

HERITAGE SUPPORT GRANTS

Made possible by Lilly Endowment Inc



Fundraising for Local History – Grant Overview



HSG OVERVIEW

Background

- Made possible by Lilly Endowment Inc grant
- \$2.5 million in re-grants to Indiana historical organizations
- Education is key
 - Fundraising workshops
 - LHS Coaches
 - Review panel spots for Local History Partners

Background

- **Two grant levels**
 - Project Grants: \$5,000 - \$50,000
 - Mini Grants: \$500 - \$4,999
- **Five grant cycles** (deadlines every 6 months)
 - Dec. 2015
 - July 2016
 - Jan. 2017
 - July 2017
 - Jan. 2018

Eligibility

- Be incorporated in the State of Indiana as 501(c)3 nonprofit corporation*
- Reflect history as significant component of organizational mission and/or propose history-focused project
- Have an annual budget of less than \$300,000

**An organization that operates under a larger parent organization is eligible only through a “friends group” or other similar federally-recognized, nonprofit entity (as in the case of museums or local history rooms in libraries or state historic sites).*

Funding priorities

- **Collections stewardship**
 - Storage, management, care and documentation (includes historic objects, structures and landscapes)
- **Capacity building**
 - Resources needed to excel towards achievement of goals and ongoing sustainability
- **Innovation**
 - New methods and ideas, or creative application of standards and best practices
- **Collaboration**
 - Engage community partners and build relationships

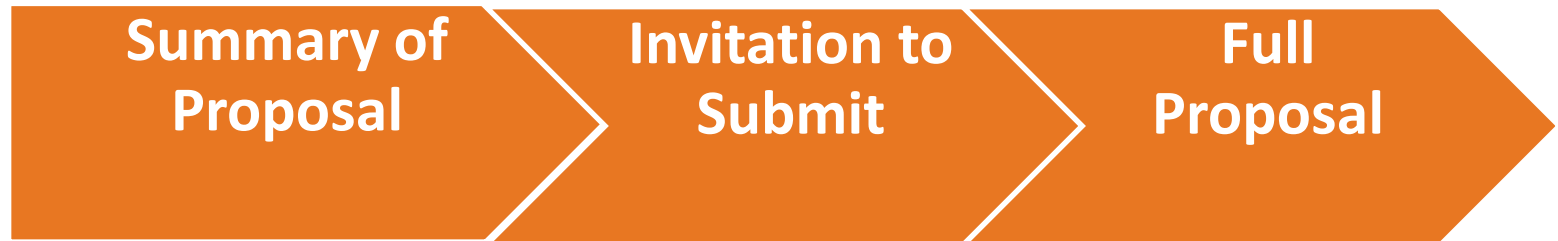
Funding exclusions

General operating support including:

- Rent or mortgage
- Utilities
- Insurance
- Salaries, wages and/or benefits for permanent staff
- Endowment building

Project Grants

- Large grants: \$5,000 - \$50,000
- 15% cash match required
- Three-part process



Development Grants

- Small grants: \$500 - \$4,999
- No cash match requirement
- One-part process



**Mini Grant
Application**

LHS Coaches

- Assigned after online grant portal registration
- Answer questions and provide feedback throughout process
- NOT involved with grant review panels
- Support throughout project implementation and reporting



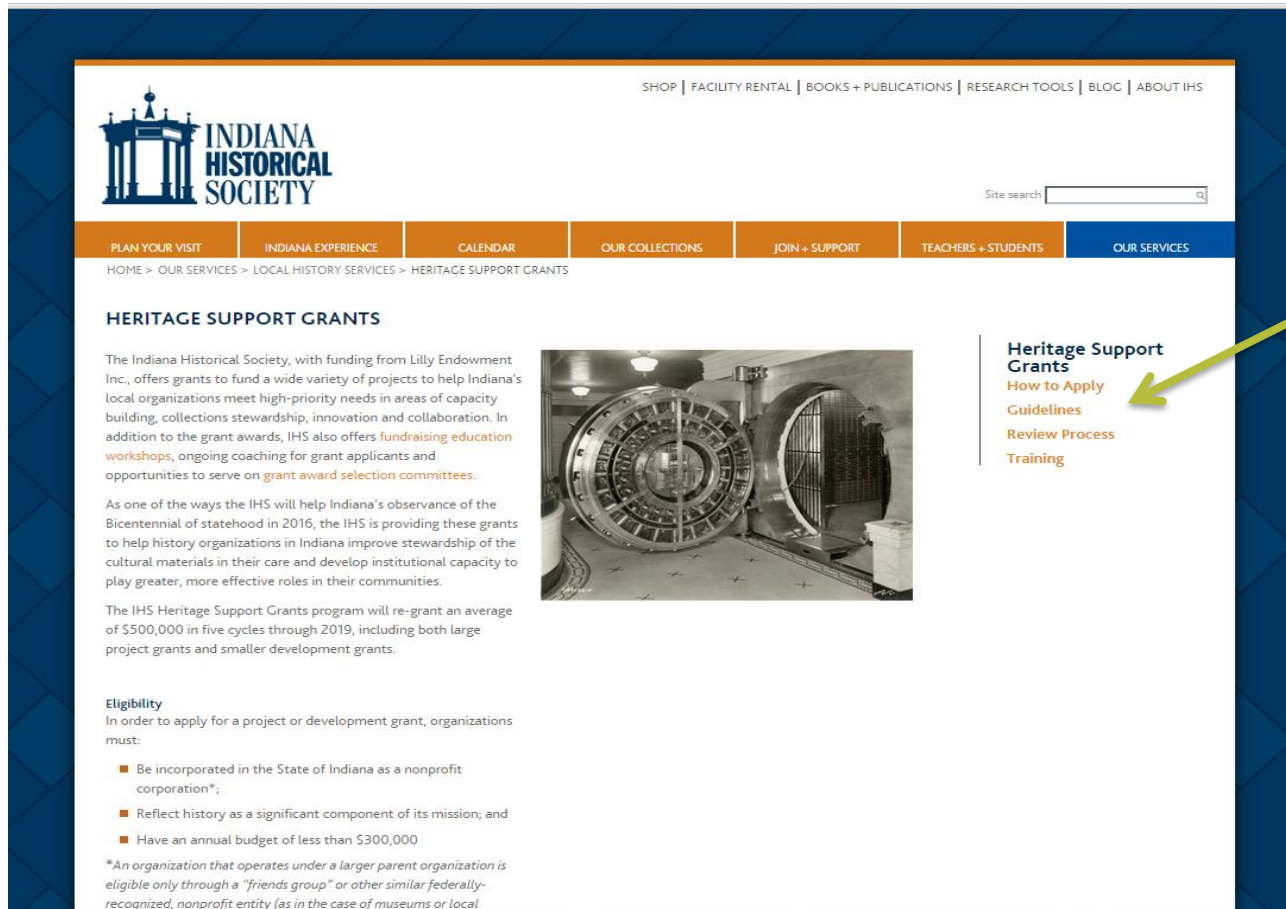
Successful Grants

Expectations:

- Completion on-time and on-budget
- Status updates with coach at least twice per year
- Submission of final report via grant portal
- Completion of pre- and post-grant surveys

HSG on the IHS website

- www.indianahistory.org/grants



The screenshot shows the Indiana Historical Society website. The header includes the IHS logo and navigation links: SHOP | FACILITY RENTAL | BOOKS + PUBLICATIONS | RESEARCH TOOLS | BLOG | ABOUT IHS. A site search bar is located on the right. Below the header is a navigation bar with links: PLAN YOUR VISIT, INDIANA EXPERIENCE, CALENDAR, OUR COLLECTIONS, JOIN + SUPPORT, TEACHERS + STUDENTS, and OUR SERVICES. The main content area is titled "HERITAGE SUPPORT GRANTS" and includes a breadcrumb trail: HOME > OUR SERVICES > LOCAL HISTORY SERVICES > HERITAGE SUPPORT GRANTS. The text describes the grant program, its funding source (Lilly Endowment Inc.), and its goals. It also mentions the Bicentennial of statehood in 2016 and the program's re-granting schedule. A photograph of a large, ornate metal safe is shown. On the right side, there is a sidebar titled "Heritage Support Grants" with links: How to Apply, Guidelines, Review Process, and Training. A yellow arrow points to the "How to Apply" link.

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HERITAGE SUPPORT GRANTS

The Indiana Historical Society, with funding from Lilly Endowment Inc., offers grants to fund a wide variety of projects to help Indiana's local organizations meet high-priority needs in areas of capacity building, collections stewardship, innovation and collaboration. In addition to the grant awards, IHS also offers fundraising education workshops, ongoing coaching for grant applicants and opportunities to serve on grant award selection committees.

As one of the ways the IHS will help Indiana's observance of the Bicentennial of statehood in 2016, the IHS is providing these grants to help history organizations in Indiana improve stewardship of the cultural materials in their care and develop institutional capacity to play greater, more effective roles in their communities.

The IHS Heritage Support Grants program will re-grant an average of \$500,000 in five cycles through 2019, including both large project grants and smaller development grants.

Eligibility

In order to apply for a project or development grant, organizations must:

- Be incorporated in the State of Indiana as a nonprofit corporation*;
- Reflect history as a significant component of its mission; and
- Have an annual budget of less than \$300,000

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Guidelines

- Grant timelines and deadlines
- Eligibility details
- Application and submission info
- Training info
- Funding priorities
- AASLH StEPs info
- Funding exclusions
- Staff contact info

Review Process

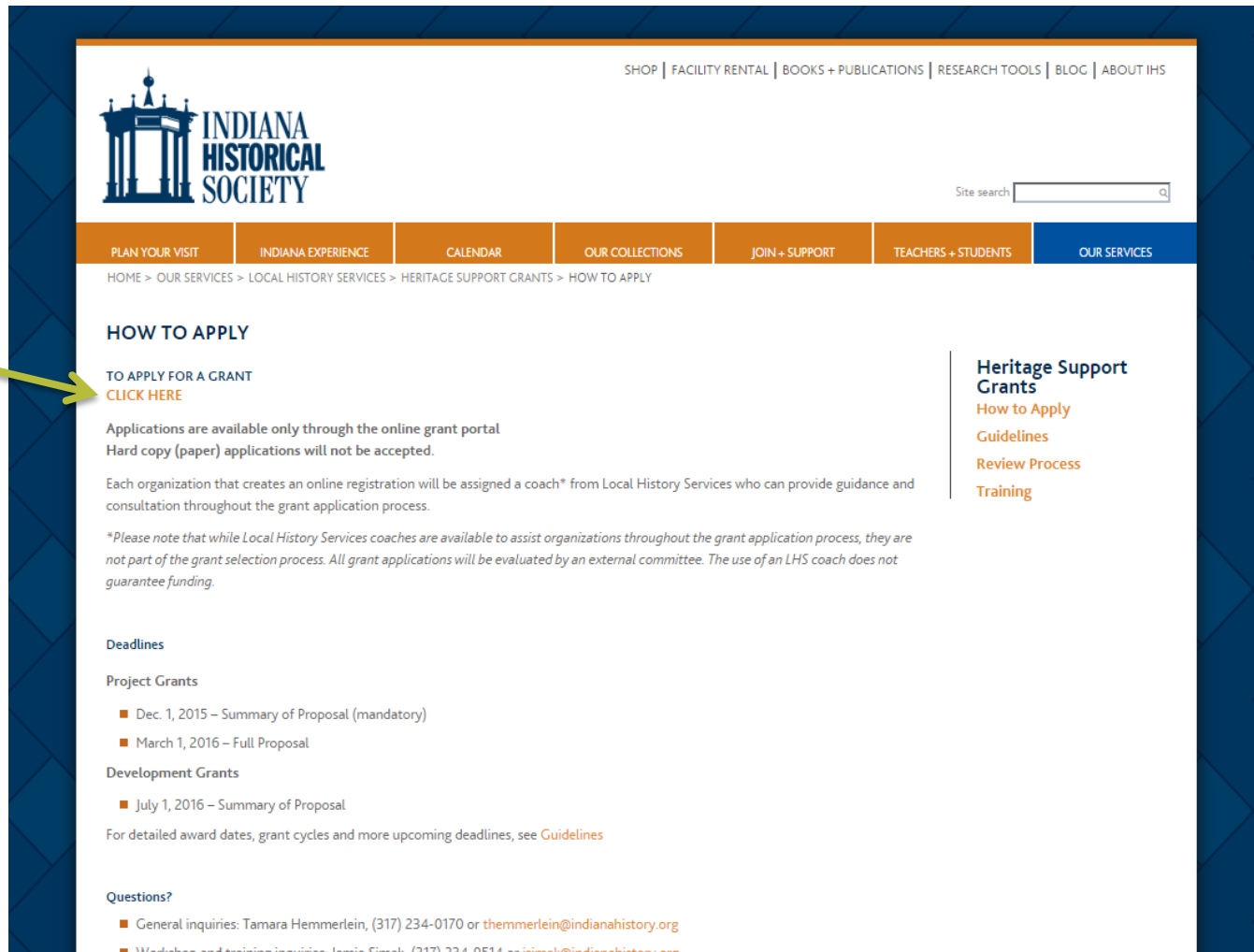
- External grant panels
- Review criteria:
 - Fit with funding priorities
 - Need and case for support
 - Institutional readiness
 - Project design and implementation
 - Project budget
 - Intended results, evaluation and sustainability

Training

Offered several times per year around state

- HSG Grant Overview
- Pitching Your Project Write-In
- Fundraising Basics
- Annual Giving and Membership
- Making Your Case (for Grants)

How to Apply



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HOW TO APPLY

TO APPLY FOR A GRANT
[CLICK HERE](#)

Applications are available only through the online grant portal
Hard copy (paper) applications will not be accepted.

Each organization that creates an online registration will be assigned a coach* from Local History Services who can provide guidance and consultation throughout the grant application process.

**Please note that while Local History Services coaches are available to assist organizations throughout the grant application process, they are not part of the grant selection process. All grant applications will be evaluated by an external committee. The use of an LHS coach does not guarantee funding.*

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Deadlines

Project Grants

- Dec. 1, 2015 – Summary of Proposal (mandatory)
- March 1, 2016 – Full Proposal

Development Grants

- July 1, 2016 – Summary of Proposal

For detailed award dates, grant cycles and more upcoming deadlines, see [Guidelines](#)

Questions?

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