



STORYTELLING GRANT CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Migration and Missouri:

Sharing Stories to Connect to Each Other and Our Ever-Changing Communities

This call for proposals is part of a new, year-long Cambio Storytelling Festival, which began at the University of Missouri Cambio Center's annual Cambio de Colores conference, June 4-6, 2025. The Cambio Center was founded in 2004 to lead research and outreach about immigration and integration in partnership with Missouri communities undergoing demographic change. Our storytelling project has 3 objectives: (1) promote collaboration and open exchange among immigrants and long-term residents; (2) develop greater access and interactions between storytelling experts and Missouri residents; and (3) generate and record stories of Missouri's diverse migrant cultures. Ultimately, we aim to combat racism and stereotyping by developing opportunities for critical listening and understanding across difference, and in line with this year celebrating the 250th anniversary of the United States, we also aim to recognize the essential role that migration has played in this country and our state.

Connecting people using migration stories can help us to understand both ourselves and the others around us. Recognizing our shared humanity through on-going activities throughout this year will ideally lead to stronger connections across various groups of people and more integrated, productive communities in our state. Therefore, the Cambio Center will provide small grants to storytellers (up to \$500), with preference to those who attended this year's Cambio de Colores conference, to perform stories or run story circles in their own communities.

Timeline

- July 10 – Cambio Center opens application for proposals
- July 31 – Priority deadline to submit the proposal using [this link](#).
- August 30 – Initial award decisions made
- September 15-April 1 – Story circles or performances take place

Expectations

- Submit the proposal using [this link](#) by July 31.
- Propose to develop one or more storytelling performances, circles, or workshops about migration to Missouri.
- Send a brief report of the sponsored storytelling activity to Cambio Center no later than 30 days after its completion.

Examples of Allowed Expenses

- Venue rental
- Interpretation/translation services
- Stipends for local participants
- Food and non-alcoholic drinks
- Materials or books for the activity
- Equipment for storytelling (voice recorders, video editing services, microphones, speakers, etc.)
- Other -- if you would like need to propose other expenses not listed in these examples, please contact us at cambio@missouri.edu to discuss your ideas.

Application Process

Please prepare the following sections and submit your application using [this link](#).

1. Full name of the applicant and brief bio (limit 150 words).
2. Proposal narrative including the objective of your activity and how it is related to the goals of our festival (see above), type and description of activity, description and number of the expected participants, start and end date of your project, and proposed place (limit 500 words).
3. Budget plan for up to \$500 (limit 500 words).
4. Confirm that your activities will be completed between Sept. 15, 2025 and Apr. 1, 2026.
5. Accept to submit a brief report about the activity no later than 30 days of its completion. More information about the report will be sent if the proposal is accepted.

Thank you for applying to this grant, sharing your migration story, and supporting your local community! If you have any questions, please contact the Cambio Center at cambio@missouri.edu.

The Missouri Humanities Council (MHC) has awarded a grant of \$25,000 to the Cambio Center in support of this project. The MHC is the only statewide agency in Missouri devoted exclusively to humanities education for citizens of all ages. It has served as a state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities since 1971.

