



## Alabama Power Foundation Gateway Grant Program

### Introduction

To help communities of all sizes put their best foot forward, the Alabama Power Foundation is pleased to offer the Gateway grant program. As a part of the 2016 Gateway program, the foundation will supply funding up to \$2,000 to purchase materials for signage that greets visitors to cities, towns and communities across Alabama. Suitable locations should be highly visible and a logical entry into the community.

The Gateway Program is designed to help beautify our communities and create a welcoming statement. The right community sign can declare our pride in the place we live, work and raise our families and share our regard for our hometown.

### Eligibility

Cities, towns and communities are eligible. Awards will be paid to the municipality. Municipalities receiving a Gateway grant must not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, nationality, ethnic origin or disability. Funding may be used to renovate existing signage.

### Funding Limitation

Funding is limited to a maximum of \$2,000 per grant. For signage applications requiring more than \$2,000 for completion, please list other sources of funding that will help the applicant complete the project successfully.

### Program Objectives

- Maintain civic pride in the communities in which we live
- Enhance economic development opportunities by providing signage that is appealing and welcoming
- Enhance community aesthetics by encouraging physical improvements in our neighborhoods

### Application Deadline

All applications must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. CDT on Thursday, June 30, 2016. All applicants will be notified of the grant awards in August 2016.

## **Program Restrictions**

Funds will be awarded for signs only. Trees, shrubs, bedding plants and other landscaping items are not eligible for this grant. In addition, no lighting for signage is eligible for this grant. Awarded projects must be completed within 12 months of receiving the award.

## **Criteria**

- Degree of benefit to the surrounding community
- Degree to which the project is supported by local leaders and residents
- Soundness of the project's budget

## **Selection Committee**

A grant selection committee will judge each application competitively on an objective and non-discriminatory basis. This committee will make the final determination of all grant awards.

## **Contract**

Each grant recipient will be required to sign an agreement verifying that these funds will be used exclusively to complete the project as outlined in the application. The funds may not be used to influence legislation, to influence the outcome of any elections or to carry on a voter registration drive.

## **Completion Reports**

Grant recipients must submit an electronic completion report, including updated site photos, within 12 months of receiving the grant and grant agreement.

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