

Call for Applicants: Philadelphia 2026 Neighborhood Celebration Grants Fund

OPPORTUNITY OVERVIEW

The Philadelphia City Fund (the Fund) invites eligible non-profit organizations to apply for funding to support Philadelphia's 250th celebration activities during the 2026 calendar year.

Under the leadership of Mayor Cherelle L. Parker, Philadelphia will showcase its history and put its people at the heart of America's 250th anniversary in 2026.

Along with major signature events occurring throughout 2026 (including the FIFA World Cup games, Wawa Welcome America Festival-4th of July Concert, MLB All Star Game, and more), the Parker Administration, in line with the Mayor's Plan for "One Philly, A United City", has a vision for events and celebrations planned and produced by neighborhood organizations and community groups. The goal of these celebrations is to reflect the broad diversity of Philadelphia's residents, their talents and interests.

In furtherance of this goal, the Parker Administration is creating the Philadelphia 2026 Neighborhood Celebration Grants Fund to enhance 2026 celebrations across all neighborhoods and Council Districts.

These celebrations will ensure residents benefit from the economic, cultural, and civic opportunities of this historic milestone. The neighborhood celebrations will also build community and create opportunities for neighborhood-based entertainment and festivities that spark joy, elevate local culture, and deepen civic pride.

All applications are due on April 24, 2026 by 5:00pm and must be submitted via the online application form.

Questions related to this opportunity may be submitted via email to 2026CelebrationGrants@phila.gov no later than April 10, 2026, 2026 at 5:00pm.

Questions and responses will be posted on <https://philacityfund.org/2026-Neighborhood-Celebration-grants> on or before April 17, 2026.

GRANT DETAILS

Total funding available for this opportunity is \$1,000,000.

All funded activities must take place in calendar year 2026. All grantees will be expected to work with community members to obtain neighborhood input for planned activities and/or conduct community engagement to inform the design of the funded activities.

Applications must discuss how the community will be engaged in the execution of the event.

All funded applicants must adhere to reporting requirements and monitoring by the Fund and/or the City of Philadelphia. Reporting will include, but may not be limited to, a financial narrative and expenditure report demonstrating how the grant funds were used.

Grant awards are expected to range from \$25,000 to \$100,000. We encourage applicants to be creative and innovative. Examples of general categories for events include, but are not limited to, art and cultural exhibitions, entertainment and performances, historic commemorations, and beautification projects.

All events should include a plan for accessibility.

ELIGIBILITY

To be considered for funding, applications must be submitted according to the deadlines, eligibility, and format as set forth in these guidelines and on the online submission form. Additionally, applicants must adhere to the following to be eligible:

- Applicants must be a charitable 501(c)(3) organization or must be sponsored by a fiscal sponsor with 501(c)(3) status.
- Applicants must be located within Philadelphia.
- Grant funds may not be used to support activities taking place outside of Philadelphia.
- Grant funds may not be used to support lobbying or political activity.
- Grant funds may not be used to support salaries, staff development, or general operating costs.
- Grant funds will be awarded on a one-time basis, with no obligation for future funding from the Fund or the City of Philadelphia.

TIMELINE

The application process and timeline are detailed below.

March 27, 2026	Grant opportunity opens. All applications must be submitted through the online submission form found below.
April 10, 2026	Questions about this grant opportunity may be submitted to 2026CelebrationGrants@phila.gov .
On or before April 17, 2026	Responses to questions will be posted on the grant opportunity webpage: https://philacityfund.org/2026-Neighborhood-Celebration-grants
April 24, 2026 by 5:00pm	Applications are due and must be submitted via the online form linked below. Applications submitted after this deadline will not be considered.
On or before May 22, 2026	Grant awards are announced. Selected grantees will receive an award letter with next steps.

APPLICATION

All applications must be submitted via this online submission form: [Philadelphia 2026 Neighborhood Celebration Grants Fund application](#)