

Alabama Tourism Department: 2023 Community Grants Application

Contact & Business Information

Name of Applicant Organization

Baldwin County Department of Archives and History

STAARS Vendor Customer Number

VC000137679

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Project Director

Felisha Anderson

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Business Type

☒ Not-For-Profit

☐ IRS Code 501(c)

Date of Incorporation

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Charter Number

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Project Information

Project Name

Removal of the County Seat

Attraction Name

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Project Start Date

10/05/2023

Estimated Completion Date

10/05/2023

Date of Festival or Event

10/05/2023

Project Description

Most of Baldwin County has heard the tale of the courthouse being stolen from Daphne and moved to Bay Minette in the middle of the night. The "removal" really did happen in a dramatic fashion, but none of it happened in the dark. More than a century later, the removal is still up for debate.

Funding Information

Total Project Budget

\$7472.50

State Funds Requested

\$5000

Local Funds Provided

\$2472.50

Federal Funds

\$0

Federal Funds Purpose

[empty]

State Funds

\$0

State Funds Purpose

[empty]

Required Signatures

Project Director

<u>Felisha Anderson</u>	<u>Felisha Anderson</u>	<u>Director</u>	<u>4/28/23</u>
Signature	Print Name	Title	Date

Signatures from three members of your organization and/or Board of Directors

_____	_____	_____	_____
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Signature	Print Name	Title	Date

Mail to:

Matching Grants Coordinator

Alabama Tourism Department

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Education Policy
Tourism

April 20, 2023

Alabama Tourism Department
401 Adams Avenue, Suite 126
Montgomery, AL 36104

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It draws a sizable crowd each and every year and gives an opportunity for locals and tourists alike to be able to learn an under-appreciated part of our local history, while also enjoying a baking competition and other family-friendly enjoyments. Felisha and her team at Archives does a phenomenal job with this event, just like every event they do for us.

I am happy to award this grant to the Removal Day Celebration and I know it will be able to make an immediate positive impact on our residents here.

Sincerely,

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Sen. Chris Elliott



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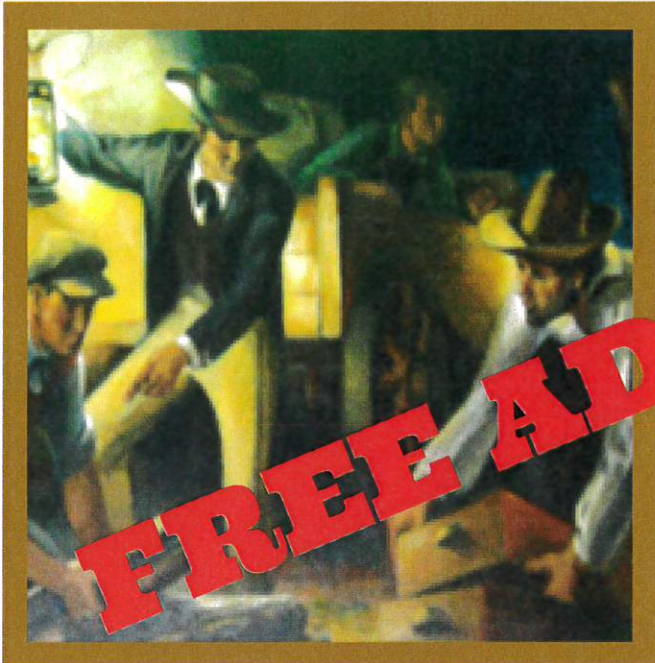
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Senator Greg Albritton

WE CARE ABOUT HISTORY

Story Telling & Reenactment of the

REMOVAL OF THE BALDWIN COUNTY SEAT
From Daphne to Bay Minette



FREE ADMISSION

Thursday, October 5, 2023

5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

at the
Courthouse Gazebo, Bay Minette

STORY TELLERS:

Cliff McCollum and Robert "Bob" Wills

REENACTORS:

Sheriff Hoss H. Mack, Commissioner James "Jeb" Ball, Chief of Police, Al Tolbert, Jessie Peacock and more!

OTHER ATTRACTIONS INCORPORATED INTO THE EVENT:-

Food Vendors

- Old Fashioned Dessert Eating Contest

- Period Attire Contest Age Groups (3-17), (18 & above)

- Games for the Kids

- Old Timey Music & More

- Bring your lawn chair & straw hat

For More Information Contact Baldwin County Archives & History at 251-580-1899
or email: archivalrecords@baldwincountyal.gov