

Updated October 2025

Oldham County Fiscal Court
Grant Application

Date of Application: Nov. 20, 2025

Official Name of Organization: Oldham County Historical Society

Address: 106 N. Second Ave., LaGrange, KY 40031

EIN: 61-1195581

Date and Place of Incorporation: Pewee Valley, Ky

August 8, 1991

Name, Complete Address, Email and Phone Number of Contact Person: Nancy Theiss, Executive Director
Oldham County Historical Society

106 N. Second Ave., LaGrange KY 40031

Purpose of Organization or Mission Statement and Services Rendered: The Oldham County Historical Society preserves, collects, and conveys the history of Oldham County by telling the story of its people and the events that shape its development using the objects and artifacts that illustrate and symbolize that history.

Amount Requested: \$ 7,500

Proposal for funding. On a separate page, please provide the following:

- Statement of need for project
- Proposed use of funds to remediate the need
- Project budget

Attachments:

List of Officers and Directors – Name, Office, Address, Business Affiliation, Compensation from Organization.

- Copy of 501c(3) tax-exempt status letter from IRS;
- Documentation for most recent form 990;
- Documentation for most recent filing with KY Secretary of State;

Grant Request: America250: Celebration of Community

Project Need: History is a catalyst for economic growth. People are drawn to communities that have preserved a strong sense of historical identity and character. Cultural heritage is an economic asset and essential component of any vibrant local economy, providing infrastructure that attract talent and enhances business development. This grant celebrates the character of Oldham County's smaller communities that contributed to our local history.

This grant supports a local "community" day in Oldham County that focuses on the history of the smaller towns in Oldham County such as Prospect, Brownsboro and Westport. These areas were chosen for 2026 because of their unique contributions to history. It is planned that in the following year, in 2027, these community days will continue to explore Oldham County by highlighting Centerfield, Ballardsville and Prospect. Each day will feature an activity that highlights the community's history and how it contributed to Oldham County's future.

There will be featured speaker/s, food venues, re-enactors and activity stations. Special geological and historic sites such as churches, homes and cemeteries will be emphasized. The following are examples that highlight the unique character of each place.

Brownsboro Day: Early settlement that began with Oldham County's first fort, Ft. Kuykendahl and at crossroads with wagon trails crossing from Louisville that lead to the river. Reverend William Kellar expanded Long Run Association of pioneer Baptist congregations by establishing 4 churches in the Oldham County area. Brownsboro is also site of the boyhood home of Governor Richard Oglesby, three-time governor of Illinois and close friend of Abraham Lincoln. Oglesby's "rail splitter campaign" that he created for Lincoln is credited for helping Lincoln win the Presidential Election.

Westport: As the county's first seat of government, the original courthouse still stands today as the Westport Methodist Church. An active river town during westward expansion after the Revolutionary War, Westport is mentioned in Alexis de Toqueville's "Democracy in America". Several famous Americans lived on the high bluffs overlooking Westport and the Ohio River such as Revolutionary War Naval Commander Richard Taylor and Lieutenant Governor of Kentucky Richard Taylor Jacob.

Prospect: Prospect was a busy intersection during the heyday of Hwy. 42 that connected Louisville to Cincinnati. Dubbed the Derby Highway during the 1950s, hotels like the Melrose Inn and homestyle restaurants such as the Chicken Trail Inn, became popular stops for Derby guests and celebrities before Interstate 71 was built and re-routed traffic.

America250: Celebration of Oldham County's Communities

Grant Budget: **Amount Requested from Oldham County Fiscal Court: \$7,500**

List items grant funds will be used for including cash match and in-kind funds	Amount from grant funds	Amount cash match	In-Kind Match	Total amount for item
2 speakers@\$250 each At 3 events	\$1,500			
Event rental	\$2,000			
Marketing and Promotion (advertising)	\$2,000			
Supplies, materials and equipment	\$2,000			
Personnel/Volunteers			\$1770	
Posting, printing			\$1,000	
Exhibit Materials & Display Boards			\$2250	
Totals	\$7500		\$5020	\$12,520

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
DISTRICT DIRECTOR
P. O. BOX 2508
CINCINNATI, OH 45201

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Date: **AUG 06 1991**

OLDHAM COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
INC
C/O J C BARNETT
PO BOX 161
PEWEE VALLEY, KY 40056

Employer Identification Number:
81-1195581
Contact Person:
PEGGY L COMBS
Contact Telephone Number:
(513) 684-3578

Accounting Period Ending:
December 31
Form 990 Required:
Yes
Addendum Applies:
No

Dear Applicant:

Based on information supplied, and assuming your operations will be as stated in your application for recognition of exemption, we have determined you are exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code as an organization described in section 501(c)(3).

We have further determined that you are not a private foundation within the meaning of section 509(a) of the Code, because you are an organization described in section 509(a)(2).

If your sources of support, or your purposes, character, or method of operation change, please let us know so we can consider the effect of the change on your exempt status and foundation status. In the case of an amendment to your organizational document or bylaws, please send us a copy of the amended document or bylaws. Also, you should inform us of all changes in your name or address.

As of January 1, 1984, you are liable for taxes under the Federal Insurance Contributions Act (social security taxes) on remuneration of \$100 or more you pay to each of your employees during a calendar year. You are not liable for the tax imposed under the Federal Unemployment Tax Act (FUTA).

Since you are not a private foundation, you are not subject to the excise taxes under Chapter 42 of the Code. However, you are not automatically exempt from other Federal excise taxes. If you have any questions about excise, employment, or other Federal taxes, please let us know.

Grantors and contributors may rely on this determination unless the Internal Revenue Service publishes notice to the contrary. However, if you lose your section 509(a)(2) status, a grantor or contributor may not rely on this determination if he or she was in part responsible for, or was aware of, the act or failure to act, or the substantial or material change on the part of the organization that resulted in your loss of such status, or if he or she acquired knowledge that the Internal Revenue Service had given notice that

Commonwealth of Kentucky
Michael G. Adams, Secretary of State

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Secretary of State
P. O. Box 718
Frankfort, KY 40602-0718
(502) 564-3490
<http://www.sos.ky.gov>

Certificate of Existence

Authentication number: 357736
Visit <https://web.sos.ky.gov/ftshow/certvalidate.aspx> to authenticate this certificate.

I, Michael G. Adams, Secretary of State of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, do hereby certify that according to the records in the Office of the Secretary of State,

OLDHAM COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.

OLDHAM COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC. is a corporation duly incorporated and existing under KRS Chapter 14A and KRS Chapter 273, whose date of incorporation is April 15, 1975 and whose period of duration is perpetual.

I further certify that all fees and penalties owed to the Secretary of State have been paid; that Articles of Dissolution have not been filed; that the most recent annual report required by KRS 14A.6-010 has been delivered to the Secretary of State; and is therefore in good standing.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Official Seal at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 4th day of February, 2026, in the 234th year of the Commonwealth.



Michael G. Adams

Michael G. Adams
Secretary of State
Commonwealth of Kentucky
357736/0038840

Extended to November 17, 2025

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

OMB No. 1545-0047

Form 990

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)

2024

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Do not enter social security numbers on this form as it may be made public.

Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.

Open to Public Inspection

A For the 2024 calendar year, or tax year beginning _____ and ending _____

B Check if applicable: <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Final return/terminated <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	C Name of organization OLDHAM COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.		D Employer identification number ** - *** 5581
	Doing business as		E Telephone number 502-222-0826
	Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite 106 N SECOND AVE		G Gross receipts \$ 697,347.
	City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code LAGRANGE, KY 40031		H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
	F Name and address of principal officer: Nancy S Theiss same as C above		H(b) Are all subordinates included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If "No," attach a list. See instructions
	I Tax-exempt status: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c) () (insert no.) <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) or <input type="checkbox"/> 527		H(c) Group exemption number

J Website: **www.oldhamkyhistory.com**

K Form of organization: Corporation Trust Association Other

L Year of formation: **1991** **M** State of legal domicile: **KY**

Part I Summary

Activities & Governance	1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: The mission of the Oldham County History Center is to collect, record, and share the rich history of		
	2 Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets.		
	3 Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	3	12
	4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	12
	5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2024 (Part V, line 2a)	5	7
	6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	0
	7 a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a	0.
b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, Part I, line 11	7b	0.	
Revenue	8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	Prior Year 205,744.	Current Year 214,817.
	9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	12,270.	21,554.
	10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	100,800.	146,527.
	11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	46,261.	36,362.
	12 Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	365,075.	419,260.
	Expenses	13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)	0.
14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)		0.	0.
15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)		114,061.	145,243.
16 a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)		0.	0.
b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25)		77,624.	
17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)		187,958.	242,030.
18 Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	302,019.	387,273.	
19 Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	63,056.	31,987.	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)	Beginning of Current Year 4,282,212.	End of Year 4,375,431.
	21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	0.	0.
	22 Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	4,282,212.	4,375,431.

Part II Signature Block

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Sign Here	Signature of officer		Date		
	Nancy S Theiss, Executive Director Type or print name and title				
Paid Preparer Use Only	Preparer's name	Preparer's signature	Date	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN
	Albert H Klein II	Albert H Klein II	08/24/25	<input type="checkbox"/>	P00084494
	Firm's name Amick & Company PSC	Firm's EIN ** - *** 6230			
	Firm's address 610 S 4th St Ste 701 Louisville, KY 40202-2323		Phone no. 502-583-5381		

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions Yes No

See Schedule O for Organization Mission Statement Continuation

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Officers & Directors
2025
Our Board of Directors is a Volunteer Board

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Statement of Use of Funds from 2025 Fiscal Court Grant

Revolutionary War Field Day 2025 Report

- The Oldham County Fiscal Court help to support the America250 Revolutionary Field Day Activity for 5th Grade Oldham County students at the Oldham County History Center. The 2025 Field Day was held at City Place Pavilion, Springs Park and the Oldham County History Center campus on April 11, 2025 with 235 fifth grade students from Oldham County Public School.

Fiscal Court Grant 2025: \$2,250.00

The Grant helped to pay for programs conducted by the Sons of American Revolution Isaac Shelby Chapter presenters, Guest Speakers, and program materials.

