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More than \$500,000 in funding relief provided to Indiana humanities organizations through CARES Grants

Grants provided by Indiana Humanities with funds from CARES Act

INDIANAPOLIS (May 27, 2020)—Nonprofit organizations that provide public humanities programming to Hoosiers across the state will receive more than \$500,000 in operating support to help with funding relief due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Indiana Humanities awarded CARES Grants to 74 organizations, from Mishawaka to Milan. Awards range from \$1,000 to \$15,000, depending on the size of the organization's budget. Organizations in the 4th Congressional District will receive \$40,000.

The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) provided the funding to Indiana Humanities as part of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act economic stabilization plan appropriated by the U.S. Congress.

“The CARES Act includes provisions to help small businesses and Hoosiers in many industries, including those employed by public humanities such as cultural sites, libraries, and museums. The funds appropriated for Indiana Humanities CARES Grants will help support these programs through this difficult time,” said Senator Mike Braun.

CARES Grant recipients from Indiana's 4th Congressional District include:

Attica Public Library – Attica (\$5,000)

Delphi Preservation Society – Delphi (\$5,000)

Friends of the Frankfort Public Library – Frankfort (\$15,000)

Montgomery County Historical Society – Crawfordsville (\$2,500)

Putnam County Museum – Greencastle (\$5,000)

Tippecanoe County Historical Association – Lafayette (\$7,500)

“Today's announcement is welcome news for Indiana communities,” said Congressman Jim Baird. “These grants will allow our district institutions like the Attica Public Library, the Delphi Preservation Society, Friends of the Frankfort Public Library, the Montgomery County Historical Society, the Putnam County Museum and the Tippecanoe County Historical Association to continue to culturally enrich the lives of Hoosiers.”

“This grant comes during a time of great uncertainty with our organization as we have dealt with the effects of Coronavirus on our overall association and our budget. This grant will help stabilize the financial bleeding that has been taking place over the past two months. Finding grants that help organizations like ours deal with daily operations are few and far between,” said Craig Hadley, executive director of the Tippecanoe County Historical Association. “We cannot thank Indiana Humanities enough for making this grant available as it is making the difference between staying closed to the public and being able to open our doors once again for public programs, research, and education.”

Requests for the grants exceeded \$1.3 million, and the 186 applicants expressed \$11.7 million in total losses to date, as well as projected losses of \$44.9 million through Sept. 30.

“We are pleased to have awarded grants to groups large and small, carrying out a variety of programming, in each congressional district and in 48 of our 92 counties,” said Doran Moreland, Indiana Humanities board chair. “Because of the immense need we had to turn down many organizations that are doing good work, including some of our close partners. The grant committees put great care into the review, weighing a number of factors such as public humanities focus, need, audiences served, and geography.”

The grants do not require a match and will be distributed to the organizations in June. Organizations with budgets less than \$250,000 received up to \$5,000; organizations with budgets from \$250,000 to \$999,999 received \$7,500; organizations with budgets from \$1 million to \$2,499,999 received \$10,000 and organizations with budgets of \$2.5 million or more received \$15,000.

“These CARES grants will help meet immediate needs at cultural institutions around the state, allowing Indiana museums, archives, libraries and historical societies to maintain vital operations,” said NEH Chairman Jon Parrish Peede. “Thank you to Indiana Humanities for their swift and judicious distribution of CARES Act funding to the many humanities organizations suffering financial distress during the pandemic.”

To view an interactive map, an infographic, and more information about the grant recipients, visit www.IndianaHumanities.org/INCares.

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