

Historic Preservation Education Grants—2022

The following projects received a Historic Preservation Education Grant from Indiana Humanities and Indiana Landmarks in calendar year 2022. For more information about the projects and to discuss ideas for your own programs, contact Indiana Humanities' grants team at grants@indianahumanities.org or 317.638.1500.

STEAM through Heritage Preservation

Association for Preservation Technology International, Springfield, Illinois

Congressional District: N/A

Awarded: \$2,500

STEAM through Heritage Preservation is a six-unit experiential curriculum designed to provide educators with innovative, relevant content and activities that teach middle-school STEAM curriculum standards to ignite students' interest in the fields of heritage preservation. The Association for Preservation Technology International used grant funds to adapt the existing electronic pilot materials, developed to align with common-core curriculum standards in Boston, to suit Indiana school standards/curriculum and to highlight local landmarks and heritage programs.

House of Tomorrow: An Early Leader in Sustainable Design

Chicago Filmmakers, Chicago

Congressional District: 1

Awarded: \$2,427

Chicago Filmmakers produced a short documentary film called *House of Tomorrow: An Early Leader in Sustainable Design*, which traces the story of architect George Fred Keck's design of the House of Tomorrow in 1933 for Chicago's Century of Progress Exposition. (After the exposition, developers relocated the house to Beverly Shores, Indiana.) The film explores how lessons learned from the House of Tomorrow led Keck to design and build solar-heated homes throughout the 1940s and 1950s—and how the innovations of these homes may offer a path forward to help reduce residential energy consumption for years to come.

Digital Historic Walking Tour

Columbia City Connect, Columbia City

Congressional District: 3

Awarded: \$2,500

Columbia City Connect developed a digital historic walking tour using Distrx, a location-aware mobile app designed specifically for Main Street communities. The walking tour provides residents and visitors an engaging opportunity to learn about Columbia City's historic downtown buildings through scrollable images, descriptions of the buildings' history, and audio narration.

Old Lincoln Highway Driving Tour across Elkhart County

Indiana Lincoln Highway Association, South Bend

Congressional District: 2

Awarded: \$2,500

The Indiana Lincoln Highway Association produced an online driving tour of the Lincoln Highway across Elkhart County and highlighted historic resources related to early auto road travel. The tour tells stories about buildings and historic sites along the route while emphasizing the importance of preserving the structures.

Understanding Your Historic Building: Bringing the Past into the Present

Madison Main Street Program, Madison

Congressional District: 6

Awarded: \$2,500

Madison Main Street increased awareness and appreciation of historic buildings via a two-part approach. First, it conducted four in-person workshops on how to research and rehab historic buildings. Next, it demonstrated lessons learned in the workshops by developing and presenting a detailed history of a notable Main Street commercial building (highlighting occupants, architectural features, community memories about the building, and more). It presented the history via a graphic traveling banner.

Putnam County Historic District Brochures

Heritage Preservation Society of Putnam County, Greencastle

Congressional District: 4

Awarded: \$2,500

The Heritage Preservation Society of Putnam County produced walking-tour brochures spotlighting five Putnam County historic districts on the National Register of Historic Places: Brainbridge, Cloverdale, Roachdale, Russellville, and the Greencastle Courthouse Square.

Bridges, Bikes, and Bicentennial: History and Preservation

Rush County United Fund, Rushville

Congressional District: 6

Awarded: \$1,500

As part of Rush County's bicentennial celebration, Bridges, Bikes, and Bicentennial showcased five historic covered bridges on a 50-mile bike ride through the county. Organizers shared the history of the bridges and promoted their preservation through signage placed at the bridges on the day of the tour, in a published brochure, and via a video interview with a descendant of the Kennedys, the family who built the bridges.

The Athenaeum: Then and Now

Athenaeum Foundation, Indianapolis

Congressional District: 7

Awarded: \$2,500

The Athenaeum Foundation created and now hosts on its website a digital tour of Indianapolis's historic Athenaeum (which serves as a cultural center for the city's German community). The tour features historical and modern photos side by side, highlighting how the building has changed over the years and the historical preservation efforts implemented in order to restore the building to its original state.

House Preservation Video

Benjamin Harrison Presidential Site, Indianapolis

Congressional District: 7

Awarded: \$2,500

The Benjamin Harrison Presidential Site used grant funds to update a video on the history of the Harrison home and its preservation. The revised video includes an overview of the preservation and conservation efforts that resulted from a recent \$6 million capital campaign; these efforts included paint and surface analyses and the restoration of the third-floor exhibit space to its original ballroom setting.

Crown Hill GIS App for Historic Structures and Landscape

Crown Hill Heritage Foundation, Indianapolis

Congressional District: 7

Awarded: \$2,500

The Crown Hill Heritage Foundation created a GIS app that enables users to find and learn about the historic structures and landscapes at Indianapolis's Crown Hill Cemetery. The app has five themed layers that show locations and data about historic resources: buildings, historic infrastructure, public art, trees, and tombstones. Users can use the app, for example, to find information about when structures were built, explore their architectural styles, learn about restorations, and view historic photos.

Barns to Learn By

Indiana Barn Foundation, Indianapolis

Congressional District: 7

Awarded: \$2,500

The Indiana Barn Foundation designed and constructed to scale two wooden-timber frame models of historic Indiana barns. It produced full-scale construction drawings for each model barn and developed a historical background summary and a poster-size architectural drawing of a typical timberframe barn. The foundation displays the models and accompanying materials at its annual meetings, barn tours, speaking engagements, fairs, and other events and utilizes them as teaching tools.

Newton County's Historic Gem: The Domestic Arts Building

Prairie Arts Council, Rensselaer

Congressional District: 4

Awarded: \$2,500

The Prairie Arts Council produced a short film to tell the rich history of the Domestic Arts Building at the Newton County Fairgrounds. The council uses the film to raise awareness of historic preservation and the specific restoration needs of the building, which celebrates its 100th anniversary in 2025.