

Memorandum of Agreement

THIS AGREEMENT between the Historic Preservation Division, **Mississippi Department of Archives and History**, hereinafter called MDAH, by and through the State Historic Preservation Officer, and the **City of Tupelo**, hereinafter called the Grantee, relates to a project to be undertaken by the Grantee, assisted by MDAH with a matching Certified Local Government grant-in-aid established under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, and administered through the National Park Service, US Department of the Interior.

MDAH and the Grantee agree as follows:

1. Work Program

This grant is for a rehabilitation project to be conducted on the Spring Hill Missionary Baptist Church in Tupelo, Lee County. The Grantee shall carry out project work as specified in the "Work Program" for this project, which is hereby incorporated into and made a part of the Memorandum of Agreement as **Attachment A**.

The approved work program, products, and performance/reporting milestones may not be altered without prior written approval from the Certified Local Government Grants Administrator of the Historic Preservation Division, Department of Archives and History.

All products produced with assistance of this grant must be in compliance with the applicable Secretary of the Interior's *Standards for Archaeology and Historic Preservation*.

2. Period of Performance

All work carried out as part of this grant-assisted project shall be conducted between the latest date of the signature of either the State Historic Preservation Officer or the Mayor of Tupelo by **August 1, 2026**. **Extensions will not be given to late or incomplete projects.**

3. Compensation

Anticipated Project Cost: **\$ 20,000.00**

The Grantee is expected to be able to cover all costs incurred during the course of the project, prior to reimbursement of the grant funds. Compensation to the Grantee shall be on a *matching basis*. The Grantee is required to provide *at least* a 50% of match of the final project cost.

Subject to receipt of funds from the National Park Service and to successful completion of all project work activities, MDAH, agrees to *reimburse* the Grantee **\$ 10,000** or 50% of eligible final project costs, *whichever is less*, based on the following conditions:

- a. Submission of all project completion materials to MDAH, as outlined in Section 9 below no later than **August 1, 2026**. A Project Completion Report shall accompany the completed materials.
- b. **Two (2)** copies of an acceptable reimbursement request and auditable records, as specified in the Historic Preservation Fund Grants Manual, must be submitted to MDAH no later than **August 31, 2026**. Acceptable federal and nonfederal share supporting documentation needed to substantiate billing (i.e., timesheets, copies of front and back of canceled checks, etc.) must be submitted by Grantee prior to reimbursement.

- c. The Grantee agrees to maintain all financial and administrative documents and records pertaining to the full life-cycle of the grant, for a period of not less than five years after completion of the project. The State Department of Audit, the State Historic Preservation Officer, the National Park Service, the Department of the Interior, the Comptroller of the United States, and any of their duly authorized representatives shall have access to grant records for audit purposes.

4. Allowable Costs

Allowable costs are those costs documented to the satisfaction of MDAH, that conform to the approved project budget and that are determined by MDAH to:

- a. Meet federal requirements for the program;
- b. Be necessary and reasonable to the completion of project work;
- c. Have been incurred for project work during the period of the grant.

5. Personnel Selection

Project personnel shall have qualifications appropriate to the major work elements of the project, and may include Grantee staff members, private consultants, or university students and non-paid volunteers, if under the supervision of a qualified principal investigator who must have qualifications in the areas of history and architectural history, preferably with historic preservation experience.

The Grantee may utilize small purchase procedures (as specified in NPS-49, Chapter 17-Procurement Standards, H. 1.) when projects do not exceed \$100,000. Grantees shall further comply with state and local small purchase dollar limits. When the project exceeds the federal, state, or local amount, the Grantee must utilize competitive negotiation procedures (competitive sealed bids) for procurement of architectural/engineering professional services, whereby competitors' qualifications are evaluated, and the most qualified competitor is selected, subject to negotiation of fair and reasonable compensation. Resumes, references, and past work experience may be evaluated to assess professional qualifications.

The Grantee shall maintain records sufficient to detail the significant history of procurement. These records shall include, but are not necessarily limited to, information pertinent to the following: rationale for the method of procurement, selection of contract type, contractor selection or rejections, and the basis for the cost or price. Prior to reimbursement for expenditures, the Grantee must forward to the Department of Archives and History evidence of compliance with federal competitive procurement requirements for professional services and subcontracts.

6. Contracts

In addition to provisions defining a sound and complete procurement contract, any recipient of federal grant funds shall include the following contract provisions or conditions in all procurement contracts and subcontract as required by these provisions, Federal law or the National Park Service:

- a. Contracts other than small purchases shall contain provisions or conditions that will allow for administrative, contractual, or legal remedies in instances where contractors violate or breach contract terms, and provide for such sanction and penalties as may be appropriate.
- b. All contracts shall contain suitable provisions for termination by the Grantee, including the manner by which it will be effected and the basis for settlement. In addition, such contracts shall describe conditions under which the contract may be terminated for default as well as conditions where the contract may be terminated because of circumstances beyond the control of the contractor.

- c. All contracts awarded by the Grantee shall contain a provision requiring compliance with Executive Order 11246, entitled “Equal Employment Opportunity,” as amended by Executive Order 11375, and as supplemented in Department of Labor regulations (41 CFR Part 60).
- d. All contracts and subgrants for construction or repair shall include a provision for compliance with the Copeland “Anti-Kickback” Act (18 USC 874) as supplemented in Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 3). This Act provides that each contractor or subgrantee shall be prohibited from inducing, by any means, any person employed in the construction, completion, or repair of public work, to give up any part of the compensation to which he is otherwise entitled.

The Grantee shall retain the possibility of reprinting any publications by including in any consultant contract a requirement that the consultant waive any claim to a copyright.

7. Professional Supervision

The Grantee agrees to appoint a **project coordinator** whose professional qualifications have received prior approval of the Historic Preservation Division to ensure that the work conforms to the approved work program and to provide the necessary standard of professional conduct required for this project under the federal program regulations. **The project coordinator will be responsible for completing the grant reports as outlined in Section 8 below and for ensuring that all project materials are submitted.** The staff of the Historic Preservation Division will maintain regular contact with the project coordinator and will provide necessary and reasonable amounts of training, advice, or technical assistance as required for the successful completion of project work.

8. Reports

The Grantee will be required to submit Grant Progress Reports (both programmatic and fiscal) on **October 24, 2025; January 23, 2026; and April 24, 2026** as well as the Project Completion Report on **August 1, 2026** and the Reimbursement Request (with supporting materials) by **August 31, 2026**.

The Grantee shall contact MDAH’s Certified Local Government Grants Administrator **immediately** if any situation should arise which will affect the timely or successful completion of this project and/or the final report of materials.

9. Project Completion Materials

The Grantee agrees to submit final completion materials and a summary narrative **Project Completion Report** by **August 1, 2026**, in a format consistent with the Secretary of the Interior’s *Standards for Archaeology and Historic Preservation* and as specified by the Historic Preservation Division. Final competition materials for this project are as follows:

- Photos of completed work

The Grantee shall submit any materials or reports requiring review or revision by MDAH in a timely manner so as to ensure that final materials are submitted no later than **August 1, 2026**.

A final expense summary, due **August 31, 2026**, shall be detailed by each budget category and indicate which items were charged to each source of funding (federal and non-federal).

Any Grantee that is required to have an audit conducted in accordance with the Single Audit Act (A-128) shall submit to MDAH a copy of the audit (or audits) for the time period covered by this grant, within three months following completion of the audit(s).

10. Acknowledgment of Federal Assistance

Federal grant assistance shall be acknowledged in any public announcements, news releases, articles, publications, audio-visual materials, and pertinent presentations that the Grantee produces or initiates. The acknowledgment format is detailed in the **Attachment B** and shall substantially state that the project has been funded with the assistance of a matching grant-in-aid from the National Park Service of the US Department of the Interior, through the Mississippi Department of Archives and History, under provisions of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966.

The copyright for any publication resulting from this agreement shall be available to the Grantee. The Grantee agrees to, and awards to the United States Government and its officers, agents, and employees acting within the scope of their official duties, a royalty-free, nonexclusive, and irrevocable license throughout the world for Government purposes, to publish, translate, reproduce, and use all subject data or copyrightable material based on such data covered by the copyright.

11. General Provisions

The Grantee agrees to comply with all federal and state laws and regulations concerning equal opportunity, affirmative action, and fair employment practices. The Grantee further agrees to comply with all applicable regulations, laws, policies, guidelines, and requirements of this federal grant program, including the Single Audit Act of 1984 for state and local governments or the audit requirements of OMB Circular A-110 for universities and nonprofit organizations. In addition to the terms detailed in this agreement, all federal requirements governing grants (OMB Circulars A-87 or A-122, A-102 or A-110, and A-128) are applicable. The Grantee agrees to abide by all assurances made part of this agreement as **Attachments C**.

Grant funds shall not be disbursed for any project of activity that does not evidence that:

- a. Planned work has been accomplished within the scope of the subgrant or contractual agreement summarized in the Work Program (**Attachment A**)
- b. Work was done according to the applicable Secretary's *Standards for Archaeology and Historic Preservation*.
- c. Work was done in accordance with the terms and conditions of the applicable Historic Preservation Fund grant.

In circumstances where funds are disbursed for ineligible activities, such costs shall be returned to the MDAH by the Grantee.

12. Termination of Agreement

This agreement may be terminated short of conclusion due to one of the following situations:

- a. Termination for Cause - MDAH may terminate any grant, in whole or in part, at any time before the date of completion, whenever it is determined that the Grantee has failed to comply with the terms and conditions of the grant. MDAH will promptly notify the Grantee in writing of the termination and the reasons for the termination, together with the effective date. Payments made to Grantees or recoveries by MDAH under grants terminated for cause will be in accordance with the legal rights and liabilities of the parties.
- b. Termination for Convenience - MDAH or the Grantee may terminate grants of subgrant projects in whole or in part when both parties agree that the continuation of the project would not produce beneficial results commensurate with the further expenditure of funds. The two parties will agree upon the termination conditions, including the effective date, and in the case of partial terminations, the portion to be terminated.

- c. Termination by Grantee - The Grantee may unilaterally cancel the grant at any time prior to the first payment on the grant, although MDAH must be notified in writing. Once initiated, no grant finance with HPF assistance shall be terminated by a Grantee prior to satisfactory completion without the approval of MDAH. After the initial payment, the project may be terminated, modified, or amended by the Grantee only by mutual agreement of the Grantee and MDAH. Requests for termination prior to completion must fully explain the reasons for the action and detail the proposed disposition of the uncompleted work.

When a grant is terminated, the Grantee will not incur new obligations for the terminated portion after the effective date of termination. The Grantee will cancel as many outstanding obligations as possible. The MDAH will allow full credit to the Grantee for the federal share of the noncancelable obligations properly incurred by the Grantee prior to the termination. Costs incurred after the effective date of the terminations will be disallowed.

THIS AGREEMENT becomes effective upon signature of the parties below.

BY

Katie Blount
State Historic Preservation Officer

Date

BY

Honorable Todd Jordan
Mayor of Tupelo

Date

Return to:

Amy Morgan
Review and Compliance Officer
Historic Preservation Division
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ATTACHMENT A: WORK PROGRAM

1. This project will include roof shoring within the sanctuary and basement ceiling to stabilize the roof of Spring Hill Missionary Baptist Church until further repairs can be made.
2. Prior to the start of the project, MDAH requires a detailed plan from the chosen contractor that will explain the scope of work, materials used, estimated cost, and project timeframe. All proposed materials and methods will need official approval from MDAH via a cultural resource assessment.*

*In compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) of 1966 a cultural resource assessment is required for this project. To initiate a Section 106 review, please submit a Request for Cultural Resource Assessment through the MDAH Section 106 Portal located at <<https://www.mdah.ms.gov/historic-preservation/section-106-review>>.

ATTACHMENT B: Acknowledging Federal Assistance

Project Signage

There shall be erected at every grant assisted structure rehabilitation project a sign displayed in a prominent location while project work is in progress. The cost of signage, whether temporary or permanent, is an allowable project expenditure. Signs shall be maintained in good condition until work is completed. EXAMPLE:

**THE MANSHIP HOUSE
RESTORATION**

**MISSISSIPPI STATE BUILDING COMMISSION, OWNER
THIS PROPERTY IS ADMINISTERED BY
THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ARCHIVES AND HISTORY**

RESTORATION OF THIS PROPERTY WHICH IS LISTED ON THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, AND IS A MISSISSIPPI LANDMARK, HAS BEEN FUNDED WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF A MATCHING GRANT-IN-AID FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROGRAM UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION ACT AMENDMENTS OF 1980.

**WILLIAM LAMPTON GILL, ARCHITECT CLYDE V. MAXWELL, STRUCTURAL ENGINEER
JAMES W. STOREY, MECHANICAL ENGINEER WINDSOR ENGINEERING, ELECTRICAL ENGINEER
O.L. ELLIS, JR., GENERAL CONTRACTOR**

Attachments C: ASSURANCES - CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 15 minutes per response, including time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project (0348-0042), Washington, DC 20503.

PLEASE DO NOT RETURN YOUR COMPLETED FORM TO THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET. SEND IT TO THE ADDRESS PROVIDED BY THE SPONSORING AGENCY.

NOTE: Certain of these assurances may not be applicable to your project or program. If you have questions, please contact the Awarding Agency. Further, certain Federal assistance awarding agencies may require applicants to certify to additional assurances. If such is the case, you will be notified.

As the duly authorized representative of the applicant, I certify that the applicant:

1. Has the legal authority to apply for Federal assistance, and the institutional, managerial and financial capability (including funds sufficient to pay the non-Federal share of project costs) to ensure proper planning, management and completion of the project described in this application,
2. Will give the awarding agency, the Comptroller General of the United States and, if appropriate, the State, through any authorized representative, access to and the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to the assistance; and will establish a proper accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards or agency directives.
3. Will not dispose of, modify the use of, or change the terms of the real property title, or other interest in the site and facilities without permission and instructions from the awarding agency. Will record the Federal interest in the title of real property in accordance with awarding agency directives and will include a covenant in the title of real property acquired in whole or in part with Federal assistance funds to assure nondiscrimination during the useful life of the project.
4. Will comply with the requirements of the assistance awarding agency with regard to the drafting, review and approval of construction plans and specifications.
5. Will provide and maintain competent and adequate engineering supervision at the construction site to ensure that the complete work conforms with the approved plans and specifications and will furnish progress reports and such other information as may be required by the assistance awarding agency or State.
6. Will initiate and complete the work within the applicable time frame after receipt of approval of the awarding agency.
7. Will establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using their positions for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of personal or organizational conflict of interest, or personal gain.
8. Will comply with the Intergovernmental Personnel Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. §§4728-4763) relating to prescribed standards for merit systems for programs funded under one of the 19 statutes or regulations specified in Appendix A of OPM's Standards for a Merit System of Personnel Administration (5 C.F.R. 900, Subpart F).
9. Will comply with the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act (42 U.S.C. §§4801 et seq.) which prohibits the use of lead-based paint in construction or rehabilitation of residence structures.
10. Will comply with all Federal statutes relating to non-discrimination. These include but are not limited to: (a) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352) which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin; (b) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended (20 U.S.C. §§1681 1683, and 1685-1686), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex; (c) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. §794), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicaps; (d) the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§6101-6107), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age; (e) the Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972 (P.L. 92-255), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of drug abuse; (f) the Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-616), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of alcohol abuse or alcoholism; (g) §§523 and 527 of the Public Health Service Act of 1912 (42 U.S.C. §§290 dd-3 and 290 ee 3), as amended, relating to confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse patient records; (h) Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. §§3601 et seq.), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination in the sale, rental or financing of housing; (i) any other nondiscrimination provisions in the specific statute(s) under which application for Federal assistance is being made; and, (j) the requirements of any other nondiscrimination statute(s) which may apply to the application.

11. Will comply, or has already complied, with the requirements of Titles II and III of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-646) which provide for fair and equitable treatment of persons displaced or whose property is acquired as a result of Federal and federally-assisted programs. These requirements apply to all interests in real property acquired for project purposes regardless of Federal participation in purchases.
12. Will comply with the provisions of the Hatch Act (5 U.S.C. §§1501-1508 and 7324-7328) which limit the political activities of employees whose principal employment activities are funded in whole or in part with Federal funds.
13. Will comply, as applicable, with the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. §§276a to 276a-7), the Copeland Act (40 U.S.C. §276c and 18 U.S.C. §874), and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. §§327-333) regarding labor standards for federally-assisted construction subagreements.
14. Will comply with flood insurance purchase requirements of Section 102(a) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (P.L. 93-234) which requires recipients in a special flood hazard area to participate in the program and to purchase flood insurance if the total cost of insurable construction and acquisition is \$10,000 or more.
15. Will comply with environmental standards which may be prescribed pursuant to the following: (a) institution of environmental quality control measures under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190) and Executive Order (EO) 11514; (b) notification of violating facilities pursuant to EO 11738; (c) protection of wetlands pursuant to EO 11990; (d) evaluation of flood hazards in floodplains in accordance with EO 11988; (e) assurance of project consistency with the approved State management program developed under the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. §§1451 et seq.); (f) conformity of Federal actions to State (Clean Air) Implementation Plans under Section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act of 1955, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§7401 et seq.); (g) protection of underground sources of drinking water under the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended (P.L. 93-523); and, (h) protection of endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (P.L. 93-205).
16. Will comply with the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968 (16 U.S.C. §§1271 et seq.) related to protecting components or potential components of the national wild and scenic rivers system.
17. Will assist the awarding agency in assuring compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. §470), EO 11593 (identification and protection of historic properties), and the Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. §§469a-1 et seq.).
18. Will cause to be performed the required financial and compliance audits in accordance with the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 and OMB Circular No. A-133, "Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations."
19. Will comply with all applicable requirements of all other Federal laws, executive orders, regulations, and policies governing this program.

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED CERTIFYING OFFICIAL	TITLE	
APPLICANT ORGANIZATION		DATE SUBMITTED