



## FY26 Coastal Mississippi Community Grant Application

*For events in Hancock, Harrison, and Jackson Counties taking place from October 1, 2025, to September 30, 2026.*

Coastal Mississippi's Community Grant is a fiscal allocation of funds dedicated to providing marketing and production support for community events or activities in Harrison, Hancock, and Jackson Counties. The grant's purpose is to assist with the marketing and production of established events, enhancing the overall attendee experience and improving the quality of life within our Coastal communities.

### APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

*To apply for the FY26 Coastal Mississippi Community Grant, please follow the instructions below carefully. Incomplete applications will not be considered.*

#### ***Step 1: Complete the Application in Full***

- All required fields must be filled out completely.
- Be sure to clearly describe how your event meets the eligibility criteria and how the grant funds will be used to benefit the Coastal Mississippi community.

#### ***Step 2: Prepare Supporting Documentation***

Include the following with your application:

- A detailed marketing plan
- Contracts with any vendors, if applicable
- Any additional supporting images or documents that demonstrate your planned use of funds (e.g., ad mockups, equipment quotes, venue details)
- All advertising must adhere to Coastal Mississippi brand requirements, including logo usage and partnership recognition as outlined in the guidelines.

#### ***Step 3: Combine All Materials***

- Combine your completed application and all supporting documents into a **single PDF document**.

Instructions on how to combine files can be found here: [Merge multiple PDF documents, images & files | Adobe Acrobat](#)

#### ***Step 4: Submit Your Application***

- Email your completed application packet to: [kendra@coastalmississippi.com](mailto:kendra@coastalmississippi.com)
- Applications must be submitted **no later than August 1, 2025**.

#### ***Additional Notes***

- Only one application may be submitted per fiscal year.
- Awards will be determined based on merit, as evaluated through Coastal Mississippi's scoring guidelines.
- If awarded, funds will be distributed **30 days before the event date**, but not before **October 1, 2025**.
- If your event does not qualify for the Community Grant, it may be considered for the Cultural Events Grant or the Marketing & PR Grant.

If you have questions during the application process, please contact Coastal Mississippi's Director of Marketing via email at [kendra@coastalmississippi.com](mailto:kendra@coastalmississippi.com).

### Eligibility Checklist

- ☐ Event takes place in Coastal Mississippi (Hancock, Harrison, or Jackson Counties).
- ☐ Event attendance is fewer than 1,000.
- ☐ Event enhances the quality of life within the community.
- ☐ Event is not a start-up or a recurring seasonal event.
- ☐ Applicant is a direct representative of the event (not a vendor).
- ☐ Event will occur between Oct 1, 2025 - Sept 30, 2026.
- ☐ Applicant has not submitted another FY26 Community Grant application.

## 1. APPLICANT OVERVIEW

Organization Name:

Primary Contact Name, Title/Role:

Phone Number:

Email Address:

Mailing Address:

City, State Zip:

County:

## 2. Funding Request

Amount Requested:

*Maximum amount \$500*

## 3. EVENT OVERVIEW

Event Name:

Event Date:

Event Location (Venue + City):

Is this a single-day or half-day event?

*Select One*

☐ Single Day

☐ Half Day

Expected Attendance: *Must be under 1,000*

Event Description: Briefly describe the event's purpose. Include event activities.

List how grant funds will be used (marketing, production, improvements). Attach supporting documents:

#### 4. COMMUNITY IMPACT

How does your event enhance the community's quality of life?

What improvements will be made to the event with this funding?

Describe how your event celebrates Coastal Mississippi's unique culture:

## 5. Event History

Is this event established (not a start-up)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

How many years has this event been held?

Was this event previously funded by Coastal Mississippi? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please list the years:

## 6. Certification

By submitting this application, I certify:

- That I am the official event representative.
- The information provided is true and complete.
- I understand that submitting an application does not guarantee funding.
- I agree to return any distributed funds if the event is canceled.

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_