



Historic Preservation Fund

Grants to be Awarded



The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) helps strengthen Indiana’s historical and cultural heritage through annual federal matching grants it awards to communities and not-for-profit groups to assist local preservation projects. This year, the DNR Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology plans to award fifteen federal Historic Preservation Fund grants totaling more than \$575,000 for historic preservation and archaeology projects in Indiana communities (see list below). In most cases, these grants require a dollar-for-dollar match of local or private funds, for a total projected investment of \$1.8 million in these important cultural resource projects.



Funding comes from the National Park Service, a unit of the U.S. Department of the Interior, which distributes federal funds to the states through its Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) Program. These projects are considered a federal undertaking, and therefore consulting Historic Preservation Act (54 U.S.C. § 306108) and 36 C.F.R. Part 800. The proposed scope of work has been reviewed by SHPO staff and determined the projects will have no adverse effect on historic properties. If you would like to be a consulting party or provide public comments for any of the projects listed below please contact us by June 6, 2022. To contact us: send a request to mvanaman@dnr.in.gov, and specify the project(s) for which you are requesting to be a consulting party, and further information for the project(s) you are interested in will be provided.

Fort Wayne: The City of Fort Wayne will receive \$6,631 in grant funds to prepare a nomination to the National Register of Historic Places for the Shawnee Historic District, which includes approximately 135 contributing properties. The neighborhood was mainly built by Wildwood Builders—and the two-woman design team Joel Ninde and Grace Crosby, who were some of the earliest women architects and developers in Indiana. The project will also create a walking tour brochure for the Kensington Boulevard Historic District.

Huntington: The City of Huntington will receive a \$50,000 grant to assist with the rehabilitation of the WPA Water Race in Memorial Park. The stone race channel walls run about 490 linear feet, are approximately 16 inches thick, and range from 3-5 feet in height, while the channel ranges from 8-12 feet in width. The feature is in poor condition, with several places that have collapsed due to hydraulic forces, freeze-thaw cycles, undercutting, and vegetation growth. Engineering plans and specifications will guide cleaning, repointing walls that retain integrity, constructing curbs below undermined walls, reconstructing failed sections of wall with salvaged stone, and removing the concrete lining at the downstream end and replacement with native glacial stone. [Contact: Bryn Keplinger, (260) 356-5146].



Indianapolis: Indiana Medical History Museum will receive a \$38,850 grant for masonry rehabilitation on the Old Pathology Building, which is part of the former Central State Hospital campus. The 1896 Old Pathology Building now houses the Indiana Medical History Museum, which maintains a unique collection of Central State and medical history, including the building itself. The worst areas of mortar loss are evident in the lower wall zone between the limestone foundation and the limestone water table and the two entry locations on the east façade. In addition, the limestone steps at the entrances need to be repaired and stabilized. [Contact: Sarah Halter, (317) 635-7329].

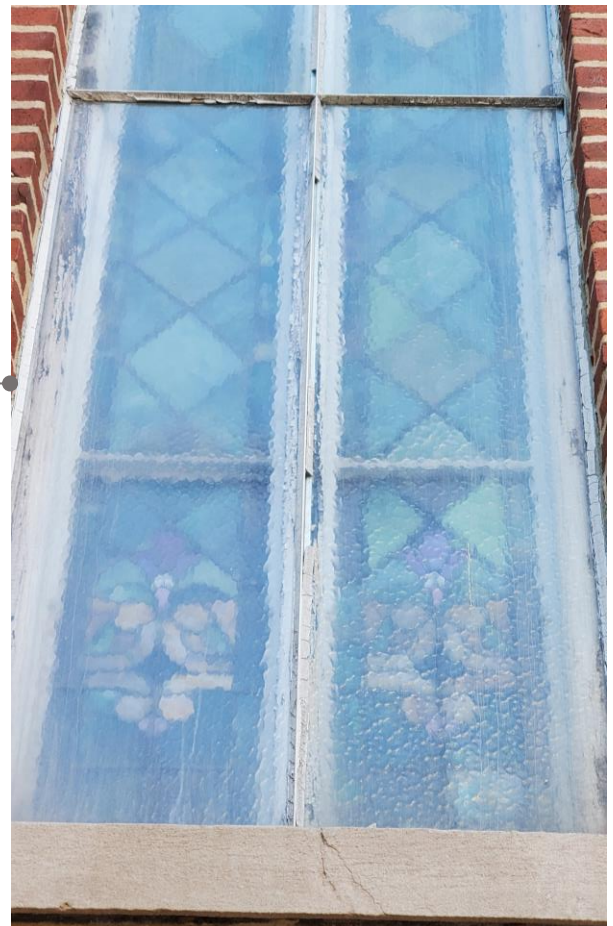


Indianapolis: The McGowan Hall Foundation will receive a \$50,000 grant for urgent masonry rehabilitation and repointing at the McGowan Hall building. The Knights of Columbus established McGowan Hall as a fraternal lodge in 1922 and it is still a center of community events, meetings, theater, concerts, and other programs, including weddings and private parties. It is located in the Old Northside Neighborhood of Indianapolis.



Harrison-Crawford Counties: Ball State University will receive \$49,995 to conduct archaeological surveys at the Harrison-Crawford State Forest. The primary research objective is to further document known cultural resources within the park, identify new cultural resources, and provide data to the Division of Forestry to aid interpretation and resource management planning. Phase Ia survey will be conducted at two survey areas totaling approximately 62 acres situated around three previously recorded Middle Woodland sites.

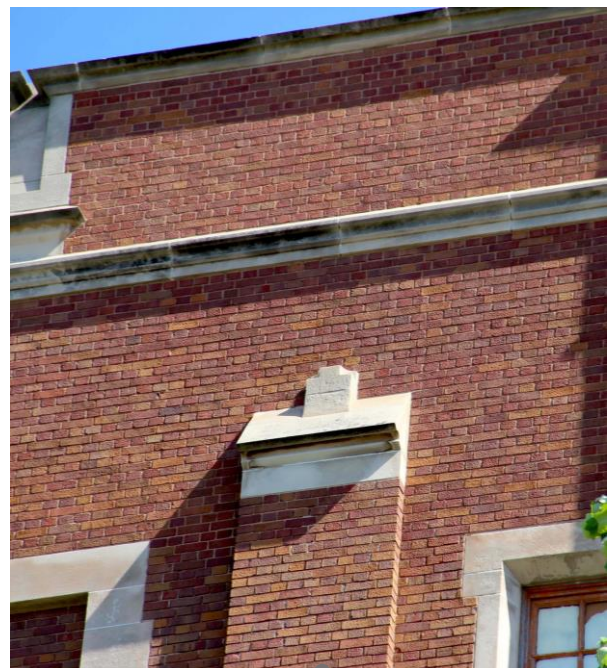
Lafayette: The Trinity United Methodist Church will receive \$30,000 to rehabilitate the stained glass windows on the south elevation of the church. This work will cover 13 of the 36 stained glass windows that exhibit cracks in glass pieces, deflection of metal comes and supports, and deterioration of cement. The exterior protective glazing that was installed in the 1960s has created multiple issues and will be removed and replaced with a new glazing that is more sympathetic and provide better protection. Some windows can be repaired in place. Others must be removed and disassembled to create a new framework. The windows at Trinity include designs by Ms. Edna Browning Ruby who, at the time, was the only women in the country to design, build, and install stained glass.



Lawrence County: Ball State University will receive a \$49,977 grant to conduct archaeological surveys at Spring Mill State Park. The project goal is to develop a more comprehensive understanding of historical activities around the main mill village, document broader settlement history of the village, and fill in gaps of previous research. Specific research objectives are to systematically survey areas around the late pioneer-era Donaldson’s “Shawnee Cottage,” activity areas associated with the mill and habitation outside of the main village, and fully investigate the unsurveyed areas of the main village using reconnaissance and geophysical techniques.

Madison: The City of Madison and the Friends of the Ohio Theatre Inc. will receive a \$40,000 grant to create construction plans and specifications for the rehabilitation of the Ohio Theater. The scope of work for this project includes field investigations of the theater building, preparation of architectural designs for the interior, and preparation of specifications and construction documents. The interior rehabilitation project is part of an estimated budget of about \$4.4 million for the entire building.

Michigan City: The Tryon Farm Institute will receive a \$50,000 grant to assist with the foundation, masonry, and roof rehabilitation of the Tryon Farm Barn. The Tryon farm and homestead is a good example of early Indiana farms that were central to the state’s agricultural past. The large bank barn was built in 1892 for dairy operations. It features a brick foundation and Dutch-lap wood siding with a side-gabled roof covered with corrugated metal. Areas around the foundation have deteriorated where there is frequent moisture accumulation, particularly the north and east basement walls and along the south basement wall. The project will identify and repair leaks and missing fasteners in the roof, and coat it with a sealant to prevent water infiltration. To stabilize the structure, a missing wooden column will be added on the first level, historic windows will be caulked and three modern windows will be replaced with appropriate historic replicas. Deteriorated pieces of siding and fascia will be replaced. Stabilization of the barn will allow the Tryon Farm Institute to have continued use of the resource for programming and educational events.

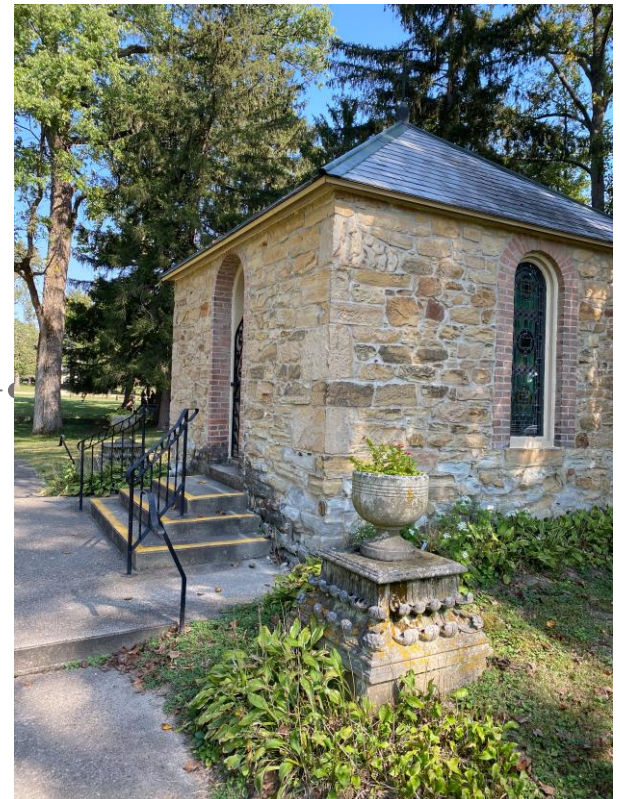


Muncie: The Cornerstone Center for the Arts will receive \$50,000 for masonry rehabilitation on the Muncie Masonic Temple. The six-story Gothic building was completed in 1926 and was the largest Masonic lodge in the state. Brick and limestone masonry on the weather-exposed west side of the building shows brick deterioration, several vertical running cracks, and missing mortar that have contributed to water infiltration and damage to interior plaster finishes. A previous grant assisted with the masonry rehabilitation of the third story section of the west elevation, roughly the upper third of this wall. This project will conduct masonry rehabilitation and repointing on the second floor and second mezzanine levels.

Rushville: The Rush County Community Foundation will receive a \$29,150 grant to rehabilitate the East Hill Cemetery Entry Arch. The historic cemetery was established in 1859 and contains over 14,000 burials. The limestone arch was designed in 1904 by Morrow and Morrow of Muncie, Indiana. The arch has been affected by weather, with the limestone spalling and cracking in various places. Some repair of the mortar was attempted several years ago, but was not done correctly. The project will repair and repoint the masonry and damaged limestone units at the base of the arch, patch spalled, and gently cleaning the limestone of pollution, organic growth, and a previously applied water repellent.



Saint Mary of the Woods: Sisters of Providence will receive a \$13,337 grant to assist with rehabilitation of the St. Anne Shell Chapel, which is located on the campus of the Saint Mary of the Woods College. The original chapel was built by Saint Mother Theodore Guerin and the Sisters of Providence in 1844 in gratitude for Mother Guerin's safe return from France to Indiana in 1843. The original log structure was replaced with a stone building in 1876 and decorated with shells that were collected from the Wabash River and embedded into the interior walls to create the unique alter and décor. The full project will address various needs of the building, including the stained glass window frames, entrance door and wrought iron gate, interior and exterior lighting, the pyramidal slate roof, as well as the foundation stone deterioration.



Steuben County: Purdue University will receive a \$30,390 grant to conduct archaeological surveys at Pokagon State Park. The project goals are to resurvey known several sites within the park to verify that current mapping is accurate; to field survey and identify cultural materials throughout the park; to systematically shovel test and conduct limited geophysical survey of the CCC camp barracks; to provide results to DNR for use in future resource management planning.

Vincennes: The City of Vincennes will receive a \$50,000 grant for the final phase of window rehabilitation of the Police Department, located in a former U.S. Post Office. Two previous grants in 2016 and 2020 assisted with repair and repainting of the large multi-light windows on the first and second floors, including installation of appropriate wood windows to replace a small number of failing vinyl replacement units. This project covers repair and repainting of all basement windows, as well as scraping, sanding, and repainting the protective metal grates.



Wabash: Wabash Presbyterian Church will receive a \$50,000 grant to replace the roof of the church, which is failing and missing shingles, and repair or replace the gutters and downspouts. The project will also undertake rehabilitation of the steeple to repair wood trim and replace the deteriorated louvers, and repair and repaint wood trim on the eaves, soffits, and wood window frames and trim. The 1880 Gothic Revival Church is a contributing resource in the West Wabash Historic District. Wabash was named a Stellar Community in 2014 and ongoing investment in the downtown aims to leverage existing assets as part of the continued growth and sustainability of the area.

