



SOUTHEASTERN PLANETARIUM ASSOCIATION

2026 Mini-Grant Application

Application Deadline: October 19, 2026

Instructions

Thank you for your interest in the 2026 SEPA Mini Grant Program. The SEPA Mini Grant program was originally inspired by the Mini-Grant programs of the International Planetarium Society (IPS) and the Pacific Planetarium Association (PPA) in response to the negative impact the Covid-19 pandemic had on the planetarium community.

Up to three individual grants in the amount of \$1000 will be awarded this year. To apply, complete and submit the application by October 19, 2026. Grant recipients will be determined by the SEPA Mini Grants Committee, based on several factors and on a case-by-case basis. Above all, the planetarium must show a need for the grant and communicate a specific use for the funds. Preference will be given to submissions that are project based with an educational component, and can possibly be shared with the larger planetarium community.

SEPA is the community of planetariums in Kentucky, West Virginia, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Georgia, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, and all U.S. Territories off the southeastern coast of the U.S. The states of Oklahoma, New Mexico, Arkansas, and Texas are now members of the SEPA region. Any planetarium can apply for a mini grant, **including international planetariums**, but priority will be given to current SEPA members.

Awardees will be notified by November 1, 2026 and will be posted on the SEPA website.

Grant recipients will be asked to provide a brief report about your planetarium and how the SEPA Mini Grant was used, which will be posted on the website and appear in Southern Skies, the quarterly SEPA journal.

**Submit completed application to the Mini Grants Committee Chair electronically at
jelvert1@gmail.com**

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Please complete all fields.

Full Name: _____

Planetarium: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number where you can be reached directly: _____

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- Are you a SEPA member? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If not, what is your regional affiliation? _____

- Briefly describe your planetarium and who you serve:

- Please describe how the grant funds would be used (Be specific):

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