



## Association for the Study of African American Life and History

The Freedom School Initiative

**Status:** Under Review

**Amount Requested:** \$150,000

**Program:** Higher Learning

**Grant Term:** 3/1/2025 - 2/29/2026

**Program Lead:** Phillip Harper

**ID:** R-2411-20889

**Program Staff:** Logan Heiman

**Grant Description:** to support the Freedom School program

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*Applicants should review and be familiar with the Foundation's grantmaking policies and guidelines. If the applicant's proposal is approved by the Mellon Foundation, the grantee will be required to enter into a standard grant agreement with the Foundation before the grant is funded. This grant agreement and the finalized proposal establish the terms of the grant.*

### ▼ Organization and Grant Contacts

#### Grant Contacts

*Please select one individual for each of the roles below by using the dropdown lists or adding a new contact. Contacts will be assigned a login upon request. Please note that only the five contacts listed within this section will have access to the proposal materials in Fluxx and receive automated email alerts associated with this proposal.*

*Please note that the Project Lead/Principal Investigator is defined as the person responsible for the overall oversight of the grant activities and serves as the project lead and/or as the primary creative or scholarly steward of the project.*

*If this grant will be fiscally sponsored or if payment will be received by a third party, please ensure that at least one contact will be from the sponsored project or the third party payee organization.*

<b>Organization</b>	Association for the Study of African American Life and History
<b>Location</b>	Washington ,DC
<b>Project Lead / Principal Investigator</b>	W. Marvin Dulaney
<b>Grant Management Contact</b>	Sylvia Cyrus
<b>Leader of Organization</b>	W. Marvin Dulaney
<b>Financial or Other Contact</b>	
<b>Additional Contact</b>	Sundiata Cha-Jua

Additional Project Leads / Principal Investigators

**Does this proposal have additional project leaders / principal investigators?** No

Grant Agreement Signatory

*For your reference, the Leader of the Organization currently listed in the Mellon Foundation Grants Portal is provided below:*

*If someone other than the Leader of the Organization will be signing the grant agreement for the proposed project, please complete the appropriate fields. Please note that the email address should not be a shared inbox.*

*If you need to make a change to the Leader of Organization contact information, please request these changes by navigating to **Organizations > My Organization** in the Grants Portal. Detailed instructions on updating contact information can be found on our website.*

**Leader of Organization:** W. Marvin Dulaney

**Will someone other than the leader of the organization be signing the grant agreement?** No

▼ Proposal Information

General Information

**Program:** Higher Learning  
**Program Strategy:** Accurate narratives  
**Program Lead:** Phillip Harper  
**Program Staff:** Logan Heiman  
**Grant Description:** to support the Freedom School program  
**Grant Start Date:** 3/1/2025  
**Grant End Date:** 2/28/2026  
**Duration In Months:** 36  
**Grant Title:** The Freedom School Initiative  
**Amount Requested:** \$150,000.00

Organization Information

**Most Recent Total Annual Operating Budget:** \$2,339,500.00  
**Fiscal Year End Date:** 12/31/2024  
**Optional Comments on Organization Financials:**

Please note that proposed grants that are large relative to the total income of your organization could impact your organization's ability to satisfy the public support test for public charity status. Additional resources about this matter can be found here: <https://www.ngosource.org/blog/an-introduction-to-public-support-tests>

**Has your organization or program recently experienced, or does it anticipate any significant changes to Executive staff or the Board?** No

**Would the proposed grant payments be made to a third-party payee/administrator (e.g., a university foundation)?** No

**Is this a fiscally sponsored project?** No

Banking Information

Should this grant be approved, the Foundation will make payment by wire transfer (not ACH). Please indicate the last 4 digits of the receiving account in the space below and ensure that the "Banking Information Contact" has been entered within the *Organizations > My Organization > Organization Leadership and Other Contacts* section of the grants portal. The Banking Information Contact will be the Foundation's contact for any questions regarding your organization's banking information.

Complete banking information is entered in the Organization section of the grants portal. Please contact Foundation staff if any updates to the banking information for your organization are needed.

**Banking Information Contact:**

Bank Name	Account Number	Routing Number	Date Confirmed
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**Last 4 Digits of Account to Receive Payment:** 6340

Supplemental Questions

**Does the proposed grant include the creation of content or other work products, such as audio or video works (including podcasts, films, and oral history and other recordings), databases, software, digitization of works, books, white papers, or other digital content?** No

**Will you be documenting the proposed grant with any visuals, such as photography, or other archival materials? If so, the Foundation may be interested in requesting copies for its records and to promote the grant.** Yes

If yes, please describe.

We will do short films and photographs of the Freedom Schools to post on ASALH's website and ASALH TV, ASALH's You Tube channel.

▼ Documents

When uploading the documents below, please select the Document Type that you feel is the most appropriate. Please do not use special characters in the document filename (such as @, #, \$, %, &, \*, or +).

### Proposal Narrative and Supplemental Documents

Please click on the Proposal Narrative Word document below or upload another Word document that responds to the questions within the template.

**Financial Statements:** Please upload your organization's most recent audited financial statements. If you do not have recent audited statements, please upload unaudited financial statements (including income statement and balance sheet) for the most recently completed fiscal year. If needed, additional comments about your organization's financials may be included in the Organization Information section above.

**Annual Operating Budget:** Please upload the most recent total annual operating budget for the program or projected budget, if new.

**Biographies:** Please provide brief biographies of the principal investigator(s)/project lead(s) and other key staff directly involved in the proposed work.

#### PROPOSAL DOCUMENTS



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**Proposal Narrative**



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**Annual Operating Budget**

Added by W. Marvin Dulaney at 10:13 PM on December 6, 2024



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**Biographies**

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Biography of Dr. Cha-Jua.docx

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**Financial Statements**

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**Proposal Narrative**



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Flexible Program Support Proposal Guidelines.pdf

**Other Document - Proposal**

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