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Tennessee Historical Commission Announces Historic Preservation Fund Grants

The Tennessee Historical Commission, the State Historic Preservation Office, has announced 35 Federal Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) grants totaling over \$929,515 awarded for historic preservation and archaeological projects throughout the state. The competitive grants are awarded annually for projects that support the preservation of historic and archaeological resources. Federally funded matching grants provide 60% of project funds from the HPF and 40% of project funds come from the grantee. “This program is one of the main ways in which our office helps protect historic places and contribute to the preservation of the state’s heritage, said Patrick McIntyre, Executive Director and State Historic Preservation Officer. We are pleased to offer this financial support and extend our congratulations to Tennessee’s HPF grant recipients.”

This year’s selection included an archaeological survey, design guidelines for historic districts, surveys of historic resources, rehabilitation of historic buildings, and a poster highlighting the state’s archaeology. One of the grant priorities is for projects that are in Certified Local Governments (CLG), a program that allows communities to participate closely in the federal program of historic preservation. Eight CLG communities were awarded 12 grants this year. Additional priorities include those that meet the goals and objectives of the office’s plan for historic preservation. Properties that use the restoration grants must be listed in the National Register. The next round of grants is expected to be opened in December 2021, with applications due in January 2022. Check www.tnhistoricalcommission.org for updates.

Listed by county, this year’s HPF grant funded projects are:

Bedford County

Bedford County
\$26,637.60 to fund the restoration of windows at the Bedford County Courthouse (National Register-listed in the Shelbyville Courthouse Square Historic District).

Bell Buckle (CLG)
\$6,000 to fund an alleyway master plan.

Davidson County

Metro Historical Commission (CLG)
\$37,042 to survey historic rural cemeteries in the county.

Cheekwood Botanical Garden and Museum of Art
\$26,025 to fund restoration of historic stone steps at the National Register-listed property.

Edgefield Baptist Church

\$40,000 to fund restoration of stained glass windows in the historic church (National Register-listed in the Edgefield Historic District).

Grainger County

City of Rutledge

\$33,240 to fund restoration of the National Register-listed Nance House.

Henry County

City of Paris (CLG)

\$24,660 to fund restoration of 3 classrooms in the National Register-listed Paris Academy (Lee School).

Lincoln County

Fayetteville-Lincoln County Museum

\$15,000 to fund a restoration plan for an unused portion of the museum (National Register-listed as Borden Powered Milk Plant).

McMinn County

Town of Englewood

\$30,000 to fund the first phase of restoration of the National Register-listed water tower.

Morgan County

Historic Rugby and the Episcopal Diocese of East Tennessee

\$16,836 to fund restoration of stained glass windows and for fire protection measures for Christ Church Episcopal in Historic Rugby.

Obion County

Westover Center for the Arts

\$24,000 to fund mothballing the historic building until a new use is found. (National Register-listed in the Washington Ave and Florida Ave Historic District)

Roane County

City of Harriman (CLG)

\$15,000 to fund updating the survey of two National Register-listed historic districts and the areas immediately outside of the districts.

Sevier County

Sevier County Heritage Museum

\$42,120 to fund interior restoration and fireproofing of the museum (National Register-listed as US Post Office – Sevierville).

Shelby County

Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church

\$20,000 to fund restoration of windows in the historic church (National Register-listed in the Glenwood Historic District).

Warren County

Tennessee Division of Archaeology

\$10,500 to fund an archaeological survey of National Register-listed Cardwell Mountain.

Weakley County

City of Martin (CLG)

\$18,000 to fund an update of design guidelines for historic districts in the city.

White County

City of Sparta (CLG)

\$12,000 to fund updates of design guidelines for a locally designated historic district.

Williamson County

City of Franklin (CLG)

\$12,000 to fund the restoration of markers in the in the National Register-listed Rest Haven Cemetery.

City of Franklin (CLG)

\$\$6,750 to update the National Register nomination for the Lewisburg Avenue Historic District.

Wilson County

City of Lebanon (CLG)

\$30,000 to work with Lebanon and Wilson County Black History Committee to fund restoration of the barrel vault ceiling of the National Register-listed Pickett Chapel.

City of Lebanon (CLG)

\$8,940 to work with History Associates of Wilson County to fund restoration of the National Register-listed Fite Fessenden House.

City of Lebanon (CLG)

\$12,000 to fund a GPR survey for the National Register-listed Rest Hills Cemetery and the historic Greenwood Cemetery.

City of Lebanon (CLG)

\$24,000 to update design guidelines for historic districts in the city.

Multi-County Grants

Middle Tennessee State University, Department of Sociology and Anthropology

\$3,541 to fund posters for Tennessee Archaeology Week.

Middle Tennessee State University, Fullerton Laboratory for Spatial Technology

\$50,000 fund digitizing data for historic / architectural survey files and for survey data entry for computerization of survey files.

East Tennessee Development District

\$42,000 to fund a preservation specialist staff position for the East Tennessee Development District.

First Tennessee Development District

\$35,000 to fund a preservation specialist staff position for the First Tennessee Development District.

Memphis Area Association of Governments

\$25,000 to fund a preservation specialist staff position for the Memphis Area Association of Governments.

Northwest Tennessee Development District

\$36,000 to fund a preservation specialist staff position for the Northwest Tennessee

Development District.

South Central Tennessee Development District

\$50,000 to fund a preservation specialist staff position for the South Central Tennessee Development District.

Southeast Tennessee Development District

\$54,000 to fund a preservation specialist staff position for the Southeast Tennessee Development District.

Southwest Tennessee Development District

\$42,000 to fund a preservation specialist staff position for the Southwest Tennessee Development District.

Upper Cumberland Development District

\$40,000 to fund a preservation specialist staff position for the Upper Cumberland Development District.

Tennessee Division of Archaeology

\$50,000 to fund a position for archaeological review of Review and Compliance/Section 106 projects.

For more information about the Tennessee Historical Commission, please visit the Web site at: <http://www.tnhistoricalcommission.org>. For information on grants contact Claudette Stager at claudette.stager@tn.gov

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