collaborations with Mellon staff or programs.

No 

▼ Photos

Please upload at least four photos, including images of the historic building and the descendant community or family supporting the project.

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BATES ALLEN HEADSTONES 1.jpg [424.5 KiB]



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Photo #2*

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African American Memorial at Bates Allen Park.JPG [80.7 KiB]




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▼ Project

Project Name*

Please provide a concise and descriptive project title. The Stewardship Project name should include the associated historic site and should reflect a descendant-led or family-led campaign.

African American Experience at Bates Allen Park-Memorial-Learning Center-Black Cowboy Museum

Descendants and Families in Historic Preservation*

Please select one option

- ☒ Descendant-led Stewardship Project
☐ Family-led Stewardship Project

Project Description*

Please provide details on three key areas of Stewardship:

1. The physical condition of the historic assets and their preservation needs.
2. The types of existing or planned public programming, including interpretative, artistic, or educational initiatives.
3. The management and governance structures in place, as well as any additional needs.

Competitive projects should also address the following:

- How the applicant and its partners are prepared to collaborate for two years in partnership with the African American Cultural Heritage Action Fund
- The role of descendant communities and/or families in the Stewardship Project. Please include how the project engages or intends to engage descendent communities and/or family stewards.
- How the grant can significantly contribute to the preservation, interpretation, and management of the historic property.
- Is there local level support for the project and the potential for it to be a catalyst for broader positive action and catalytic change?

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Bates Allen Park is a Fort Bend County Park located in the town of Kendleton, Texas with a total acreage of 236 acres. Within the park, four acres have been designated for a Memorial park that will include two Historical Cemeteries and two Museums. The existing cemeteries and other monuments will create a celebratory space for life through an exploration of history. Planned programming is to include new connective trails from the new memorial park to the historic sites of Newman Chapel and Oak Hill Cemeteries. There will be planned spaces for future art and other monuments. Additionally, there will be a separate black cowboy museum housing artifacts and historical archives related to the black cowboy experience in Fort Bend County, Texas. The town of Kendleton was founded in 1865 by freed slaves that bought land for as little as 50 cents an acre from a plantation owner named William Kendall. There are many families in Fort Bend County that can trace their lineage to the first African American slaves of the area. The project intends to celebrate the life of the first Fort Bend County resident slaves that established the town, churches, and cemeteries that belonged to them. This project will also invoke pride, and lift the spirits of the families and descendants of those who visit the park. Current Mayor of Kendleton, Mr. Darryl Humphrey, is a direct descendant of freed slaves and founding families of Kendleton, Texas. These grant funds can support future infrastructure, improvements critically needed for the successful construction of these proposed projects. Currently there is a need of wastewater, and sewer improvements to construct and preserve, and irrigate the projects that will highlight, support and pay homage to the preservation efforts for these historical gravesites located within the park. We currently have local support from area volunteers and preservationists to help clean up gravesites.

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Project Goals*

Please share three key project goals and your 10-year vision for the historic place and organization.

-Constructing a new Memorial and Learning Center; Black Cowboy Museum; Water/Sewer/Electrical Expansion at Bates Allen Park will celebrate and give reverence to the African American experience in Fort Bend County and the nation.
 -The project will add an attraction for park visitors learning the rich history of freed slaves in Fort Bend County, and Texas.
 -In ten years there will be bus tours that will create a full tour experience, the continued celebration of the African American Experience.

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Project Challenges*

Please identify three challenges that are affecting efforts to preserve this historic site and its history.

-Funding
-Economic Development
-Infrastructure Expansion Needs.

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Project Opportunities*

Please identify three opportunities to help your organization or project advance its mission and goals.

-Preserving History: Freedman's Town established by emancipated slaves.
-Civil Rights Legacy: Celebrating Willie Melton, Arizona Fleming, Ben F. Williams, and Ennis Humphrey.
-The Black Cowboy Museum/FBC Heritage Unlimited Museum: Exhibits highlighting African American History in Fort Bend County.

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Perspectives on Language*

For the Descendant-led Stewardship Project applicant, please explain your organization's perspective and definition of descendant communities in historic preservation.

Descendant Communities in historic preservation symbolizes preserving traditions, a sense of ownership, and celebration of the African American Experience. Fort Bend County is proud of its historical preservation efforts that emphasize the first emancipated residents of Fort Bend. Descendant communities in historic preservation can relive history, and stories that were passed down from descendant slaves. The stories, artifacts, and archives can educate Park Visitors in this region.

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Family Stewardship*

Please confirm a familial connection to the historic site for the Family-led Stewardship Project applicant. If there is no familial relationship, please share how one or more family members preserve the historic place.

Mayor Darryl Humphrey is a direct descendant of Hallie Humphrey born in 1852 and died in Kendleton, TX in 1896. He is also related to Mattie Burton who was born in 1855 and died in Kendleton, TX in 1910. Many local residents currently residing in the town are direct descendants of freed slaves.

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Age of Historic Site*

What is the age of the historic site for which grant funding is being requested?

Note: Please provide information regarding the historic property mentioned in this LOI, including its construction date or the year when the community was founded or settled.

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Site History and Significance*

Please include the site's history, highlighting its significance to African American history, culture, and architecture. If applicable, provide details on any historic designations (local, state, or national designations) and indicate whether the property has a historic marker

1881-Primus Thompson and Paul Thompson, freed slaves, purchase 100 acres of land known as Thompson's Chapel

1900-Sugar Land Refinery manned by the largest convict population in the state.

1942- Between 1885 and 1942 there were 468 documented victims of lynchings in Texas.

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Planning & Management Documents

If available, please upload the organization's Strategic Plan, bylaws, and any planning documents helpful for understanding the organization's priorities and vision.

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Bates Allen Park SOL pdf [3.8 MiB]



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Historic Designation*

Is your site designated? Note this is not a requirement to be considered for funding

Please check all that apply.

- ☒ Local designation
- ☐ State designation
- ☐ Federal designation
- ☒ Historic Marker
- ☐ Currently - no historic designation

Grant Funding*

Selected grantees will be awarded \$200,000. Please refer to the guidelines for details.

Does the applicant plan to provide additional financial support for the Stewardship Project?

Note: There is no matching requirement to receive a grant award.

Yes ▼

▼ Additional Funding Information

Additional Funding Details*

Please share the amount of additional financial support your organization is planning to provide for the Stewardship Project.

\$ 2,500,000

✓ Historic Resource Information

The African American Cultural Heritage Action Fund will utilize geospatial information for documentation and mapping purposes. If your project involves multiple resources or a historic district, please skip the street address question and provide only the city, state, and zip code information. If your project covers multiple towns or states, please include the relevant location details below.

Name of Historic Resource

Bates Allen Park

Historic Resource: Street Address

630 Charlie Roberts Ln.

Historic Resource: City

Kendleton

Historic Resource: State (Two Letter Abbreviation)

TX

Historic Resource: Zip Code

77451

Additional Location Information

If the project involves multiple resources or does not have a street address, please provide relevant location information here.

n/a

Property Ownership

If the applicant does not own the property, please describe the owner's involvement below. Please specify any ongoing legal issues, property access challenges, or descendant concerns affecting the stewardship of the historic site.

Please use the file upload box to submit the owner's consent letter. This letter should indicate that the owner is aware of the request for grant funding and consents to the project proceeding if funding is awarded.

N/A Fort Bend County owns Bates Allen Park

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How did you learn about this grant opportunity?

Please check all that apply.

- ☐ Email
- ☐ Professional Organizations (AIA, NOMA, etc.)
- ☐ Historic Preservation Office
- ☐ LinkedIn
- ☐ Facebook
- ☐ Instagram
- ☐ TikTok
- ☒ SavingPlaces.org
- ☒ Web search
- ☐ X
- ☐ Other

✓ Applicant Certification

Provide the name and title of the authorized official submitting this application for a Descendent and Family Stewardship Initiative Grant. The authorized official must be a representative of the applicant organization who has the authority to sign legally binding documents on behalf of the organization e.g., an executive board officer (i.e. President) or an executive staff member with signatory authority (i.e. Executive Director or CFO).

By entering in their name below, the authorized official gives the National Trust for Historic Preservation (the Funder) the absolute and unqualified right to use in whole or in part, in whatever manner the National Trust may desire, including (but not limited to) use for publicity, audio-visual presentation, and/or promotion, all photographs, video, and other materials submitted as part of this grant application, and certifies that the information contained in this application is true and correct to the best of their knowledge.

By submitting photographs, films, or recordings (works) to the Funder you agree to the following terms and conditions:

1. You retain the copyright to all work(s) submitted to the Funder.
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3. You hereby waive your right to inspect or approved any copy that is used in connection with the work(s) in any existing or subsequently developed medium, and you agree to release and discharge the Funder, including their affiliates and licensees, from any and all claims arising out of such use for the purposes described above, including any claims for libel and invasion of privacy.
4. You represent and warrant that: a. you are the sole owner of, or otherwise have the authority to grant, all rights herein granted to the Funder and b. the work(s) submitted does not infringe upon any copyright, trademark, or other proprietary right, violate any right of privacy, or contain libelous, scandalous, or unlawful material.

Certification*

Are you a duly authorized representative of the applicant?


- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No

Name*

The Honorable Judge KP George

Title*

County Judge

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