

Grants to Preserve Local History Across State

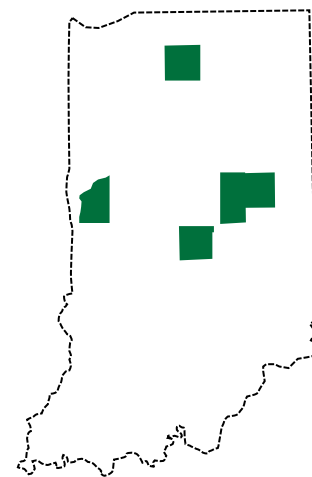


The Indiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR) announced it will award five federal Historic Preservation Fund matching grants totaling more than \$279,000 for historic preservation and archaeology projects in five Indiana communities.

“Indiana’s rich history tells the story of our past, and protecting that past is foundational to our future,” said Governor Mike Braun. “With the support of these historic preservation grants, community organizations and local governments are leading the way in preserving Indiana’s history and supporting vibrant communities, ensuring that these special places will continue to be here for future generations.”

These five grants, which will be awarded to nonprofit organizations and municipalities for work in **Marion, Madison, Marshall, Fountain, and Delaware** counties, help strengthen Indiana’s historical and cultural heritage by assisting local preservation projects. In most cases, these grants require a dollar-for-dollar match of local or private funds, for a total projected investment of \$547,000 in these important cultural resource projects.

Funding comes from the U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service, which distributes federal funds to the states through its Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) Program.



Rehabilitation Projects

Indianapolis (Marion County)

A \$75,000 grant to the Athenaeum Foundation will assist with masonry and gate rehabilitation of the Biergarten perimeter wall. The non-historic sliding gate has damaged a section of the perimeter wall on the east side of the Biergarten. The project will remove the gate, deconstruct a portion of the wall and its foundation, install a deeper footer for the foundation, and rebuild the wall. The project will also fabricate a more historically appropriate gate equipped with a door to allow for easier routine access and designed with a more suitable installation system that will not compromise the building or wall masonry.

Pendleton (Madison County)

A \$79,158 grant to the town of Pendleton working with the South Madison Community Foundation will undertake rehabilitation of the Thomas Pendleton House. The project will include structural repairs under the first floor, energy efficiency upgrades, and possibly the replacement of non-historic windows.

Plymouth (Marshall County)

A \$30,000 grant to the Plymouth-Kilwinning Lodge 149 F&AM will assist with the roof rehabilitation of the former United Telephone Building in downtown Plymouth, which is now home to the fraternal organization. The scope of work includes removing the rubber membrane roofing material, inspecting the insulation board and adding to it, and installing a new rubber membrane roof.



Archaeology Projects

Fountain County

A \$46,338 grant to the University of Indianapolis will conduct a survey of about 270 acres to identify archaeological resources within the DNR's Portland Arch Nature Preserve. Work includes shovel test probes covering about 15 acres at the edge of the bluffs, a pedestrian survey of about 33 acres of agricultural fields, and pedestrian survey and shovel test probes covering about 222 acres of sloped terrain. The goal is to determine whether archaeological resources are present, assess whether they may be eligible for the National Register, and identify threats to these resources.

Preservation Planning Projects

Muncie (Delaware County)

A \$49,112 grant to the Cornerstone Center for the Arts to prepare a historic structure report for the 1926 Muncie Masonic Temple. The report will include historical information about the building and significant lodge spaces, including changes over time, consideration of current program uses and possible future uses, and a condition assessment of the exterior, all mechanical systems, and all interior spaces on three floors and three mezzanine levels. The document will also provide recommendations and cost estimates for needed repairs throughout the 120,000 square foot building.

