

**Association for the Study of African American Life and History
(ASALH) Black History Freedom Schools Initiative Plan
February 10, 2025**

1. We have applied for a Mellon Flexible Program Support grant for \$150,000.
2. The grant runs from March 1, 2025 to February 28, 2026.
3. We will form a committee of non-interested Executive Council members to select 10 Branches/Institutional members to receive funding from the Mellon Grant.
4. Freedom Schools must be 10-week program that meet 2-4 hours weekly during the grant period.
5. ASALH will support a national coordinator and supply each of 10 grant awardees a minimum of \$10,000 in funding.
6. Freedom Schools must conform to ASALH's Freedom School Criteria/Scope/Perspective statement.
7. We will issue a CFP upon receipt of the Mellon with a submittal date of April 15, 2025.
8. We strongly recommend that the eight Branches and Institutional members--Dallas, Jacksonville, Indianapolis, Manasota, St. Petersburg, Tampa Bay and institutional members Ubuntu Project, Champaign-Urbana and Black Men Build, Miami Florida-- who have sponsored Freedom Schools be grandfathered in.