



2010 Preserve America Grants

Round 1

(By State)

Arkansas

Preserve America Community Program for Arkansas

Arkansas State Historic Preservation Office

\$100,000

This grant award will support the State Historic Preservation Office's newly established Preserve America Community Agent. The state has embarked on an ambitious one-year work plan to develop the Preserve America program at the state level through training, coordination, and community-building with the goal of increasing the number of Preserve America communities in Arkansas and supporting their preservation and heritage tourism efforts, leading to increased statewide economic development.

Branding the City of North Little Rock National Register Historic Riverfront and Historic Sites

North Little Rock, AR

\$69,220

The City of North Little Rock plans to establish its unique identity through a strategic plan that focuses on both individually listed properties, through materials that identify and interpret significant places, and the City's historic riverfront, through the development of signage that directs visitors to and educates them about historic sites.

California

Asian Pacific Islander Neighborhoods Cultural Heritage and Hospitality Education and Training

City of Los Angeles' Preserve America Neighborhoods: Chinatown, Little Tokyo and Thai Town

\$250,000

This project aims to build cultural identity and understanding within various Asian-Pacific Islander neighborhoods in Los Angeles and to reach out to the greater community through the provision of training materials and programs in historic preservation, cultural tourism, and hospitality services. The project includes a critical assessment of historic and cultural resources, development of hospitality training materials, training materials for communities to become self-sustaining heritage centers, and provides historic preservation professional development opportunities for community residents.

Colorado

Promoting Mesa Verde Country, Past and Present

Montezuma County, CO

\$89,822

Mesa Verde Country and Crow Canyon Archaeological Center will collaborate on a promotional project intended to increase visitation to Mesa Verde Country, introducing local residents and tourists to the archeological resources located in Montezuma County and educating them about past and present Pueblo Indian culture. The project will include the development and enhancement of electronic and print media and through participation in Mesa Verde Country and Crow Canyon's programs and events.

Regional Wayfinding and Interpretation for Southeast Colorado

Otero County, CO

\$40,000

This project will link and promote a variety of historic assets found in the southeast region of Colorado. Materials to be developed will include a guidebook to heritage sites, maps, a regional heritage website, all of which will increase awareness of the assets ranging from a Japanese Internment Camp, the Santa Fe Trail, local museums, and State and National historic sites.

Promote and Research “Historic Lake City”

Lake City, CO

\$20,350

Preserve America funding will be used to promote tourism in historic Lake City. These projects will provide increased online presence for Historic Lake City; development of interpretive displays for placement throughout the area; increased regional, statewide, and national media cultivation; collection of audio and video histories; and an annual History Month that coincides with the town’s birthday.

Connecticut

Downtown New Britain Wayfinding and Pedestrian Linkages Program

New Britain, CT

\$110,000

The City of New Britain will develop a Downtown Signage Program to increase appreciation and utilization of the historic buildings and parks built when the city was becoming the Hardware Capitol of the World. The creation of a pedestrian friendly environment including wayfinding signs and the support of mixed-use development will encourage cultural activities and aid in the enforcement of historic preservation regulations within the area.

Florida

Interpreting Miami’s Vizcaya Museum and Gardens

Miami, FL

\$50,000

The City of Miami will produce a multilingual audio tour of the Vizcaya Museum and Gardens. It will feature 90 minutes of content in English, Spanish, and Portuguese using archival research and interviews with experts and community members on Miami’s premier historic site.

Master Plan for Historic Sunken Gardens

St. Petersburg, FL

\$25,000

This grant award will support the development of a comprehensive master plan for Sunken Gardens, a four-acre botanical garden established in 1903 located in St. Petersburg’s Fourth Street Business District. The master plan will include both the preservation of the gardens and educational programming.

Illinois

Preserving and Promoting Illinois’ Oldest Town

Palestine, IL

\$54,488

This project will aid in the creation of a strategic heritage tourism plan for the Village of Palestine. The plan will provide direction for the promotion of the town’s historic properties, heritage events, and local businesses, and will consequently strengthen visitor experience to the area. A collaborative promotional strategy will encourage the utilization of visitor resources to a greater extent and increase market reach.

Indiana

Inventory and Promotion of Indiana's Prehistoric Mounds and Earthworks

Indiana State Historic Preservation Office

\$180,454

The Indiana State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) recognizes that prehistoric mounds and other types of earthworks are highly threatened and irreplaceable archeological resources. In partnership with archeologists at several of the state's universities, the SHPO will create a comprehensive inventory of Indiana's prehistoric mounds and earthworks, develop a narrative report of findings and recommendations, and establish a webpage to educate the public.

Maine

City of Bath Historical Markers Project

Bath, ME

\$30,000

The City of Bath will create a series of interpretative signs around the city and a walking tour brochure that notes the location of historic sites and interprets the city's history. Sites included will highlight architectural treasures, and relay stories of notable persons and events of the city's 400-year history.

Maryland

Improving Public Access to Maryland's Inventory of Historic Properties

Maryland State Historic Preservation Office

\$78,761

With this grant award, the Maryland State Historic Preservation Office will provide Internet access to the Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties, which includes data and documentation on more than 12,000 archeological sites and 80,000 historic and architectural resources. This will aid in educating the public about the historic resources in their communities and help preservationists utilize historic property information to support resource protection and heritage tourism development.

County Archeology Collections Exhibit Pilot Project

Maryland State Historic Preservation Office

\$27,623

This project supports a pilot state-county partnership to develop publicly accessible exhibits of archeological materials currently housed at the Maryland Archaeological Conservation Laboratory (MAC Lab). Exhibits will be developed in two counties with the assistance of local partners and accompanied by related lectures and workshop programs, to be followed by an evaluation period to determine future application of similar programs throughout the state. Results include conservation of cultural collections, technical assistance to local communities for historic preservation efforts, and heritage education.

Civil War Podcast Driving Tour

Rockville, MD

\$20,000

With this grant award the City of Rockville will produce a driving tour Podcast of the Civil War activities that took place in Montgomery County, in concert with the sesquicentennial commemoration of the Civil War. The product will enable locals and visitors to take self-guided tours of the county to understand the important role the county played in the Civil War.

Nebraska

Brownville Walking Tour: Markers, Gateway Signs, Brochure and DVD

Brownville, NE

\$20,000

The Village of Brownville will develop a walking tour brochure and map that guides visitors through the Village's historic district and highlights points of historic interest, marked by wayfinding signs. Funds will also be used to develop a DVD that provides visitors with a summation of the town's history that will run in the Village's Visitor Center, Museum, and Historical Society office.

New York

Heritage Tourism in Cold Spring New York

Putnam County, NY

\$82,125

This grant project will be used to create museum exhibits, an interactive historic website, and collateral education programs that highlight the area's important role as the industrial center for West Point. Exhibits will also highlight steamship travel along the Hudson River, and the artistic development of the area promoted by 18th century author George Pope Morris.

Promoting a City's Rich History: Downtown Syracuse

Syracuse, NY

\$150,000

The City of Syracuse plans to implement a strategic promotional program designed to encourage tourism, patronage, and commerce in its historic downtown. The project will promote the downtown as a cultural destination, provide event, visitation, patronage, and visitor guidance, and facilitate the redevelopment, use, and occupancy of historic buildings. Products will include several walking tour brochures and maps, three historic downtown neighborhood brochures, maps of downtown business and their locations within historic districts, an enhanced visitor website, an expanded promotional campaign for the city, and planning assistance for downtown commercial property owners.

Ohio

Shawnee As a Destination: Priority Property Asset Plan

Shawnee, OH

\$100,000

The Village of Shawnee, which serves as a gateway to the Little Cities of Black Diamonds region and the Wayne National Forest, will identify the most vulnerable properties of its Main Street Historic district and plan for their restoration and reuse. Funds will also be used to designing a streetscape for this downtown historic district, in an effort to spur tourism-based economic development.

Pennsylvania

Simon Silk Mill Complex Revitalization Planning Project

Easton, PA

\$150,000

The City of Easton will conduct a historic site and conditions assessment and adaptive use plan of the nineteen remaining buildings of the 19th-century Simon Silk Mill Complex, one of the largest and most advanced such facilities of its time. The goal will be to create a cultural destination that utilizes these important historic structures.

Prelude to Gettysburg – Pennsylvania Past Players Living History Project

Harrisburg, PA

\$150,000

Preserve America funding will contribute to the completion of phase three development and implementation of the living history project entitled "The Pennsylvania Past Players," as part of the promotional strategy for Pennsylvania's Civil War and Underground Railroad trails. Phase three of the project launches a passport program linking 25 heritage sites with complimentary lodging and hospitality services, develops a component for the exploration of sites associated with people of historic significance, develops a series of travel itineraries, initiates a docent training curriculum for high school juniors and seniors, and utilizes previously filmed Preserve America television episodes for development of new cultural web-based products.

Cynwyd Heritage Trail – Interpretive Signage and Materials

Lower Merion Township, PA

\$20,000

This project will install interpretive signage along the Cynwyd Heritage Trail, a two-mile-long paved recreational trail linking numerous historic resources along a former rail corridor in Lower Merion Township. Funds will also be used to create supporting print and web-based materials that will help trail users understand and appreciate the rich railroad heritage of the area.

Lancaster County Historic Resource Inventory: Phase 1

Lancaster County, PA

\$65,150

Preserve America funding will be used to survey Lancaster County's tangible historic resources, targeting 14 historic boroughs. This collection of information will serve as a basis to implement *Heritage*, Lancaster County's Cultural Heritage Element of the County Comprehensive Plan.

South Dakota

South Dakota Cultural Resources Online GIS and Digitization Project

South Dakota State Historic Preservation Office

\$122,225

This grant will be used to develop an online cultural resources GIS application and digitize approximately 16,000 images of historic buildings in the State Archives collection. This will make the South Dakota historic sites inventory available to online users and provide materials to promote heritage tourism in South Dakota to local organizations, helping to meet the 2010 Initiative for State tourism development. Communities will also receive DVDs of their community-specific resources.

Texas

Re-Encuentro: Seeing El Paso Through New Eyes

El Paso, TX

\$21,380

The El Paso History Museum will partner with the City's Library, Historic Preservation Office, and local universities, colleges, and schools to provide middle and high school students with knowledge of the area's rich architectural history. Students will research and document properties with architectural significance and prepare their findings for future historic designation.

Washington

Port Townsend Wayfinding and Heritage Marker Project

Port Townsend, WA

\$200,000

The City of Port Townsend will design and implement a comprehensive wayfinding sign and marker program that will guide visitors to important destinations and amenities throughout the town, creating a theme that unifies the City's disparate historic, scenic, and cultural assets and attracts heritage tourism. This project will define Port Townsend as a maritime and arts community, and provide easier access to the different visitor districts and historic properties through the use of signage, maps and information kiosks, and historic markers. The wayfinding program will create unique markers for each historic district and easier to understand directional signage to and between visitor sites.

Stevens County Crossroads on the Columbia Digital Archive

Stevens County, WA

\$86,850

This grant award will allow Stevens County to digitize historic documents, pictures, and artifacts that are currently spread across museums, public, and private collections, assembling and indexing them on a website so that they are easily accessed by preservationists and the public.

Inventory, Evaluation and Documentation of Maritime Heritage Sites in Washington

Washington State Historic Preservation Office

\$150,000

The Washington State Historic Preservation Office will initiate inventory and documentation of the state's historic and diverse maritime resources, from Native American canoes to modern trade and naval defense, and invest in the development of heritage tourism around the region's waterways. The SHPO's goal is to generate a proposal for the nation's first National Heritage Area to focus exclusively on maritime history.

Wisconsin

De Pere Lockkeeper’s House Feasibility Study and Historic Structure Report

De Pere, WI

\$35,000

This grant award will allow the City of De Pere to examine the De Pere Lockkeeper’s House, a contributing structure to the De Pere Lock and Dam Historic District that is significant to Wisconsin’s maritime history. Funds will produce a Historic Structure Report and a Feasibility Study to determine the best future use for the property. The City intends for it to serve as a heritage tourism attraction whose rehabilitation will be used as a model for similar structures along the Fox River.

A Walk in the Footsteps of Our Elders Project

Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians Tribal Historic Preservation Office

\$142,680

The Lac du Flambeau Band of Chippewa Indians plans to promote and enhance heritage tourism through the interpretation of the Bureau of Indian Affairs’ Government Boarding School Complex, located in the heart of the Lac du Flambeau reservation. The development of these interpretive materials will involve and engage tribal youth, instilling in them a preservation ethic. This project implements an interpretive plan commissioned by the Tribe in 2008, as part of a long-term management plan for the preservation and interpretation of the BIA Government Boarding School Complex. This project will highlight the Boy's Dormitory which is undergoing restoration as part of a recent Save America's Treasures grant.

Heritage Tourism Community Training and Support Initiative

Wisconsin State Historic Preservation Office

\$250,000

With this grant award, the Wisconsin State Historic Preservation Office will support and encourage heritage tourism in the state by developing training materials for property owners and community preservationists. Materials will provide instructions for best historic preservation practices and effective means for promoting historic properties to generate local economic development and heritage tourism.