



Mississippi Humanities Council
Spark! Host Site Application

I. Host Site Information

Organization Name: _____

Host Facility Name (if different than organization): _____

Organization Address: _____

Project Director Name and Title: _____

Project Director E-mail: _____ Phone: _____

Number of permanent full-time staff: _____ Number of permanent part-time staff: _____

Number of regular volunteers: _____

Hours of operation: _____ Annual visitation: _____ Months regularly open: _____

Hours per week *Spark!* will be open to visitors: _____

Description of the facility where *Spark!* will be displayed. Provide photos of exhibition space if available.

In your description, please consider the following questions:

- Does it meet the minimum space requirement of 700 sq. ft. and minimum ceiling height of 8 ft?
- Does the space have adequate access to electrical outlets? (5 out of 6 sections require access to electricity. You will need five extension cords)
- Is it a secure, clean, and dry environment?
- Is there a separate secure and dry space (approximately 200 sq ft) to store the packing crates?

II. Community Support

List the names of at least two partner organizations in your community that will contribute to the success of this project. Attach letters of support from each organization.

1. _____

2. _____

III. Project Narrative

In a separate document, please address the following items:

- Explanation of why your organization and community should host *Spark!*
- Brief description of ideas for at least three public humanities programs that extend the *Spark!* theme into your community
- What is your community's *Spark!* story? Describe how you would interpret this story in a local companion exhibit and programs. Questions to consider:
 - What does innovation mean to your community?
 - What are some recent challenges your community has faced?
 - What ways have your community adapted or changed to overcome these challenges?
 - What has been the impact of your community's innovative work?
 - What plans does your community have to continue this work?

IV. Preferred Host Dates

Please indicate your first and second choices.

- ____ 1. May 22, 2026—July 3, 2026
- ____ 2. July 8, 2026—August 19, 2026
- ____ 3. August 24, 2026—October 5, 2026
- ____ 4. October 9, 2026—November 23, 2026
- ____ 5. November 27, 2026—January 11, 2027
- ____ 6. January 15, 2027—February 26, 2027

Applications are due no later than **5:30 pm on April 4, 2025**.

Selections will be announced June 1, 2025.

Please return completed application and supporting documents to Katie Molpus by email, kmolpus@mhc.state.ms.us; or by mail, 3825 Ridgewood Road, Room 319, Jackson, MS 39211. For questions, call 601-432-6752.



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