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Historic preservation education grants to fund documentary, interactive theater, walking tours, and more

Indiana Humanities Council and Indiana Landmarks give nearly \$25,000

INDIANAPOLIS—The Indiana Humanities Council and Indiana Landmarks have awarded grants of up to \$2,000 to 13 nonprofit organizations throughout Indiana. From Gary to Washington, the grants will be used for a variety of projects, including curriculum guides and DVDs, tour brochures, and an interactive reenactment of a theater's rich history. One grant winner will create a walking tour of Underground Railroad sites in conjunction with an educational exhibit.

The Indiana Humanities Council and Indiana Landmarks have been partnering in this granting opportunity for more than 15 years, each providing at least \$10,000 annually to the program. A one-time gift, received in 2009, made it possible to award a total of \$24,745 this year.

"The grant application is simple, and the match can be supplied entirely by volunteer time or in-kind contributions. We make it easy for communities large and small to celebrate landmarks and educate people about preservation," said Marsh Davis, president of Indiana Landmarks.

2010 Historic Preservation Education Grantees are:

- *Update of a Design Guide for the Historic District of Greenfield*; City of Greenfield, Indiana
- *Explore Historic Crown Point Walking Tour Guide*; Crown Point Historic Preservation Commission, Crown Point
- *Embassy Theatre Study Trips*; Embassy Theatre Foundation, Inc., Fort Wayne
- *Home of the Wildcat, Instilling a Sense of Place Through the Chief Richardville House*; Fort Wayne History Center, Fort Wayne
- *YEZ St. John's Hospital Historic Restoration Project*; Gary, East Chicago, Hammond Empowerment Zone, Gary
- *It's a Gusher!*; Greenfield Historic Landmarks, Greenfield
- *Building on Community: Stories from Historic Near Westside Places*; History Educators Network of Indiana / Indiana Association of Historians, Indianapolis
- *Muncie's Most Endangered Building Initiative*; Muncie Historic Preservation & Rehabilitation Commission, Muncie
- *North Decatur High School Underground Railroad Initiative*; North Decatur High School, Greensburg
- *Restoration of the Warren County Historical Data Base*; Warren County Economic Development, Williamsport
- *Walking Through Time: Washington's Historic Homes*; Washington Catholic Schools, Washington
- *Whitewater Canal Scenic Byway Interpretive Driving Guide*; Whitewater Canal Byway Association, Metamora

- *SullivanMunce Cultural Center Curriculum Program*; Zionsville Center for Art, History & Genealogy, Inc., Zionsville

“The communities and organizations funded by these grants have great stories to tell,” said Keira Amstutz, president and CEO of the Indiana Humanities Council. “We’re delighted to help them tell that story and foster an appreciation for history among community members and young children.”

The Indiana Humanities Council provides two annual grant programs: Historic Preservation Education Grants, in partnership with Indiana Landmarks, which supports educational projects related to historic structures; and Humanities Initiative Grants, given to nonprofit organizations to conduct public programs emphasizing the humanities. Humanities Initiative Grants are awarded twice a year—the next deadline is Aug. 2.

In the past five years the Indiana Humanities Council, with support from the National Endowment for the Humanities, has awarded 254 grants totaling more than \$330,000 to nonprofit groups in 73 Indiana cities and towns.

In addition to Historic Preservation Education Grants, Indiana Landmarks operates three grant programs aimed at helping Hoosiers preserve historic places: African American Landmark Fund grants; Indiana Preservation Grants, which allow nonprofit groups to commission professional feasibility, structural and restoration studies; and, in cooperation with the Central Indiana Community Foundation, Marion County Preservation Fund grants.

About the Indiana Humanities Council

The Indiana Humanities Council celebrates, encourages and facilitates the thinking that leads to innovation and action. As a convener, leader and partner, the Council supports the sharing of ideas, promotes the public humanities and engages Indiana’s community of minds to examine and improve the human condition. Learn more at www.indianahumanities.org.

About Indiana Landmarks

Indiana Landmarks revitalizes communities, reconnects us to our heritage, and saves meaningful places. With ten offices located throughout the state, Indiana Landmarks helps people rescue endangered landmarks and restore historic neighborhoods and downtowns. People who join Indiana Landmarks receive its bimonthly magazine, *Indiana Preservationist*. For more information on the not-for-profit organization, call 317.639.4534, 800.450.4534, or visit www.indianalandmarks.org.

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