



2026-27 Keep Louisiana Beautiful Healthy Communities Grant Application

Application deadline: June 21, 2026

Purpose and Description

Keep Louisiana Beautiful's (KLB) mission is to promote personal, corporate, and community responsibility for a clean and beautiful Louisiana. Through programs and a statewide network of affiliates and partners, KLB provides tools and resources to prevent litter, reduce waste, increase recycling, and beautify spaces. For more information visit keplouisianabeautiful.org.

Grant Purpose: The KLB Healthy Communities Grant (HCG) provides funding for local projects and programs bringing about behavioral changes needed to improve the appearance of communities in Louisiana. Grant projects should focus on litter removal, prevention, and education; best practices for waste management, waste reduction, recycling, reusing, and refusing; litter enforcement and other mission related efforts. KLB seeks to fund projects with diverse community support, volunteer involvement, collaboration with stakeholders and community benefit.

Grant Type:

-\$2,500-\$10,000 Reimbursement grant that funds projects and programs as described above

-Minimum 15% cash match, in-kind donation or volunteer hours value required

This grant is made possible with funding from the State of Louisiana and Office of the Lt. Governor.

Eligible to Apply:

-Louisiana parishes, municipalities, state agencies, governmental entities, schools, colleges, universities, non-profit organizations, KLB Community Affiliates who are current Circle of Excellence recipients and KLB University Affiliates

-Non-profit organization applicants must submit their IRS Determination Letter

-All applicants must submit Form W-9

-All applicants must be in good standing with the Secretary of State

-All applicants must be a State Certified Vendor. Register: doa.la.gov/doa/osp/vendor-resources/

-Application must be submitted by the deadline and be completed in its entirety

Funding Guidelines: Projects and programs with measurable goals and sustainable impacts in one or more of the following areas:

Eligible for Funding:

- Litter removal
- Litter prevention
- Waste management and reduction
- Recycling, reusing, reducing, and repurposing
- Litter and illegal dumping enforcement
- Education on litter prevention, recycling and environmental stewardship

NOT Eligible for Funding:

- Gardening projects and tree planting
- Computers, electronics, and printers
- Travel expenses, rental of motorized vehicles and fuel
- Food and beverage
- Registration fees
- Cash awards, insurance, salaries, and employee compensation
- Expenses associated with fundraising activities
- Projects or activities conducted on private property
- Excessive disposable materials or activities producing excess waste/litter (e.g. balloon release)

Terms and Requirements

Failure to abide by all the requirements and/or submit the completed Final Report by April 30, 2027, will result in non-reimbursement for this grant and ineligibility during the next grant cycle. To be awarded a grant, applicants agree to the following:

- A Grant Agreement (Agreement) must be signed between, the Louisiana Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism (DCRT) and the grant recipient (Grantee) before reimbursable work can begin on the grant project. Grantees must abide by the approved grant budget as documented in the Agreement.
- All Grantees must attend a mandatory informational webinar before KLB will issue an Agreement.
- A minimum 15% cash match, in-kind donation or equivalent volunteer hours value is required.

-Community engagement and volunteer support are required.

-Grant projects must be completed on or before April 30, 2027.

-A grant award acknowledgement letter must be sent to the Grantee's state representatives and senator. A copy must be submitted with the Final Report.

-A press release announcing the award of the KLB grant must be sent to the local media. A copy must be submitted with the Final Report.

-Two social media posts must be made:

1. Within 30 days of the Agreement being executed, Grantee must announce on social media channels the award of a KLB Healthy Communities Grant and how the grant will help the community. Tag Keep Louisiana Beautiful - on Facebook and Instagram tag @keeplouisianabeautiful and - on Twitter tag @keeplabeautiful, and tag @LouisianaLtGov
2. At the grant project's end, Grantees must make a second social media post with photographs highlighting its impact. Tag the post as instructed above. Photos of both media posts must be uploaded in the Final Report.

-KLB's logo must be printed on all grant- related print materials, t-shirts, signage, banners and other marketing and educational materials funded by this grant.

-Changes in the grant scope and/or budget as outlined in the Agreement must be pre-approved by KLB.

-A completed Final Report, photographs, press release, acknowledgement letters, social media posts and reimbursement request with proper receipts and documentation must be submitted to KLB by April 30, 2027. The Final Report may be submitted before the deadline upon project completion but will not be accepted after April 30, 2027.

-Grantees must register for, conduct, and submit a report for a KLB Love the Boot Week event tentatively scheduled for April 17-25, 2027.

Grant Cycle: The grant cycle begins once the Grantee attends the mandatory webinar and the Grant Agreement is signed by the Grantee and DCRT's Appointing Authority. The grant cycle ends for all Grantees on April 30, 2027.

I verify that I have read and agree with all grant terms and requirements.

Yes No

Organization Name

Organization Address

Address Line 1

Address Line 2

City

State

Zip Code

Organization Type

Parish Municipality State Agency Government Entity School/College/University Non-Profit Organization KLB Community Affiliate KLB University Affiliate

Parish

Grant amount requested

Upload Organization Form W-9

If non-profit, upload IRS Determination Letter or Tax Exemption Form

Applying organization is in good standing with the Louisiana Secretary of State.

Yes No

State Certified Vendor Number

Contact Name

The Contact is the person responsible for managing the grant process and progress. They are the point of contact for KLB.

Name

First

Last

Phone number

Email

Authorizing Official

The Authorizing Official is the person who has the authority to approve this application and reimbursement terms and enter into a contract for the organization. Please note that this individual will receive a copy of this grant application upon submission.

Name

First

Last

Title

Phone

Email

Letter of Authorization

This letter authorizes your organization to apply for a Healthy Communities Grant. It should include wording indicating

- 1.) the name and title of the authorizing official
- 2.) the grant name "2026-27 KLB Healthy Communities Grant"
- 3.) that the authorizing official understands and agrees to participate in a grant that it is a reimbursement grant and that requires internal funds to be committed to and used for the project upfront
- 4.) the amount of the funds requested
- 5.) a short description of the scope of the project.

The letter must be signed by the organization's authorizing official and submitted on organization letterhead.

Upload letter

If you received a Healthy Community Grant in the past, describe the project, the year and amount of the grant.

What is the main focus area(s) of your grant program/project?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Waste Management and Reduction | <input type="checkbox"/> Litter Removal | <input type="checkbox"/> Water Pollution |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Litter Prevention | <input type="checkbox"/> Illegal Dumping/Litter Enforcement | <input type="checkbox"/> Marine debris and waterway cleanups |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recycling | <input type="checkbox"/> Hazardous Waste | <input type="checkbox"/> Litter/Recycling/Environmental Education |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reduce, Reuse and Refuse | | |

You may select more than one.

What is the approach to addressing the need in the focus area you selected?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Education K-12 program | <input type="checkbox"/> Expand or maintain an existing program | <input type="checkbox"/> Litter Crew support |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education Higher Ed. program | <input type="checkbox"/> Create a new program/project | <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor event litter prevention project |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Education program | <input type="checkbox"/> Purchase supplies and equipment | <input type="checkbox"/> Community enhancements |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Marketing/Media/Social Campaigns | | |

You may select more than one.

Why do you need this grant funding, how was the need assessed, and what problem will it address?

Maximum 2,400 characters.

Describe the program/project you are seeking funding for in great detail. All of the following questions must be addressed in this section. What will the program/project entail? How will the proposed program/project address the need?

Maximum 3,500 characters.

Describe the project/program and how it addresses the need.

Generally, how will you spend the grant funds to implement the program/project. You will be asked for a detailed budget later in the application.

Maximum 2,400 characters.

Describe the number and role of volunteers, staff members or contracted labor involved in executing this program/project.

Maximum 2,400 characters.

Approximately how many individuals will be impacted by this program/project directly (as an attendee, participant, etc.) or indirectly (number of organization or community members who may benefit from the project/program's results)?

List all business or community partners that will contribute to this program/project? How will they contribute?

List all other funders contributing to this program/project? How will they contribute?

Letter of Support from Partner

At least one Letter of Support from a partner or funder on their letterhead is required for your grant project to be considered. The letter should contain the grant name, "2026-27 KLB Healthy Communities Grant," a short description of the project/program, and how the partner/funder will contribute.

What outcomes do you anticipate from this grant program/project? How will you track or measure the outcomes?

Maximum 2,400 characters.

How will you continue to fund this grant program/project beyond the funding period?

Maximum 2,400 characters.

Budget - Cash or In-Kind Donation Match or Volunteer Hours

Select only "Cash Match" OR "In-kind Match" for each line item, not both. For Cash Match list the \$ amount for each donor separately. For In-kind Match, list the total in-kind \$ value for each donor. If claiming volunteer hours towards match, list "Volunteer Hours" in item description and multiply number of hours by \$29.14 to get the dollar amount to be entered in the "In-kind Match" column. You are required to have at least a 15% in-kind match, cash match or equivalent volunteer hours value.

Item Description and Donor	Cash Match	In-kind Match	Total
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	\$0.00
Total: \$0.00		Total: \$0.00	Grand Total: \$0.00

Budget and Budget Justification

All budget items must be related to the project and clearly identified in the project description. Direct costs and administrative costs/fees are prohibited. Reimbursements requests will be approved based on budget items aligning with budget requests, so include detailed item descriptions. For example, if you are buying a trash collection trailer, along with creating line items for the trailer itself, create budget line items for additional equipment needed such as padlocks, hitches, KLB acknowledgment decal, etc. for which you wish to be reimbursed. If you are holding a youth cleanup event, do not simply list "cleanup supplies." List a specific description of each item such as grabbers, gloves, trash bags, etc. See Funding Guidelines in the Purpose and Description section at the beginning of the application for allowed budget items.

Item description	Quantity	Unit Price	Total
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	\$0.00
Grand Total: \$0.00			

Dollar amount requested from KLB
\$0.00

Explain how each of the items in the budget above fits into the program/project and why it is needed. KLB will NOT fund items that are not directly associated with your grant project.

Maximum 2,400 characters.

Submission

I verify that I have permission and the authority to this grant application on the behalf of the organization and that the information that I provided in this application is true and accurate. I have read and agree with the requirements and terms of the grant.

Applicant's Name

First

Last

Applicant's Signature

Date