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Heritage Support Grants for Indiana History Organizations

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Updates from Local History Services



[Family and Garden Slides, Summer, 1953](#) (Gift of the Clowes Family, Indiana Historical Society)

PROJECT GRANT SUMMARIES OF PROPOSAL DUE APRIL 30

[Heritage Support Project Grants from \\$5,000 to \\$50,000](#) are available for projects that will

help Indiana's local history organizations meet high-priority needs in areas of: Collections Stewardship; Diversity, Equity, Access and Inclusion; Sustainability; and Planning.

Summaries of Proposal for Project Grants are due by 11:59 p.m. on Wednesday, April 30. Full Proposals, upon approval of Summaries of Proposal, are due June 30.

[Learn more and apply today](#)

Heritage Support Grants are provided by the Indiana Historical Society and made possible by Lilly Endowment Inc.

Around Indiana



[Flanner House Guild Tea, ca. 1965](#) (Indiana Historical Society, M0513)

NEWS

Indiana Humanities grants are on pause until further notice, due to termination of funding from NEH. [Learn more here.](#) (Indiana Humanities)

USA TODAY 10BEST readers voted on the [Best Small Towns in the Midwest](#), and three Indiana towns made the list: Madison, LaPorte and Vevay. (IndyStar)

IN-PERSON EVENTS AND EXHIBITS

PLEASE NOTE: For in-person programs, please check with the hosting organization regarding any COVID-19 restrictions and/or requirements.

[Mini Garden Workshop – 80s Themed](#)

April 19, Elkhart – Rock out, sip on popular 80s drinks, and get your hands dirty while you

create a one-of-a-kind 80s-themed garden. (Ruthmere)

[Back Home Again in Harrison County Event](#)

April 22, Corydon – The event will feature a slideshow of pictures of natural, scenic sites in Harrison County. (Historical Society of Harrison County; event at the Harrison County Community Foundation)

[Clinton County Cemetery Commission Roundtable](#)

April 22, Frankfort – Learn about the duties, authority, funding, and membership of the commission. (Clinton County Genealogical Society; event at the Frankfort Community Public Library)

[Indiana State Library Bicentennial Architectural Tour](#)

April 22, Indianapolis – Discover the architectural wonders of the building, including its impressive Neoclassical Revival style with Art Deco influences. (Indiana State Library)

[Heritage Artisans Days](#)

April 23-25, New Harmony – During this kid-focused event, artisans show what life was like in Indiana in the early 1800s. (Historic New Harmony; event at the Atheneum grounds and throughout town)

[Documentary and Book Launch: *What Happened at Benham West*](#)

April 24, South Bend – Hear from the authors and filmmakers of a new book and documentary exploring African American community, displacement, and resilience in the City of Elkhart. (IU Civil Rights Heritage Center)

[Spring Tea](#)

April 25, Carmel – Hear about remarkable contemporary women from Indiana and across the nation who have shaped history. (Carmel Clay History Center; event at The Barrington of Carmel)

[*This Is Our Hometown: Corydon, Indiana* Book and Story Walk Unveiling](#)

April 26, Corydon – See posters of each page of this rhyming children's book on the Library Story Walk Boards on Indian Creek Walking Trail. (Historical Society of Harrison County)

[Using Maps and Platting Land for Genealogy](#)

April 26, Frankfort – In this interactive workshop, John Barr will discuss researching and interpreting land records and will demonstrate the platting process. (Frankfort Community Public Library)

[2025 Annual Dinner](#)

April 26, Greensburg – Enjoy dinner and a presentation on the history of the Greensburg Fire Department. (Historical Society of Decatur County)

[Rescue Party](#)

April 26, Indianapolis – Party for a good cause at Indiana Landmarks' annual fundraiser for the Endangered Places programs. (Indiana Landmarks Center)

[Sights & Sounds of WWII](#)

April 26, Knox – The event will feature Military reenactors sharing information about World War II, swing music, tours, and more. (Schricker House, Starke County Historical Society)

[Indiana Landmarks Speaker Series: Architectural Styles](#)

April 26, Michigan City – This is the first of a three-part speaker series highlighting Indiana's architectural history and most fascinating hidden landmarks. (The Barker Mansion)

[Tracing the Paths: Indiana Migration and Discoveries](#)

May 4, Fort Wayne – Allison DePrey Singleton will discuss the rich history of migration to and within Indiana. (The History Center)

Indiana Historical Society Spotlight

FROM THE BLOG

[Holding It Together: National Welding Month](#)

In 1996, the American Welding Society designated April National Welding Month. See imagery from the IHS digital collection that features welders.

UNBOUND PODCAST

[Run it Up the Flag Paul: Indiana State Symbolism](#)

On this Paul-filled episode (Paul Hadley and Paul Dresser), Casey and Regan explore the world of Indiana symbolism.

UPCOMING EVENTS

[Madge: The Life and Times of Madge Oberholtzer](#)

April 22, Indianapolis – Meet Charlotte Ottinger, author of *Madge: The Life and Times of Madge Oberholtzer, the Young Irvington Woman Who Brought Down D.C. Stephenson and the Ku Klux Klan*. (Event at the Irvington Public Library)

[Homeschool Workshop: Asian American Voices in Indiana](#)

April 29 – Use images and oral histories to explore the experiences of Japanese Americans who were imprisoned in internment camps during WWII. (Suggested for Grades 7-12)

[Beyond El Barrio – Documentary Premiere](#)

May 1, Indianapolis – See the untold history of Indianapolis' Latino community in a groundbreaking documentary: "Beyond El Barrio: Early Cultural Contributions to the City of Indianapolis, Seen and Unseen."

What We're Reading This Week



[Photoshoot Contact Sheet. n.d.](#) (Madam C.J. Walker Collection, Indiana Historical Society, cropped)

RESOURCES AND NEWS FROM THE FIELD

AASLH has launched a new research initiative, the [National Survey of History Practitioners](#). This project seeks to better understand the people who work at history organizations, how they are compensated, and how they feel about their work. **The survey closes on June 6.** (AASLH)

The Association of Midwest Museums invites [nominations for the 2025 Awards](#) to recognize organizations and individuals throughout the Midwest region for their leadership, career achievements, creativity, and best practices. **Nominations are due May 23.** (AMM)

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, ACCESSIBILITY AND INCLUSION

How museums in Wales are [making a difference for people with dementia](#). (MuseumNext)

AUDIENCE & COMMUNITY

Why you need [more teens](#) in your museum. (Museum 411)

Boosting volunteerism through virtual and one-off experiences. (Candid)

FUNDRAISING

Age vs. youth: [donors see impact differently](#). (The NonProfit Times)

Five [time-saving hacks](#) to improve your fundraising efficiency and gain ROI. (Classy)

LEADERSHIP & PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

How to [stay calm](#) when uncertainty rises. (Firespring)

[Budgeting](#) in uncertain times. (Article by Jim Croft)

Research: how ["leisure crafting"](#) can help you recharge. (Harvard Business Review)

NEED A BREAK?

Take a deep dive into the gorgeous history of [floral motifs in fashion](#). (Shutterstock)

Enjoy these images of [famous rabbits in art history](#), and learn about the good, the bad, and the bizarre of [medieval rabbits](#). (TheArtGorgeous; British Library)

Explore 40 of the [most beautiful gardens in the world](#), and visit [Indiana's stunning botanical gardens](#). (Veranda; Travel Indiana)

Learning Opportunities



[*Boys holding rabbits. 1940*](#) (Bass Photo Co. Collection, Indiana Historical Society)

FREE WEBINARS & VIRTUAL LEARNING

[AASLH History Hour: Earth Day](#)

April 22 – Meet your peers from around the country to talk about environmental sustainability and programming at museums and historic sites. (AASLH)

[Advancements in Dataloggers for Environmental Monitoring: Exploring the Latest Innovations](#)

April 23 – Learn information to help make informed decisions about the future of environmental monitoring in your institution. (Connecting to Collections Care)

[AASLH Solidarity Hour](#)

April 23 – Share how your work is being impacted and to listen and learn from your peers on how to respond to actions by federal and state governments and effectively advocate for the field. (AASLH)

VIRTUAL TRAINING

[Digital Directions: Foundations for Digital Collections](#)

April 22-24 – Learn foundational concepts, good practices, and practical strategies for managing digital collections. \$260; register by April 18. (NEDCC)

[Strengthening History Communication: Reframing the Value of History and Your Institution](#)

April 24 – This half-day virtual workshop will help history practitioners at institutions of all types and sizes learn how to communicate about their work more effectively. \$150; \$100 members. (AASLH)

[Working with Tourism Organizations](#)

April 29 – Learn how museums can work with their local Destination Marketing Organizations to attract more visitors, increase visibility, and strengthen community connections. \$45; \$25 members. (AASLH)

[Donors' Perspective on AI & Fundraising](#)

May 8 – Learn more about the donor perspective on artificial intelligence and fundraising. \$19.74 (Lilly Family School of Philanthropy)

[Registration Open for AASLH Summer Online Courses](#)

Courses begin June 16 – Registration is now open for these online courses: Basics of Archives; Caring for Museum Collections; Developing Exhibitions: Planning and Design; and Introduction to Financial Management. Cost varies. (AASLH)

IN-PERSON TRAINING

Greater Michiana Collections Consortium Gathering

April 25, Bristol – Join colleagues from the Greater Michiana area for a brown-bag lunch from noon-2 p.m. to watch a screening of a webinar about caring for books, share resources, and generally get to know each other. For more information or to RSVP, contact Michelle Nash at michelle@elkhartcountyhistory.org. (Elkhart County Historical Museum)

REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS

AASLH has partnered with the National Council on Public History to invite [proposals for an NCPH-sponsored Poster Session](#) at the 2025 AASLH Annual Conference in Cincinnati.

Proposals are due June 13. (AASLH)

Funding Available



[*Wooded Lawn or Park. ca. 1930s*](#) (Martin Collection, Indiana Historical Society)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES SPOTLIGHT

[Community Development Block Grants: Planning Grants](#)

Due May 16 – Grants are available for planning, including Historic Preservation plans and Downtown Revitalization plans. The goal of the program is to encourage Indiana communities to plan for long-term holistic community development. (Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs)

UPCOMING DEADLINES

[J.M.K. Innovation Prize](#)

Due April 25 (J.M. Kaplan Fund)

[Indiana Landmarks Black Heritage Preservation Program Scholarships](#)

Due May 2 (Indiana Landmarks)

[Exhibit Professionals Fellowship to Attend the AMM Conference](#)

Due May 19 (AMM and Museum EXP)

Local & Regional Job Openings



[Cronin Flower Shop, 1954](#) (Gift of Reba A. Weaver, Indiana Historical Society)

LOCAL

The Indiana Historical Society is hiring!

See open positions [here](#).

[Director of Marketing & Communications](#)

Auburn – Auburn Cord Duesenberg Automobile Museum

[Museum Educator](#)

Bloomington – Monroe County History Center

[Museum Curator](#) (part-time)

Hagerstown – Wilbur Wright Birthplace and Museum

[Museum Director](#)

Peru – Miami County Historical Society

[Museum Coordinator](#)

Terre Haute – Larry Bird Museum, Terre Haute Convention Center

REGIONAL

[Executive Director](#)

Dunlap, Ill. – Wheels O' Time Museum

[Executive Director](#)

Elizabethtown, Ky. – Brown-Pusey House

[Museum Engagement Manager](#)

Ludington, Mich. – Mason County Historical Society

[Director of Engagement](#)

Green Bay, Wis. – Heritage Hill State Historical Park

[Historic Properties Researcher](#)

Madison, Wis. – Wisconsin Historical Society

INTERNSHIPS

[Summer Internships](#)

Fishers, Ind. – Conner Prairie

[Archives, History and Heritage Advanced Internship Program](#)

Washington, D.C. – Library of Congress

[Archives Intern](#)

Washington, D.C. – NASA Headquarters

[Archives Intern](#)

Houston, Texas – NASA Johnson Space Center

Orphans Corner

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