

Historic Preservation Fund grants help preserve local history across state

Every year the Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology (DHPA) helps strengthen Indiana's historical and cultural heritage through the Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) federal grant program. The DHPA awards grants for local preservation projects to local communities and not-for-profit groups around the state.

This year, the DHPA has awarded 14 federal grants in Indiana communities. The grants, totaling \$394,298, provide a match of \$424,326 in local and private funds, for a total projected investment of \$818,624.

The funds come from the National Park Service, a part of the U.S. Department of the Interior that distributes federal funds to the states through the Historic Preservation Fund Program. Since 1974, the state has awarded more than \$17 million to Indiana communities through this program.

The projects awarded for 2011 are:

Blackford County: Ball State University's Department of Anthropology received a \$49,519 grant to conduct an archaeological survey of 900 acres in Blackford County.

Crown Point: The Indiana Ballet Theatre NW received a \$25,000 grant to replace the roof on the Lake County Tuberculosis Sanatorium Nurses' Home.



Once rehabilitated, the former Nurses' Dormitory will be the new Classical Arts Centre. The HPF project will assist with the roof replacement.

Floyd County: The Falls of the Ohio Archaeological Society received a \$13,381 grant to conduct archaeological investigations in the 47 acre Loop Island Wetlands area.

Fort Wayne: ARCH, Inc. received a \$14,075 grant to prepare a nomination to the National Register of Historic Places for the Lafayette Historic District, which will include approximately 450 contributing properties. The project will also prepare National Register nominations for three Miami heritage-related sites.

Fort Wayne: The City of Fort Wayne Community Development received a \$29,837 grant to rehabilitate the exterior of the c. 1890 Canton Laundry Building located in the West End historic district.



Roof failure and deteriorated exterior masonry leaves the Canton Laundry open to the elements. The project will repair the masonry and replace the roof, gutters and downspouts.

Georgetown: The Town of Georgetown received a \$5,000 grant to prepare a nomination to the National Register of Historic Places for the Georgetown Historic District, which includes approximately 100 contributing properties.

Goshen: Downtown Goshen Inc. received a \$35,000 grant to prepare an architectural and feasibility study for the c. 1906 Goshen Theater.

Hamilton County: The Archaeological Survey of IPFW received a \$45,952 grant to conduct a two-week public archaeology program during Indiana Archaeology Month in September 2011 and six weeks of on-site field school investigations by IPFW in Strawtown Koteewi Park in Hamilton County.

Huntington: The Huntington Historic Preservation Review Board received a \$32,483 grant to stabilize and rehabilitate the East stone retaining wall at the entrance to the 1923 Sunken Gardens in Huntington.



HPF funds have assisted with several masonry repair projects at the Sunken Garden in the past. This project will address the failure of the retaining wall on the east side of the entrance to the park. The wall is listing dramatically and needs to be rebuilt.

Indianapolis: Historic Woodruff Place Foundation, Inc. received a \$19,051 grant to stabilize and rehabilitate the north wall of the Woodruff Place Town Hall.



Deterioration of the north wall is allowing significant water infiltration into the building, causing severe damage to the frame structure and plaster. Interior repairs are also planned once the outer wall and window sills have been rehabilitated.

Indianapolis: The Columbia Club Foundation received a \$25,000 grant for rehabilitation of the main façade masonry and windows.



The masonry is exhibiting cracking and spalling in some areas, and failures of the mortar joints and caulking around the windows are causing interior water infiltration. The HPF funds will assist with these repairs.

Lake County: The Lake County Parks and Recreation Department received a \$25,000 grant to replace the roof on the 1916 Barn at the Buckley Homestead, as well as repair and repaint the exterior clapboard siding on the Main House.



The Buckley Homestead is a 620-acre living history park that interprets 19th and early 20th century agriculture, rural lifestyle, and heritage. The barn roof is deteriorated and needs replaced. Repair and repainting of the siding on the main house is important preservation maintenance.



Madison: River Valley Resources, Inc. received a \$25,000 grant to rehabilitate the skylights in a 1940s Art Deco commercial building located on Second St. in the Madison Historic District.



River Valley Resources has launched a campaign to purchase and renovate this 30,000 square foot building as a multi-tenant center to co-locate charity and nonprofit services that can more efficiently and effectively assist southeastern Indiana families in need. The HPF project will open up and rehabilitate the skylights.

Vincennes: The Grouseland Foundation received a \$50,000 grant to replace the roof on Grouseland, the 1804 home of President William Henry Harrison, which is also designated as a National Historic Landmark.



The 35-year old wood shingle roof on Grouseland has begun to fail, allowing water infiltration that is damaging valuable block-print wallpaper, masonry, and interior wall structures including original hand-hewn lath, and endangering irreplaceable furniture, architectural features, and artifacts. The current scalloped shingles are an anachronistic feature added during a previous rehabilitation; therefore, the grant will install square shingles to return the house closer to its original appearance

For more information on the DNR Division of Historic Preservation & Archaeology and the Historic Preservation Fund Program, see <http://www.in.gov/dnr/historic/>.