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Heritage Support Grants for Indiana History Organizations

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Updates from Local History Services



[Johnny Rutherford, ca. 1975](#) (Indiana Historical Society, P0585)

FAST TIPS FOR AUDIENCE ENGAGEMENT

Rev up your audience engagement with these resources from Local History Services and

national organizations:

Timely Tips <5 Minute YouTube Videos

See the entire list of Timely Tips videos [here](#).

- [Museum Missions](#)
- [Museum Audiences](#)

Books from our [Lending Resource Center](#)

- *Connecting Kids to History with Museum Exhibitions*
- *Creating the Visitor-Centered Museum*
- *Engagement and Access: Innovative Approaches for Museums*
- *Magnetic: The Art and Science of Engagement*

Further Reading

[The Measurement of Museum Social Impact Initiative Toolkit](#) (AAM)

[Rethinking Goals in History Organizations: A New Framework for Internal and External Impact](#) (Engaging Places)

[Community Goals: A Better Path to Expanding the Purpose of Museums](#) (Museums as Progress)

[Audience Engagement & Visitor Experience Resources](#) (AAM)

[5 Strategies to Improve Museum Community Engagement](#) (Crowd101)

MINI GRANT APPLICATIONS DUE JULY 31

[Heritage Support Mini Grants from \\$500 to \\$4,999](#) are available for projects that will help Indiana's local history organizations meet high-priority needs in areas of: Collections Stewardship; Capacity Building; Sustainability; and Planning.

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

Around Indiana



[Airplane Race at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, 1910](#) (Indiana Historical Society, P0431)

NEWS

[Explore Indiana's military museums](#) and monuments around the state. (Visit Indiana)

This year, 74 photographers submitted 167 photos to **Indiana's Historic Preservation Month photo contest**. See the winning entries [here](#). (Indiana Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology)

Reminder – Apply by May 31 to become a speaker for the [Civics and Democracy Speakers Bureau](#). (Indiana Humanities)

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.

[Exhibit – Driftwood: The Life of Harlan Hubbard](#)

Now-July 12, New Harmony – See the traveling exhibit on visionary northern Kentucky artist, writer and sustainability pioneer Harlan Hubbard (1900–1988). (Atheneum Visitors Center; Historic New Harmony)

[Greenwood Cemetery Tour](#)

May 24, Michigan City – Take a walking tour through the scenic cemetery and hear the stories of ten monuments and the people they commemorate. (La Porte County Historical Society)

[Indiana Landmarks Speaker Series: Hidden Gems of Indiana](#)

May 24, Michigan City – Take an insider's journey through Indiana's most unique historic places. (The Barker Mansion)

[U.S. Highway 421: Then and Now](#)

May 27, Frankfort – Learn about the history of the highway and its importance to the Indiana communities along its route. (Clinton County Genealogical Society; event at the Frankfort Community Public Library)

[What is Historic Preservation? with Dr. Ashima Krishna](#)

May 29, West Lafayette – Hear about the basics of historic preservation in a community, including what defines a historic district, what structures are protected, and more. (West Lafayette Public Library)

[National Historic Preservation Celebration](#)

May 29, Zionsville – Learn about the Century Structure Walking Tour, historical homes and historical markers, and more. (SullivanMunce Cultural Center)

[Crossroads of Culture: Native American Trails in the Old Northwest](#)

June 3, Elkhart – This Gallery Talk will be presented by Cecil Wilson, Historic Research Specialist for the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians. (Ruthmere)

[Miami Indian Heritage Days – Cookware from Local Clays](#)

June 7, Fort Wayne – Erik Vosteen will offer a demonstration on Cookware from Local Clays: Making and Using Replica Native-Style Pottery. (Chief Richardville House, or *akima pinšiwā awiiki*)

[Back to the Future: A Mid-Century Modern Home Tour](#)

June 7, Fort Wayne – See five outstanding Mid-Century Modern homes showcasing the period's open designs, soaring ceilings, and nature-infused spaces. (Indiana Modern; Indiana Landmarks)

[Skyscrapers in Indianapolis](#)

June 10, Indianapolis – Join author Dr. James Glass for a talk tracing the development of

skyscrapers in Indianapolis from the 1890s through the 1980s. (Indiana Landmarks)

[Summer Lecture Series: Unlock the Power of Using DNA to Enhance Your Genealogy](#)

June 14, Indianapolis – In three sessions you will learn how to leverage DNA to uncover your family history. (Indiana State Library)

[Black Resilience in Indiana: Building on the Heritage of Survival](#)

June 19, Indianapolis – In observance of Juneteenth, Indiana Landmarks welcomes poet and scholar Dr. Lasana D. Kazembe for an exploration of Black resilience. (Indiana Landmarks)

[Teddy and Edith Roosevelt: Chautauqua-Wawasee 2025 Patriotic Speaker Series](#)

June 29, Syracuse – Teddy and Edith Roosevelt will discuss major topics of the early 1900s, share personal stories from their lives together, and more. (Chautauqua-Wawasee)

TRAVELING EXHIBITS

Indiana organizations can borrow professional-quality [traveling exhibits](#) from the Indiana Historical Society. You can visit exhibits at the sites below. Please check with the hosting organization regarding any on-site COVID-19 restrictions.

A Visual Journey: From AIDS to Marriage Equality

Through June 19, Hammond ([Hammond Public Library](#))

Indiana Historical Society Spotlight

FROM THE BLOG

[Sunny Smiles & Family Fun: May Celebration Days](#)

The National Days selected for this month's installment of our National Day Calendar series reflect this heavenly springtime weather.

UNBOUND PODCAST

[Go Touch Grass: Indiana State Parks](#)

Hear the stories of the unlikely formation of two of Indiana's State Parks, Spring Mill State Park and Shades State Park.

UPCOMING EVENTS

[Homeschool Workshop Celebrating America at 250: Civics](#)

May 27 – As we prepare for our nation's semiquincentennial in 2026, Hoosiers are invited to reflect on how we civically engage in our communities. (suggested for grades 5-12)

[Concerts on the Canal – The Cool City Band](#)

May 29 – Spread out your summer fun by immersing yourself in music at the Kruse Family Stardust Terrace!

What We're Reading This Week



Walter Palmer with his P 51 Mustang "Duchess". ca. 1944 (Indiana Historical Society, M0783)

RESOURCES AND NEWS FROM THE FIELD

AASLH's [National Survey of History Practitioners](#) 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)

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, ACCESSIBILITY AND INCLUSION

See how [new signs at an Iowa museum are improving accessibility](#) for people who have low vision or are blind. (KCCI)

AUDIENCE & COMMUNITY

Streets ahead: How the V&A Dundee is [empowering young changemakers](#) through design. (MuseumNext)

How to Celebrate Civic Season: [A Gen Z guide to serving as a community hub](#) this summer. (AAM)

Ideas for historical interactives – the Wordsworth Grasmere museum [taps into trends for immersive experiences](#). (Museums Association UK)

FUNDRAISING

How nonprofits can [build a more predictable revenue stream](#). (Forbes)

LEADERSHIP & PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

[Empowering museum boards](#) to give, get, and advocate in 2025, (Museum 411)

How to write a brilliant board meeting agenda: [4 steps, must-haves, samples and templates](#). (Wild Apricot)

NEED A BREAK?

Explore fascinating items in the [Nation of Speed collection](#) to see how the pursuit of speed has shaped American culture and our national identity. (Smithsonian)

Here's [how military flyovers are arranged](#); plus check out the cockpit video of the 2019 Indy 500 [USAF Heritage Foundation Flyover](#) with P-51, P-40, A-10, and F-16. (Simple Flying; the Afterburn Podcast)

The interesting [history of speed limits](#) in America; and a breakdown of [Indiana's speed limits](#). (American Safety Council; INDOT)

And maybe not so speedy, but fun! – Oscar Mayer's [Wienermobile fleet is set make history with their first ever race](#) today during Indy 500's Carb Day festivities. (Fox Sports)

Learning Opportunities



[*Pushmobile Contest at the 1932 Indiana State Fair \(Indiana Historical Society, P0490\)*](#)

FREE WEBINARS & VIRTUAL LEARNING

[AASLH History Hour: The Gender Discrimination and Sexual Harassment Task Force Report](#)

May 27 – Join other AASLH members and friends for this free and informal conversation and community-building event. (AASLH)

[Grantseeking Solo: Secure Awards with Limited Staff](#)

May 27 – Learn about practical strategies to generate additional funding requests for nonprofit organizations with limited staff. (GrantStation)

[In-District Advocacy: Advocating to State and Federal Lawmakers](#)

May 29 – Learn about various ways you can engage with your state and federal representatives when they are in their home districts. (AAM)

[Preserving Legacy: A Decade of HOPE Crew](#)

May 29 – Learn about this groundbreaking initiative at the intersection of historic preservation, skilled trades, and community empowerment. (National Trust for Historic Preservation)

VIRTUAL TRAINING

[Budgeting to Fully Fund Your Overhead](#)

June 4 – This webinar will identify the building blocks of a strong budget and explain how nonprofits can easily raise the dollars needed to cover overhead costs. \$69. (GrantStation)

[Building Stable Resources in Tough Economic Times](#)

June 10 – The class will introduce you to a strength-based approach to resources - the economic principle of Collective Enoughness. Pay what you can; suggested \$99. (Creating the Future)

[Winter Holidays with Your Community](#)

June 12 – Learn how history organizations can transform the holiday season into a powerful opportunity for community engagement, inclusivity, and innovation. \$45; \$25 members. (AASLH)

[Braver Together: Strengthening Civil and Human Rights](#)

June 17 – Join a participatory virtual workshop to build cultural workers' capacity to act bravely in strengthening civic structures. Pay what you can; suggested \$10. (Braden Paynter, Linda Norris, and Stacey Garcia)

IN-PERSON TRAINING

[Preserving History Networking Seminar](#)

May 29, Cedar Lake – Join professionals and volunteers from preservation and historical organizations to learn, brainstorm, and network. (Cedar Lake Historical Association)

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



[International 500-Mile Sweepstakes Race. 1911](#) (Indiana Historical Society, M1389)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES SPOTLIGHT

[Wyeth Foundation for American Art Grants](#)

Due June 15 – This grant program provides financial support to encourage the study, appreciation, and recognition of excellence in all aspects of historic American art, including research, conservation, and exhibition programming. (Wyeth Foundation for American Art)

[2025 AASLH Annual Conference Fellowships and Scholarships](#)

Due June 27 – Applications are now open for scholarships and fellowships to attend the American Association for State and Local History Annual Conference. Three opportunities are available: the Cinnamon Catlin-Legutko Memorial Scholarship, Douglas Evelyn Diversity Fellowships, and Small Museums Scholarships. The 2025 conference will be held Sept. 10-13 in Cincinnati, Ohio. (AASLH)

[Teaching with Primary Sources Regional Grants](#)

Applications accepted on a rolling basis – School districts, universities, cultural institutions, library systems and other educational organizations may apply for grants of up to \$25,000 to incorporate Library of Congress TPS materials and methods into their existing education and professional development programs. (Library of Congress)

UPCOMING DEADLINES

[Backing Historic Small Restaurants Grant Program](#)

Due May 30 (National Trust for Historic Preservation)

[Costume Society of America Stella Blum Student Research Grant](#)

Due June 1 (CSA)

[Preservation and Access Education and Training Grants](#)

Due June 17 (NEH)

[THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION Library Microgrant Opportunity](#)

Due July 7 (PBS)

[Celebrate America! Grants in Honor of America's 250th Anniversary](#)

Applications accepted on a rolling basis (NEH)

Local & Regional Job Openings



[George McGinnis Versus Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, 1973](#) (Indianapolis Recorder Collection, Indiana Historical Society)

LOCAL

The Indiana Historical Society is hiring!

See open positions [here](#).

[Membership Coordinator](#)

Indianapolis – National Council on Public History, IUI

REGIONAL

[Creative Technologies Developer](#)

St. Louis, Mo. – Missouri Historical Society

[Archivist](#)

Madison, Wis. – Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs

[Executive Director](#)

Two Rivers, Wis. – Hamilton Wood Type & Printing Museum

Orphans Corner

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