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**\$3 MILLION IN GRANTS AWARDED TO 200 MUSEUMS,
HISTORICAL GROUPS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS**

Harrisburg, PA –As part of the Governor Edward G. Rendell’s commitment to creating a first-rate public education system, the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission today announced the award of more than \$3 million in grants to more than 200 museums, historical organizations and local governments statewide.

“In an era of increasingly visual and participatory learning, museums and historical organizations offer experiences that will change the lives of the next generation,” said Barbara Franco, executive director of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission. “Making sure that Pennsylvania’s historical and cultural institutions continue to be supported through public funding and private philanthropy has never been more important.”

PHMC, the official history agency of the commonwealth, was created in 1945 to assist non-profit organizations and local governments with the collection, conservation, and interpretation of Pennsylvania’s heritage. The grant awards represent support for eligible organizations in the following areas:

- 1) General operating support for museums and county historical societies;
- 2) History and museum project grants in the following categories:
 - a. Archives and records management;
 - b. Collections management;
 - c. Educational, local, and public history;
 - d. Historic preservation; and
 - e. Organizational development.

In the “general operating support” category, \$2.6 million in grants were approved for 118 museums and

historic organizations and 50 official county historical societies. General operating support grants help eligible organizations with basic costs associated with general operating expenses.

In the “history and museum project” category, \$600,000 for 73 projects were authorized, including 25 archives and records management grants; 20 education, public and local history grants, 15 museum related grants for collections management and organizational development; and 13 historic preservation grants.

PHMC grants are a valuable tool to help museums, historical organizations and local governments in their efforts to initiate, encourage and support the preservation and public access to Pennsylvania’s heritage.

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EDITOR’S NOTE: Following is a list of recipients by county, grant amount and type of grant.

History and Museum Project Grants

Allegheny

August Wilson Center for African American Culture, local history, \$12,500

Mattress Factory, museum project, \$12,500

Municipality of Mt. Lebanon, historic preservation, \$7,500

Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County, historic preservation, \$11,500

Young Preservationists Association of Pittsburgh, local history, \$2,732

Berks

American Museum of Veterinary Medicine, local history, \$12,500

Blair

Blair County Commissioners, local history, \$5,000

Juniata Valley Audubon Society, historic preservation, \$12,000

Bradford

Bradford Co. Commissioners Veterans History Project, local history, \$5,000

Bucks

Bucks County Historical Society, museum project, \$12,500

Bucks County Register of Wills, archives and records management, \$12,500

Children’s Cultural Center of Bucks County, local history, \$5,000

Cambria

Johnstown Area Heritage Association, museum project, \$12,500

Centre

Pennsylvania State University Center for American Heritage Studies, local history, \$5,000

PSU Library Cataloguing Services Office of Sponsored Programs, archives and records management, \$12,500

Rock Hill School at Linden Hall, historic preservation, \$5,000

Chester

Chester County Historical Society, archives and records management, \$6,712

Chester County Historical Society, archives and records management, \$4,950

Green Valleys Association of Southeastern Pennsylvania Inc., historic preservation, \$5,000

Lincoln University Langston Hughes Memorial Library, archives and records management, \$12,500

Clinton

Clinton County Commissioners GIS Department, archives and records management, \$5,000

Clinton County Historical Society, museum project, \$3,516

Cumberland

Cumberland County Commissioners Information and Technology, archives and records management, \$4,586

Dickinson College Waidner-Spahr Library, archives and records management, \$4,993

Dauphin

Friends of Fort Hunter, historic preservation, \$5,000

Historical Society of Dauphin County, museum project, \$12,500

Erie

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, local history, \$12,500

Erie County Historical Society, museum project, \$4,692

Franklin

Franklin County Commissioners County Archives, archives and records management, \$12,500

Huntingdon

Huntingdon County Historical Society, archives and records management, \$4,829

Huntingdon County Historical Society, local history, \$5,000

Indiana

Saltsburg Area Historical Society, local history, \$4,000

Lackawanna

Everhart Museum of Natural History, Science and Art, historic preservation, \$12,500

Lackawanna Historical Society, local history, \$12,500

Lancaster

Borough of Mount Joy, historic preservation, \$5,000

Historical Society of the Cocalico Valley, museum project, \$5,000

Lancaster County Commissioners Records Management Department, archives and records management, \$1,800

Lancaster County Historical Society, local history, \$12,500

North Museum of Natural History and Science, museum project, \$12,500

Lycoming

Lycoming County Historical Society, local history, \$7,820

Monroe

Monroe County Assessment Office, archives and records management, \$12,500

Middle Smithfield Township Supervisors, local history, \$5,000

Montgomery

Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, local history, \$12,500

Township of Lower Merion, historic preservation, \$5,783

Northampton

Historic Bethlehem Partnership Curatorial Department, local history, \$2,500

Illick's Mill Partnership for Environmental Education, historic preservation, \$5,000

Philadelphia

Academy of Natural Sciences, museum project, \$12,500

Athenaeum of Philadelphia, archives and records management, \$12,500

Christ Church Preservation Trust, archives and records management, \$6,407

City of Philadelphia Department of Records, archives and records management, \$12,500

Conservation Center for Art and Historic Artifacts, museum project, \$12,500

Fairmount Park Commission, archives and records management, \$12,500

Friends of Laurel Hill Cemetery, local history, \$12,500

Friends of the Japanese House and Garden, museum project, \$12,500

German Society of Pennsylvania, archives and records management, \$4,575

Grand Army of the Republic Civil War Museum and Library, archives and records management, \$4,915
Historic St. Peter's Church Preservation Corp., archives and records management, \$5,000
Historical Society of Frankford, archives and records management, \$4,800
Independence Seaport Museum, museum project, \$12,500
Library Company of Philadelphia, museum project, \$12,500
Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia, local history, \$12,500
Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania, museum project, \$12,500
Pennsylvania Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania Health System, archives and records management, \$5,000
Philadelphia Folklore Project, archives and records management, \$12,500
Philadelphia Jewish Archives Center, local history, \$12,500
Preservation Alliance for Greater Philadelphia, historic preservation, \$12,500
Wagner Free Institute of Science, museum project, \$12,500

Pike

Wallenpaupack Historical Society, archives and records management, \$2,500

Somerset

Laurel Arts, local history, \$4,949

Venango

Oil Region Alliance of Business, Industry & Tourism-Heritage Development, historic preservation, \$12,500

Warren

Warren County Historical Society, archives and records management, \$4,999

Warren County Historical Society, historic preservation, \$5,000

York

York Hospital, archives and records management, \$1,160

General Operating Support Grants

Organization Name, Amount

Allegheny

Children's Museum of Pittsburgh, \$36,750

Frick Art & Historical Center, \$36,750

Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania, \$36,750
National Aviary in Pittsburgh Inc., \$36,750
Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens, \$21,640
Pittsburgh Zoo & PPG Aquarium, \$36,750
Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall and Museum Trust Inc., \$34,300
Steel Industry Heritage Corporation, \$13,578

Bedford

Old Bedford Village, \$12,383

Berks

American Museum of Veterinary Medicine, \$5,250
Foundation for Reading Public Museum, \$36,750
Hawk Mountain Sanctuary, \$24,378
Historical Society of Berks County, \$14,500

Blair

Railroader's Heritage Corporation, \$27,082

Bucks

Bucks County Audubon Society, \$9,860
Bucks County Department of Parks and Recreation, \$5,250
Pearl S. Buck International House and Historic Site, \$13,825
Trustees of the Mercer Fonthill Trust Fonthill Museum, \$9,180

Cambria

Johnstown Area Heritage Association, \$36,750

Chester

Chester County Historical Society, \$36,750
Graystone Society Inc., \$9,943
Green Valleys Association of Southeastern PA, \$5,250
Historic Yellow Springs Inc., \$25,916
Mill at Anselma Preservation and Educational Trust, \$5,250
Wharton Esherick Museum, \$6,800.00

Clinton

Piper Aviation Museum Foundation, \$6,290

Columbia

Children's Museum Inc., \$5,250

Cumberland

Cumberland County Historical Society, \$18,995

Dauphin

AACA Museum Inc., \$35,770

M.S. Hershey Foundation – Gardens, \$33,297

M.S. Hershey Foundation – Museum, \$29,007

National Civil War Museum, \$29,400

Delaware

Chadds Ford Historical Society, \$5,984

Colonial Pennsylvania Plantation, \$5,916

John J. Tyler Arboretum, \$31,360

Nicholas Newlin Foundation Newlin Grist Mill, \$13,891

Swarthmore College Scott Arboretum, \$24,500

Erie

Erie County Historical Society, \$13,551

Erie Zoological Society, \$36,750

ExpERIEnce Children's Museum, \$9,268

Goodell Gardens & Homestead, \$6,120

Millcreek Township School District Asbury Woods Nature Center, \$13,079

Fayette

Western Pennsylvania Conservancy, \$36,750

Franklin

Renfrew Committee Inc., \$5,950

Huntingdon

Isett Acres Museum Foundation, \$10,150

Lancaster

Demuth Foundation, \$8,500.00
Hands-on House, Children's Museum of Lancaster, \$20,891
Heritage Center of Lancaster County, \$25,454
James Buchanan Foundation, \$9,026
Lancaster County Historical Society, \$30,221
National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors, \$19,430
North Museum of Natural History and Science, \$22,065
Rock Ford Foundation, \$5,270

Lebanon

Historic Schaefferstown Inc., \$5,250

Lehigh

County of Lehigh - Parks & Recreation, \$36,750
Da Vinci Discovery Center of Science and Technology, \$32,526
Lehigh County Historical Society, \$21,142
Lehigh Valley Zoological Society Development Department, \$36,750

Lycoming

Little League Baseball and Softball Inc., \$7,478

McKean

Eldred World War II Museums \$9,180

Monroe

Quiet Valley Living Historical Farm, \$10,150

Montgomery

Barnes Foundation, \$36,750
Friends of Briar Bush Nature Center, \$8,609
Mennonite Historians of Eastern Pennsylvania, \$10,440
National Audubon Society Inc \$11,310
Norristown Zoological Society, museums \$36,750
Riverbend Environmental Education Center, \$16,820
Schwenkfelder Library and Heritage Center, \$11,002
Welsh Valley Preservation Society, \$5,250

Northampton

Historic Bethlehem Partnership Museum and Educational Services, \$32,190

Hugh Moore National Canal Museum, \$36,750

Jacobsburg Historical Society, \$6,528

Moravian Historical Society, \$6,188

Philadelphia

American Philosophical Society Museum, \$15,950

American Swedish Historical, \$19,140

American Women's Heritage Society, \$5,250

Atwater Kent Museum of Philadelphia, \$24,500

Awbury Arboretum Association, \$7,250

Christ Church Preservation Trust, \$12,963

Civil War and Underground Railroad Museum of Philadelphia, \$10,500

Cliveden of the National Trust Inc., \$11,600

Eastern State Penitentiary Historic Site Inc., \$24,500

Ebenezer Maxwell Mansion, \$5,250

Elfreth's Alley Association, \$6,387

Fort Mifflin on the Delaware, \$6,086

Friends of Historic RittenhouseTown Inc., \$5,993.

Friends of Laurel Hill Cemetery, \$8,500

Friends of the Japanese House and Garden, \$8,534

Germantown Historical Society, \$5,250

Glen Foerd Conservation Corporation, \$5,763

Historic Philadelphia, Inc. American Flag House and Betsy Ross, \$26,245

Independence Seaport Museum, \$30,625

John Bartram Association Bartram's Garden, \$21,750

Johnson House Historic Site Inc., \$5,250

Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania, \$10,290

National Constitution Center, \$36,750

National Liberty Museum, \$36,750

National Museum of American Jewish History, \$36,750

National Society of Colonial Dames of America/PA, \$7,166

Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts, \$36,750

Philadelphia Fire Department Historical Corporation Fireman's Hall, \$5,486

Philadelphia Folklore Project, \$8,700

Philadelphia Sketch Club, \$5,250

Philadelphia Society for the Preservation of Landmarks, \$36,750

Please Touch Museum, \$36,750

Rosenbach Museum and Library, \$36,750

Schuylkill Center for Environmental Education, \$27,935

Trustees of the University of PA Morris Arboretum, \$36,750

Wagner Free Institute of Science, \$25,196

Wood Turning Center, \$9,425

Wyck Association, \$5,250

Zoological Society of Philadelphia, \$36,750

Union

Fetherston Foundation, \$5,250

Washington

Pennsylvania Trolley Museum Inc., \$13,442

Westmoreland

Fort Ligonier Association, \$31,725

Ligonier Valley Historical Society, \$5,250

Westmoreland-Fayette Historical Society West Overton Museum, \$5,250

York

York County Heritage Trust, \$27,960

Official County Historical Society Grants

Organization Name Category Amount

Adams

Adams County Historical Society, \$10,000

Armstrong

Armstrong County Historical Museum and Genealogical Society, \$4,000

Beaver

Beaver County Historical Research & Landmarks Foundation, \$10,000

Bedford

Bedford County Historical Society GOS - Historical Societies \$3,000

Blair

Blair County Historical Society, \$2,500

Bradford

Bradford County Historical Society, \$10,000

Bucks

Bucks County Historical Society, \$10,000

Butler

Butler County Historical Society, \$10,000

Cambria

Cambria County Historical Society, \$10,000

Cameron

Cameron County Historical Society, \$1,000

Centre

Centre County Historical Society, \$6,000

Clearfield

Clearfield County Historical Society, \$500.

Clinton

Clinton County Historical Society, \$10,000

Crawford

Crawford County Historical Society, \$10,000

Dauphin

Historical Society of Dauphin County, \$10,000

Delaware

Delaware County Historical Society, \$10,000

Elk

Elk County Historical Society, \$6,000

Forest

Forest County Historical Society, \$1,500

Franklin

Franklin County Historical Society-Kittochtinny, \$10,000

Greene

Greene County Historical Society, \$10,000

Huntingdon

Huntingdon County Historical Society, \$9,500

Indiana

Historical and Genealogical Society of Indiana County, \$10,000

Jefferson

Jefferson County Historical Society Inc., \$10,000

Juniata

Juniata County Historical Society, \$3,000

Lackawanna

Lackawanna Historical Society, \$10,000

Lawrence

Lawrence County Historical Society, \$10,000

Lebanon

Lebanon County Historical Society, \$10,000

Luzerne

Wyoming Historical & Geological Society, \$10,000

Lycoming

Lycoming County Historical Society, \$10,000

McKean

McKean County Historical Society, \$10,000

Mercer

Mercer County Historical Society, \$10,000

Mifflin

Mifflin County Historical Society, \$5,000

Monroe

Monroe County Historical Association, \$10,000

Montgomery

Historical Society of Montgomery County, \$10,000

Northampton

Northampton County Historical and Genealogical Society, GOS - \$10,000

Northumberland

Northumberland County Historical Society Inc., \$1,500

Philadelphia

Historical Society of Pennsylvania, \$10,000

Pike

Pike County Historical Society, \$10,000

Schuylkill

Historical Society of Schuylkill County, \$9,000

Somerset

Historical and Genealogical Society of Somerset County, \$7,500

Sullivan

Sullivan County Historical Society, \$8,000

Susquehanna

Susquehanna County Historical Society and Free Library, \$10,000

Tioga

Tioga County Historical Society, \$10,000

Union

Union County Historical Society, \$10,000

Venango

Venango County Historical Society, \$2,000

Warren

Warren County Historical Society, \$10,000

Washington

Washington County Historical Society, \$10,000

Wayne

Wayne County Historical Society, \$10,000

Westmoreland

Westmoreland County Historical Society, \$10,000

Wyoming

Wyoming County Historical Society \$10,000