

2026 SSNHA Agricultural Storytelling Program Award - Small Project Application

Applicant Information

1. Applicant Name (Name of non-profit organization, local government, etc.) *

2. Applicant Site Name (Name of Designated SSNHA Site or SSNHA Emerging Site) *

3. Applicant Type: (Must be a Designated SSNHA Site or SSNHA Emerging Site) *

- Designated SSNHA Site
- SSNHA Emerging Site

4. Do you currently have an open SSNHA Small or Large Project Program Award Agreement?

(If yes, you must submit your final report to close out your agreement, before making this application to be an eligible applicant.)

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- Yes
- No

5. Applicant's Federal ID Number *

6. Attach IRS Letter of Determination of Non-profit Status, if applicant site is a non-profit organization. After you have chosen the file, click upload.

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7. Applicant Primary Contact *

First Name

Last Name

Title

Organization Name

Street Address

Apt/Suite/Office or
N/A

City

Zip

County

Email Address

Phone Number

Format must be (XXX-XXX-XXXX)

8. Applicant Secondary Contact *

First Name

Last Name

Title

Organization Name

Street Address

Apt/Suite/Office or
N/A

City

Zip

County

Email Address

Phone Number

Format must be (XXX-XXX-XXXX)

Small Project Information

9. Project Name *

10. Project Description (Please describe in one sentence, 25 words or less. Description used for promotional purposes.)

*Example: Design and fabricate four outdoor interpretive signs for the xyz historic site telling the story of milling in xyz county. **

11. Street Address of Project Location *

12. City of Project Location *

13. County Name(s) of Project Location *

14. What is the budget for the proposed project? (These totals should match those listed in your itemized budget.) Lines will not add up, so please ensure your calculations are correct.

1:1 Non-federal Match minimum; Match must be 50% Cash minimum and up to 50% In-Kind.

Applicants must provide 1-1 non-federal match minimum to the funding request. At least half of the applicant's contribution must be in cash. Additional match is allowed and encouraged. *

	Amount
Award Amount Requested (Must be below \$3,000)	<input type="text"/>
Applicant Cash Match	<input type="text"/>
Applicant In-Kind Match	<input type="text"/>
Other Project Costs	<input type="text"/>
Total Project Costs	<input type="text"/>

15. Project funds will be used for the following type of activity: (Check all that apply) *

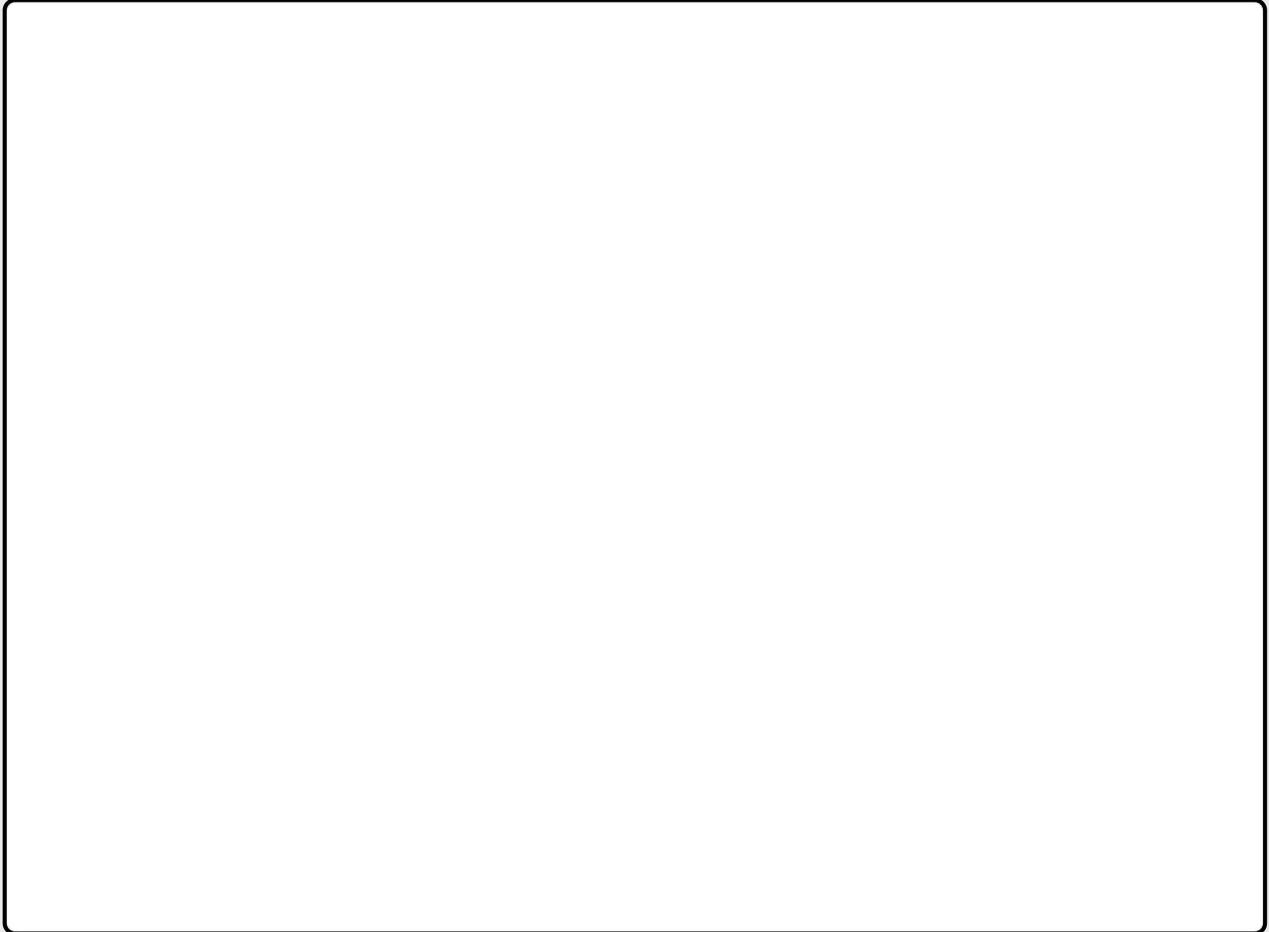
- Exhibits
- Outdoor Interpretive Signage
- Marketing
- Educational Programs
- Interpretive Programs
- Event
- Other

Project Summary

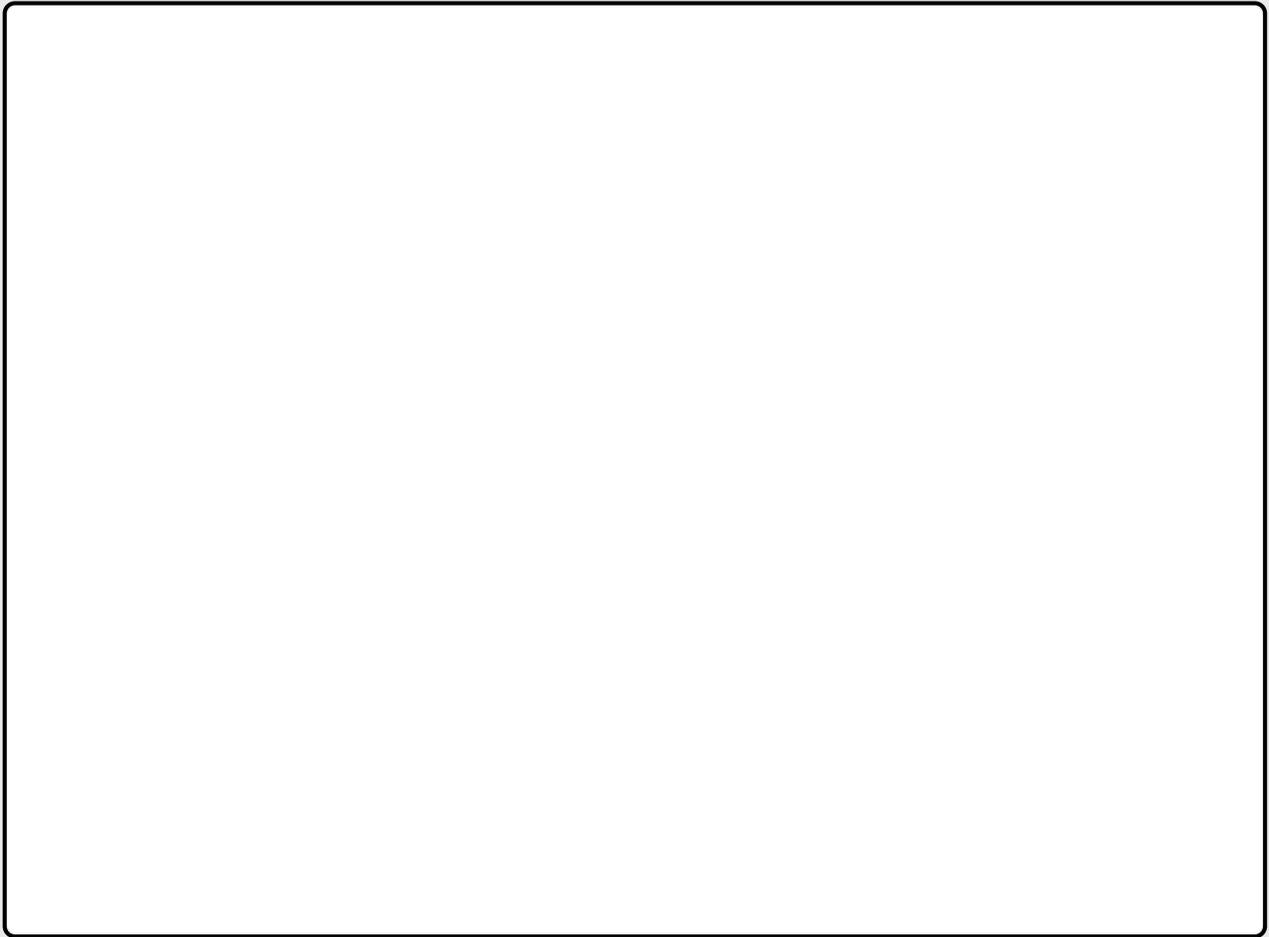
16. Specifically describe the project in a clear and concise summary. Begin by completing this sentence:

(Name of your organization/site) seeks a SSNHA Agricultural Storytelling Small Project Program Award to expand our agricultural story and visitor experience by _____.

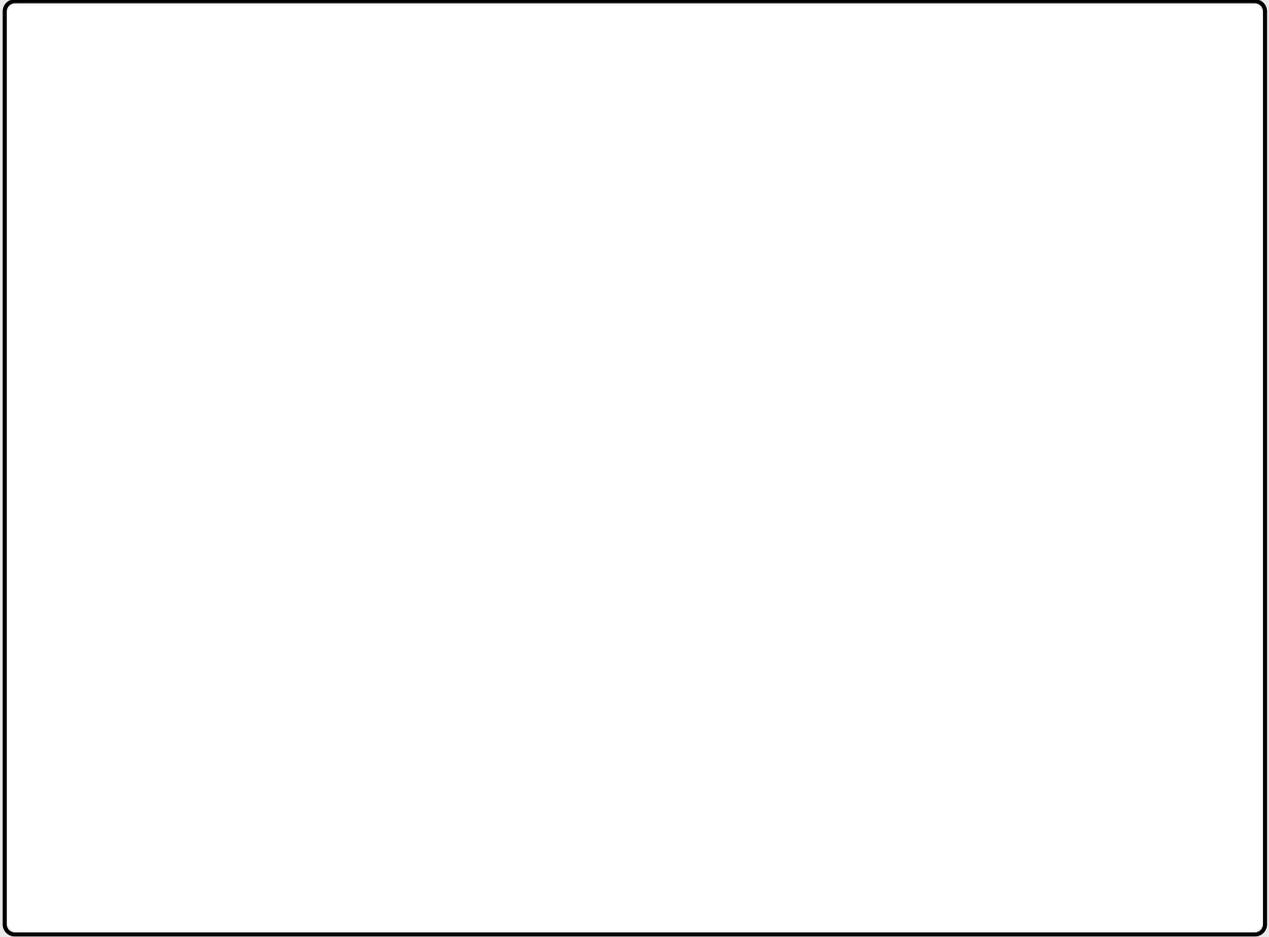
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17. Describe the goals of this project. Address how the project fits into the overall goals for your site or organization.

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18. Explain how the project fulfills a demonstrated area of need.



Development and Connections to SSNHA Interpretive Agricultural Themes and Visitor Experiences

19. Interpretive Agricultural Themes *

Check all the interpretive agricultural themes that will be preserved or interpreted through the proposed project. *

The Fertile Land

Farmers and Families

The Changing Farm

Higher Yields: The Science and Technology of Agriculture

Farm to Factory: Agribusiness in Iowa

Organizing for Agriculture: Policies and Politics

20. Describe in detail how each selected theme will be preserved or interpreted in this project.

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21. Describe how the project develops, enhances or expands new or different agricultural stories.

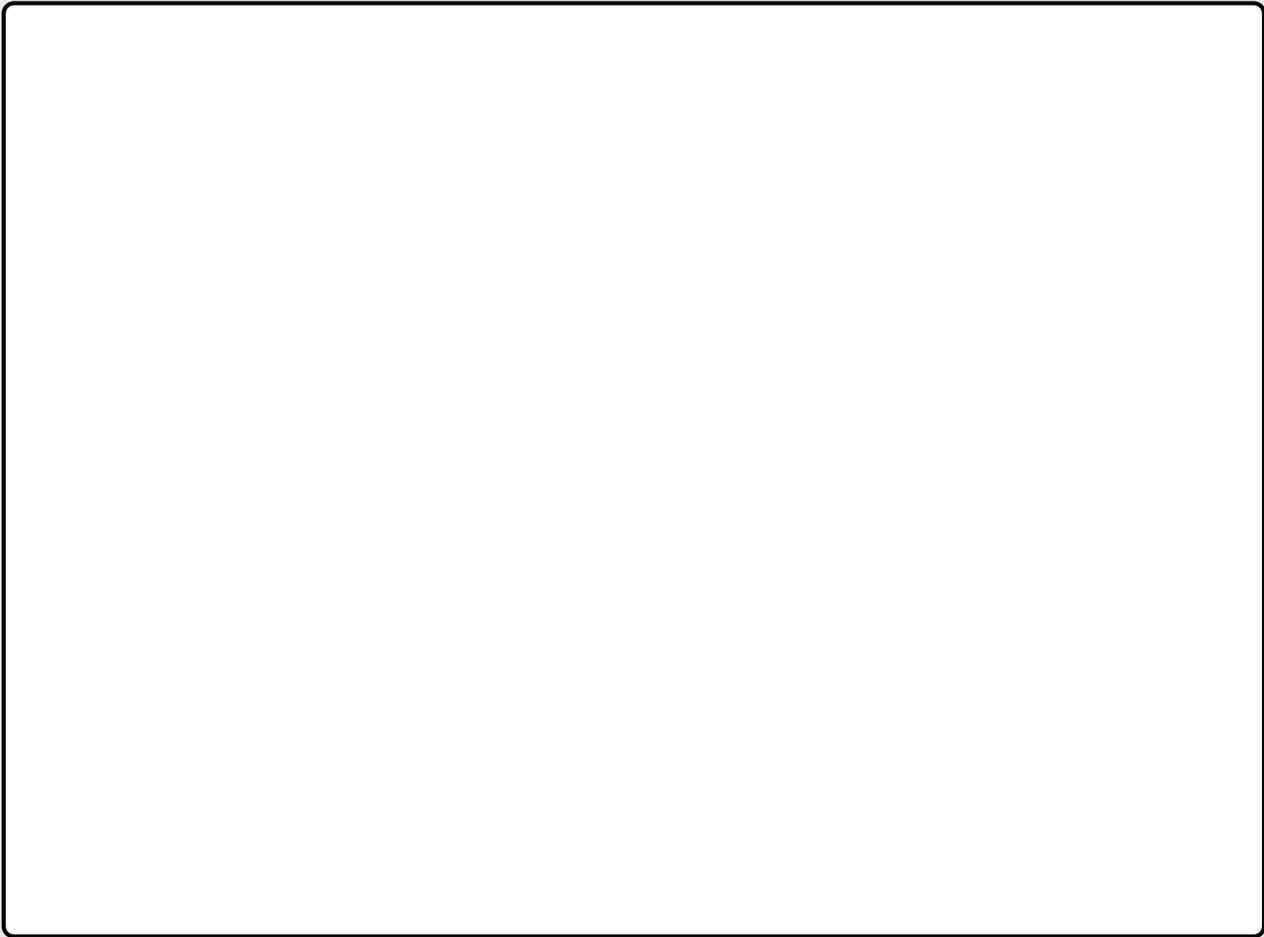
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22. Visitor Experiences

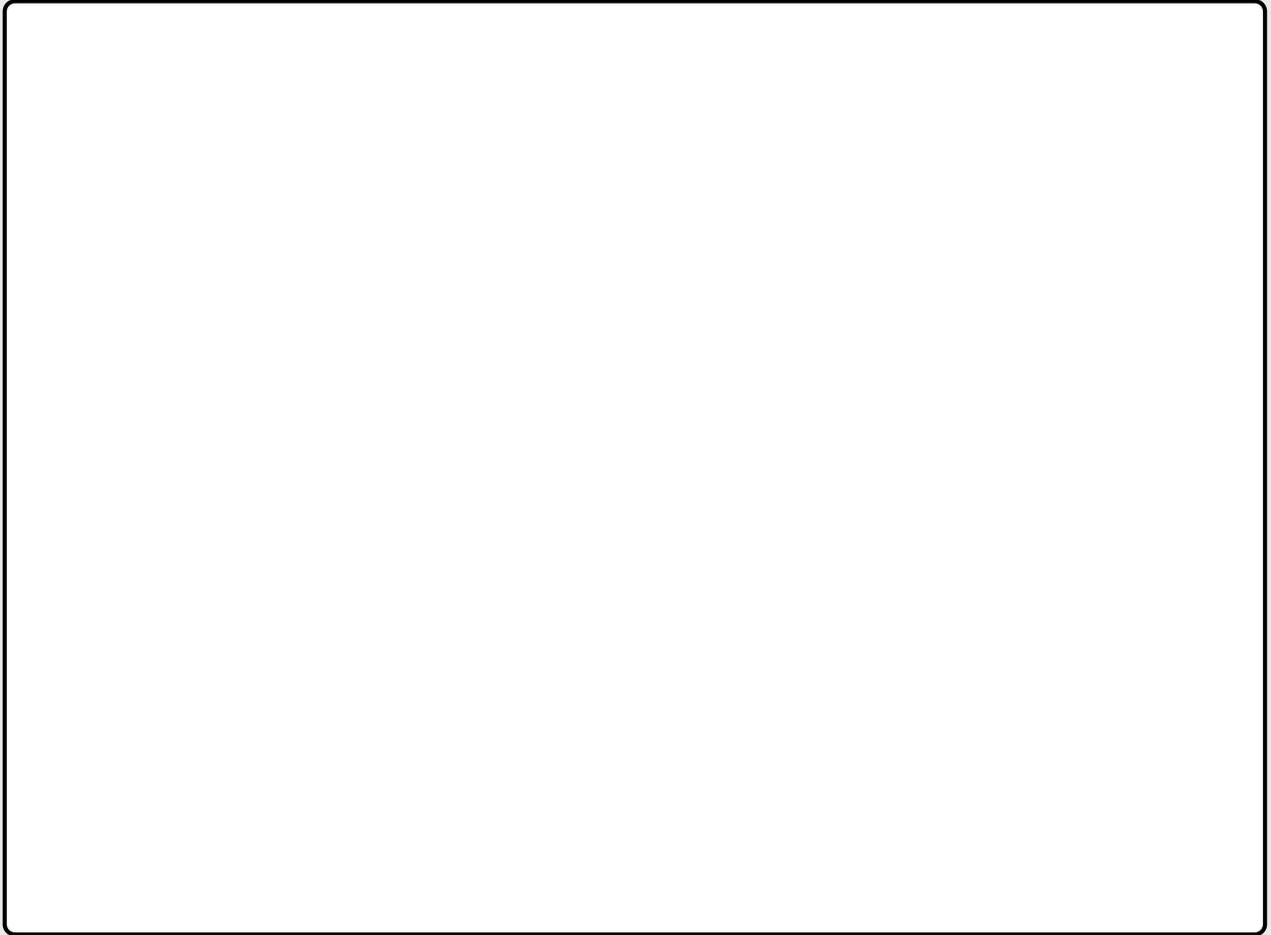
How will the proposed project develop positive visitor experiences? Include references to Visitor Experiences identified in Chapter 4 of the Silos & Smokestacks Interpretive Plan. *



23. Describe how your project will elevate the quality of the heritage area individually and collectively? *

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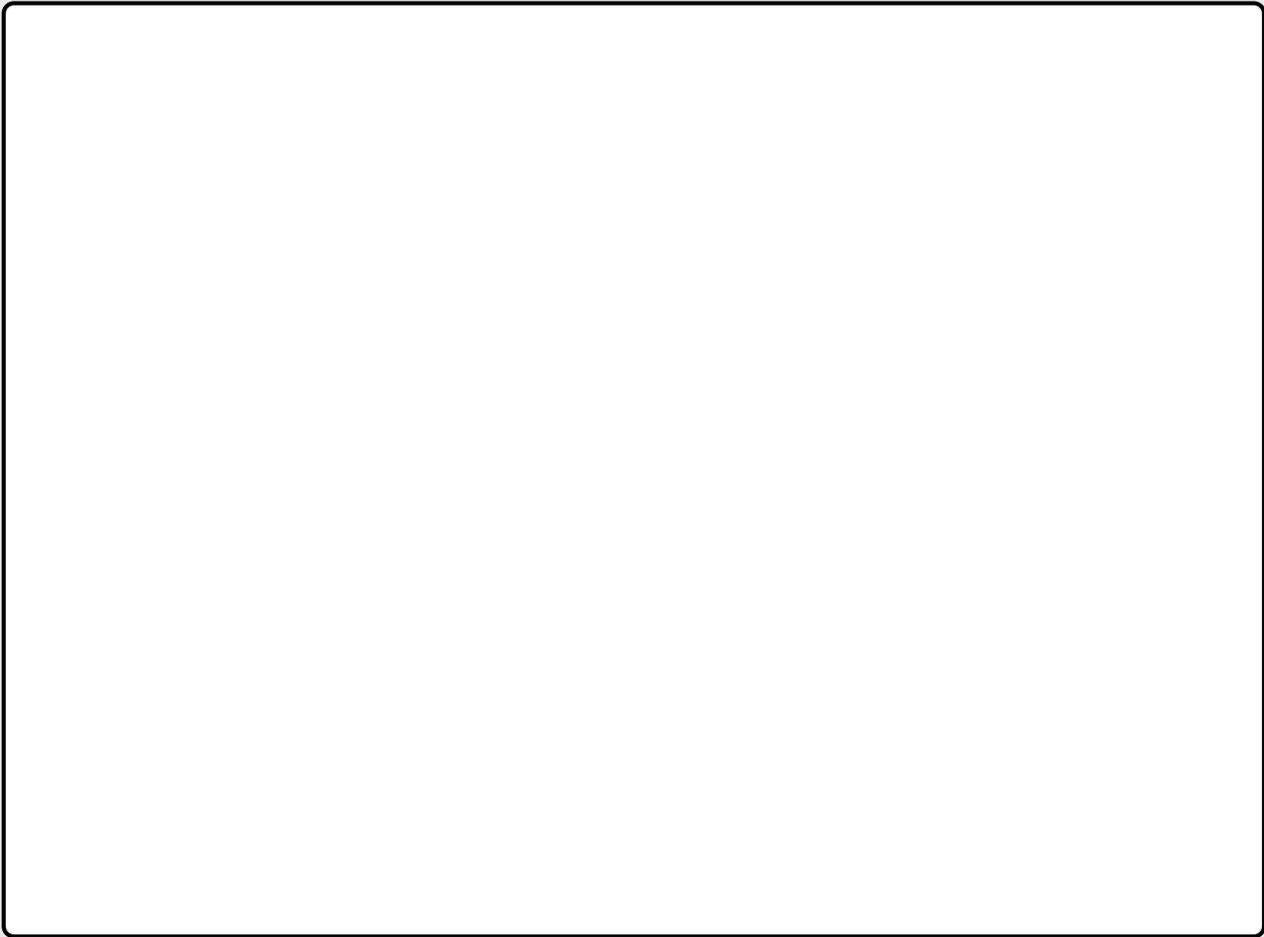
24. Explain how this project will support meaningful efforts toward telling the untold stories, especially as it relates to interpretation and visitor experiences.



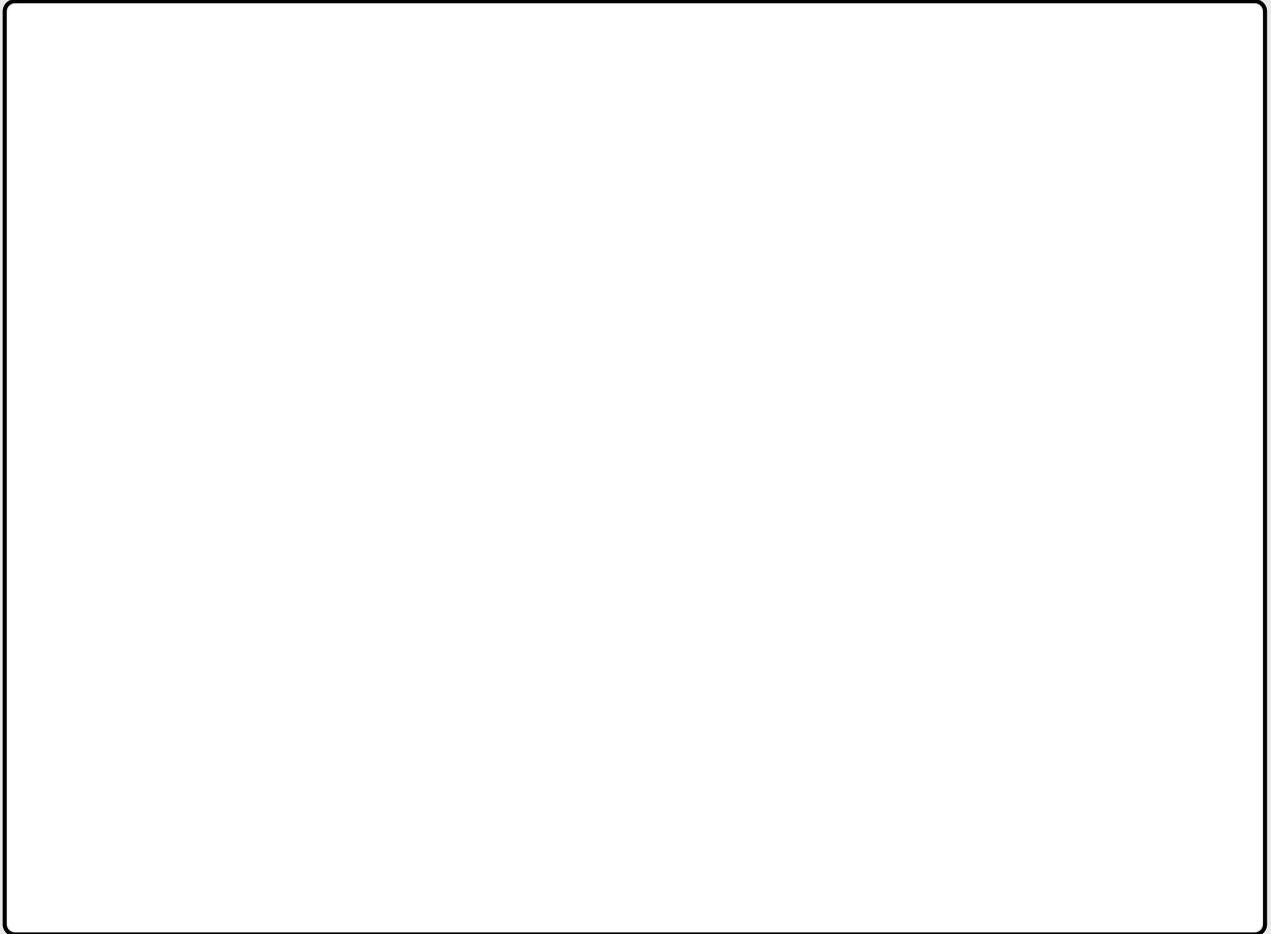
25. When applicable and where available, attach an interpretive plan, exhibit design, sign design, or other documents to illustrate your project. After you have chosen the file, click upload. *

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26. What are the anticipated outcomes to individuals, customers, participants as a result of this project? *

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27. How will Silos & Smokestacks National Heritage Area be recognized in the project? For example, in social media, newsletter, print media, exhibit, signage, etc. *



Project Timeline

28. Describe the timeline of the project. List key threshold tasks including approximate beginning and ending dates for each task. *

From
date

To
date

Describe timeline of
task

Add Another
Task

Project Budget

29. Please fill out the **budget form here** by downloading and saving to your computer. Then upload completed document to the application. *

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30. Attach letter documenting applicant's match of funding. After you have chosen the file, click upload. *

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Signature & Confirmation

31. By signing below, I verify that a) I have read all of the guidelines and agree to abide by them for the 2026 Silos & Smokestacks National Heritage Area Agricultural Storytelling Program Award - Small Project. b) By entering my name below I am also verifying that all the information above is correct and true. *

Clear

Sign name using mouse or touch pad

Signature of