

**Franklin County Tourist Development Council
Grants Committee Meeting
TDC Meeting Room
Grant Committee Agenda Wednesday,
September 2nd 2026 5:00 P.M.**

AGENDA

1. Welcome/Call to Order Chair of Grants Committee Janalyn Dowden
2. Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance
3. Grant Submissions Report & Discussion Solomon/Davis
4. Approve / Disapprove Grants Submitted for 26-27 **(Action Item)**

Topic: 2026/27 TDC Grant Meeting

Time: Sep 2, 2026 05:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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2026-27 Promotional and Museum Grant Program

Grantee	Name of Event/Program	Date of Event	Contact Person	Address	Email	Phone
\$2,000 Promotion Grant (42 Grants Requested)						
AAHS Raney House		10/27/2026, 11/10/2026/2027- TBD		PO Box 75	aahs.raney@gmail.com	850-653-1700
	Fall Speaker Series					
	Spring Speaker Series	02/02, 03/10, 04/14, 05/12				
	Fall Ghost Walk	10/29/2026		Apalachicola, FL 32329		850-323-2305
	Spring Ghost Walk	4/29/2027	Greg Golgowski			
Apalach Bay Chamber of Commerce					execdirector@apalachicolabay.org	850-653-9419
	Downtown Holiday Celebration	11/27/2026	John Solomon	17 Ave E		
Apalachicola Riverkeeper				Apalachicola, FL 32320	cameron@apalachicolariverkeeper.org	334-414-0046
	Riverpalooza - Cleaning up Bay Areas	5/16/2026	Camron Baxley	301 Market Street,		
Bay Area Choral Society				PO Box 229	Sisung@fairpoint.net	580-670-8261
	Christmas Concert	12/13/2026	Elizabeth Sisung	Eastpoint, FL 32328		
	Spring Concert	3/13/2027				
Camp Gordon Johnston Association, Inc					museum@campgordonjohnston.com	260-450-2282
	Museum Day	10/2/2026	Jeannie Newton	PO Box 1334		
	Camp Gordon Johnston Days/ Dice Run	3/13/2027				
Carrabelle Chamber of Commerce					chamber@nettally.com	850-697-2585
	Holiday on the Harbor	12/12/2026		Carrabelle, FL 32322		
	Carrabelle Riverfront Festival	4/24/2027				
Carrabelle Cares dba Carrabelle History Museum (3)					tamarallen47@gmail.com	850-697-2141
	Speaker Series Fall/Winter	October - January	Tamara Allen	PO Box 0666		
	Carrabelle Culture Crawl	March - TBD		Carrabelle, FL 32322		
	Speaker Series Spring/Summer	February - September				
Carrabelle Lighthouse Association (8)					carrabellelighthouse@gmail.com	
	Crooked River Park Fest	Feb. 7, 2026	Albert Koch			
	Lantern Fest	November 14 - TBD				
Curfew Lodge #73 (1)			Lorne Whaley	108 NE 1st Street	lornewhalely@gmail.com	850-363-3611
	Mason's Bass Tournament	10/17/2026		Carrabelle, FL 32322		
Eastpoint Civic Association (2)			Lynn Martina	130 N. Bayshore Drive	lynnmartina@fairpoint.net	850-899-7577
	EP Christmas Celebration	12/12/2026				
	July 1st Celebration Freedom Festival	7/1/2027		Eastpoint, FL 32328		
Eastpoint Fire Department (1)			Mishelle McPherson	20 Jefferson St	eastpointsigns@gmail.com	850-670-5757
	Rib Cookoff	3/20/2027		Eastpoint, FL 32328		
Aaron Meals (1)			Karen Kessel	PO Box 160	martihoffman@gmail.com	850-653-7044
	Porch Fest	10/11/2025	Marti Hoffman	Apalachicola, FL 32329		
FC Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Celebration (1)			Dolores Croom	PO Box 105	dolorescroom64@gmail.com	850-653-5943
	34th Annual Dr. MLK Jr. Day	1/19/2026		Apalachicola, FL 32329		
Friends of Franklin County Libraries (4)			Brenda Humphrey	PO Box 722	ffcplflorida@gmail.com	850-670-8151
	Soup-er Celebrations	January - February				
Friends of the Reserve (1)			Brenda Humphrey	PO Box 722	ffcplflorida@gmail.com	850-670-8151

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	Estuaries Day	5/7/2027		Eastpoint, FL 32328	850-670-7700	
FSU Coastal and Marine Laboratory (1)			Durene Gilbert	3618 Hwy 98	degilbert@fsu.edu	850-727-6602
	What Floats Your Boat Regatta	10/10/2026	Grace Lawhorn	St. Teresa, FL 32358	gl25g@fsu.edu	
Ilse Newell Fund for the Performing Arts (6)			Karen Brown	PO Box 405	ilsenwellfund9@gmail.com	850-653-5235
	Echo Valley Blue Grass	3/19/2027				
	Dina Kasman	1/10/2027				
	Jeff Black	1/22/2027				
	Leon Anderson and Jazz Ensemble	2/17/2027				
	Will Fulkerson and Friends	2/13/2027				
	Stephen Mattingly and Quartet	3/10/2027				
Mystic Krewe of Salty Barkers			Caroline Ilardi	PO Box 923	carolineilardi@aol.com	850-670-5064
	Spooky Pooches Howl-o-ween	10/24/2026				
MLK, Jr. Advisory Board (1)			Robert Davis	PO Box 242	rdavis3160@aol.com	512-944-5882
	MLK Jr. Celebration	1/18/2027	Dolores Croom	Apalachicola 32329		
Three Servicemen Statue South			Jean Bush	PO Box 333		740-704-1852
	Betting on the Bronze Boys	10/22/2026		Apalachicola 32329		
Ocean Aid 360 (1)			Daniette Dawley	125 18th Ave, South	danielle@oceanaid360.org	512-944-5882
	Ghost Trap Rodeo	1/9/2027		St Petersburg, FL 33705		
Panhandle Players of the Forgotten Coast, LLC (4)			Renee Valentine	PO Box 803	reneevalentine214@yahoo.com	850-323-2455
	Area 52	10/15-18/2026				
	A Christmas Carol	12/10-13/2026				
	Stephen King's Misery	02/11-17/2027				
	Escape to Margaritaville	04/22-25/2027				
SGI Business Association			Julie Krontz	PO Box 963	sgibusinessassociation@gmail.com	850-323-2269
	Snowbird Appreciation Day	2/9/2027		Eastpoint 32328		
SGI Lighthouse Association			Amy Hodson			
	Shrimpfest	2/13/2027				
\$2,000 Promotional Grant (42) \$ 2,000 each		\$ 84,000.00				

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Major Event Promotion - \$3500						
Apalach Bay Chamber of Commerce					execdirector@apalachicolabay.org	850-653-9419
	Butts and Clucks	01/28/- 01/30/2027	John Solomon			
AAHS Raney House				PO Box 75	aahs.raney@gmail.com	850-653-1700
	If this House Could Talk	05/01-16/2027	Greg Golgowski			
Camp Gordon Johnston Association, Inc			Rob Winchester	PO Box 1334	museum@campgordonjohnston.com	260-450-2282
	Wartime Memories - Freedom Truck	12/4-6/2026	Jeannie Newton	Carrabelle 32322		
Forgotten CoastCultural Coalition			Leslie Wentzell	PO Box 102	Admin@forgottencoastenpleinair.com	850-887-5741
	Forgotten Coast Plein Air	03/12-21/2027		Port St. Joe, FL 32457	fcculturalcoalition@gmail.com	850-227-5741
Forgotten Coast Parrot Head Club			Rick Miller	2058 HWY 98 W	rickmiller1130@sbcglobal.net	217-720-2998
	Jimmy Buffet Music Festival	09/3-05/2027		Carrabelle 32322		
Mystic Crew of Salty Barkers		Completed	Caroline Ilardi	PO Box 923	carolineilardi@aol.com	850-670-5064
	Apalachicola Mardi Gras Barkus Parade and Dog Park	02/26-27/2027		Apalachicola, FL 32329	apalachdogs@gmail.com	850-624-8085
North Florida African-America Corridor Project			Willie Tolliver	PO Box 445	wynn45@gmail.com	850-774-8844
	Commemoration of Negro Fort and Emancipation Day	05/27-28/2027	Myrtis Wynn	Apalachicola, FL 32329		
Hillside Coalition of Laborers for Apalachicola ('HCA)			Tami Ray-Hutchinson	PO Box 764	tamirh68@yahoo.com	850-653-7515
	History Festival	02/20-21/2027		Apalachicola, FL 32329	elsumosi@gmail.com	
Carrabelle Lighthouse Association					carrabellelighthouse@gmail.com	
	Country Farmers Market - 2026-27	Monthly				
	Twilight at the Tower - 2026-27	Full Moons				
Camp Gordon Johnston Association, Inc					museum@campgordonjohnston.com	260-450-2282
	Wartime Memories -	2026-27 Season	David Butler	Carrabelle, FL 32322		
Friends of Franklin County Libraries			Brenda Humphrey	PO Box 722	ffcplflorida@gmail.com	850-670-8151
	2026-27 Programs	Monthly Programs				
Major Event Promotion - (12) each \$3500		\$ 42,000.00				
Promotional Grants Programs	Budgeted	\$ 137,000.00				
Promotional Grants Programs	Totals	\$ 126,000.00				

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Museum Grants - \$25,000 each/ paid quarterly (6 Grants Requested)						
Camp Gordon Johnston Association, Inc			Jeannie Newton	PO Box 1334	museum@campgordonjohnston.com	260-450-2282
	Camp Gordon Johnston World War II Museum			Carrabelle, FL 32322		
Apalachicola Area Historical Society (AAHS)			Cathy Greene	PO Box 75	aahs.raney@gmail.com	850-653-1700
	Raney House Museum			Apalachicola, FL 32329	catygreene32320@gmail.com	850-323-2305
NFAAC			Valentina Webb		info@apalachicolahca.com	850-653-9319
	North Florida African American Corridor (NFAAC)		Andrea Comstock			
City of Carrabelle/ Carrabelle CARES			Tamara Allen	PO Box 0666	tamarallen47@gmail.com	850-524-1153
	Carrabelle History Museum			Carrabelle, FL 32322		
Carrabelle Lighthouse Association, Inc.			Steve Allen	1975 Hwy 98	carrabellelighthouse@gmail.com	850-879-2631
	Crooked River Lighthouse and Keepers Museum		Sheri Wesson	PO Box 373		
St. George Island Lighthouse Association, Inc.			Amy Hodson	2-B East Gulf Beach Dr.	execdirector@stgeorgelight.org	850-927-7745
	SGL Lighthouse Museum			SGL, FL 32328		850-653-6880
Museum Grant (6)	\$150,000					
Total Applications		Applications Total	Budget Total			
Museum Grant (6) \$150,000		\$ 150,000.00	\$ 150,000.00			
Promotional Grants Programs	Budgeted	\$ 137,000.00	287,000			
Promotional Grants Programs	Totals	\$ 126,000.00	276,000			