

Museum on Main Street



Museum on Main Street is made available to Florida in partnership with the Smithsonian's Traveling Exhibition Service.

What is Museum on Main Street

The Smithsonian is coming to town! Museum on Main Street (MoMS) is a partnership of the Smithsonian Institution and state humanities councils nationwide. The program brings high-quality traveling exhibits to small and underserved communities across the state. This comprehensive program provides access to a network of state scholars, programmatic funding, and a wide variety of capacity-building opportunities.

MoMS provides an opportunity for organizations to tell their community's story in relation to the exhibit's theme. Whether the focus is sports, water, or rural life, a Museum on Main Street exhibit is an opportunity to share unique stories of each participating community.



Current Exhibitions:

Hometown Teams

The Smithsonian's [*Hometown Teams*](#) traveling exhibition examines the many roles that sports play in American society. Hometown sports are more than just games—they shape our lives and unite us and celebrate who we are as Americans. We play on ball fields and sandlots, on courts and on ice, in parks and playgrounds, even in the street. What has occurred in our hometowns is nothing less than a sports revolution.

June 23 – August 4, 2018

[Southwest Florida Historical Society](#)

Exhibit venue: Alliance for the Arts building
10091 McGregor Blvd
Fort Myers, FL 33919

August 11 – September 22, 2018

[Amelia Island Museum of History](#)

233 South 3rd Street
Fernandina Beach, FL 32034

September 29 – November 10, 2018

Washington County Public Library

1444 Jackson Avenue
Chipley, FL 32428

November 17 – December 29, 2018

Northwest Regional Library

110 Library Drive
Port St. Joe, FL 32456

Crossroads in America

Many Americans assume that rural communities are endangered and hanging on by a thread—suffering from out migration, ailing schools, and overused land. But that perception is far from true in many areas. Many rural Americans work hard to sustain their communities. All Americans benefit from rural America's successes. We can learn great things from listening to those stories. There is much more to the story of rural America!

9/8/18 – 10/20/18

Cedar Key Chamber of Commerce

Exhibit Venue: Cedar Key Public Library
450 2nd Street
Cedar Key, FL 32625

10/27/18 – 12/8/18

West Nassau Historical Society

45383 Dixie Avenue
Callahan, FL 32011

12/15/18 – 1/26/19

Suwannee River Regional Library System

1848 Ohio Avenue South
Live Oak, FL 32064

2/2/19 – 3/16/19

[Polk County History Center](#)

100 East Main Street
Bartow, FL 33830

3/23/19 – 5/4/19

[Havana History & Heritage Society](#)

93 Sandy Creek Road
Havana, FL 32333

5/11/19 – 6/22/19

[Main Street DeFuniak Springs](#)

770 Baldwin Avenue
DeFuniak Springs, FL 32435

Current Exhibit Opportunities:

The FHC is currently accepting applications for organizations interested in hosting the following exhibits:

Hometown Teams: How Sports Shape America

The Smithsonian's Hometown Teams traveling exhibition examines the many roles that sports play in American society. Thanks to our never-ending appetite for competition and games, Americans now have a wider selection of sports to play and watch than ever before. Football, baseball, and basketball—America's traditional hometown sports—share space on our calendars with soccer, hockey, tennis, running, wrestling, skiing, snowboarding, skateboarding, surfing, sailing, and many other sports. What has occurred in our hometowns is nothing less than a sports revolution. Learn more about [Hometown Teams](#).

Host sites receive the exhibit for six weeks. During that time, host sites also host public programs related to the

exhibit's theme. This gives the exhibit state and local context. Applicants should explain how their community's unique sports story helps to tell a broader narrative about Florida.

All host sites will receive:

- A free-standing traveling Smithsonian exhibit
- \$5,000 for programming (i.e. – local exhibits, lectures, panel discussions, etc.)
- A comprehensive Smithsonian press kit
- Inclusion in a state-wide network of cultural institutions using MoMS

A mandatory project director's meeting will ensure everyone is familiar with the requirements and reporting related to MoMS.

While a lot of work is involved in hosting a MoMS exhibit, organizations find the process rewarding and an excellent way to increase their organization's capacity.

[Contact our staff](#) to learn more about hosting a MoMS exhibition and to receive assistance in completing an application.

Who should apply:

Non-profit Florida organizations (museums, historical societies, libraries, preservation groups, downtown development groups, governmental agencies, etc.) are invited to apply.

Steps to apply:

- Review the [full project description and site responsibilities](#)
- Review the [RFP and application instructions](#)
- [Contact us](#) with any questions
- [Complete the application](#) before the deadline

[Apply Now](#)

Need Help?

FHC staff members are happy to provide guidance via phone to help complete an application, determining eligibility, addressing budgetary questions, as well as troubleshooting technical difficulties with electronic forms. Staff comments and suggestions are based solely on prior experience with speaking programs. Adherence to staff suggestions does not guarantee approval.

Please contact staff well in advance of an application deadline to ensure a prompt reply.

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