



**Spring 2024 Grant Awardees in
Alphabetical Order Buckeye Grants 6/11/2024**

| Organization | Project | Community | Amount | Description |
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| Cincinnati Art Museum | Ohio Originals at Cincinnati Art Museum – Charley Harper and Nancy Rexroth | Cincinnati | \$25,000 | In Fall 2026, the Cincinnati Art Museum will mount major exhibitions illuminating the achievements and significance of two nationally important Ohio artists: photographer Nancy Rexroth (b. 1946) and illustrator Charley Harper (1922-2007). These concurrent exhibitions anchor the museum's Fall 2026 focus on Ohio artists. Specifically, CAM requests AM250-OH support for these project activities: (a) Production of Rexroth multimedia didactics (b) Printing for exhibition of works by Nancy Rexroth (c) The Rexroth Project Assistantship. |
| Corporation for Findlay Market | Historic Market Buildings Plaques and Tours | Cincinnati | \$15,000 | The Corporation for Findlay Market (CFFM) is seeking funds to create and install 31 commemorative plaques. These plaques would summarize the buildings' historical significance and share the stories of individuals who immigrated from all over the world to make Ohio their home. CFFM would host a special public unveiling event, QR codes for the Cincinnati Sites & Stories self-guided tour, along with maps and additional historical building information, will be housed on the Findlay Market website. |
| Experiencing Veterans & Artists Collaboration (EVAC Project Book | | Perrysburg, OH | \$6,000 | This proposal seeks to fund a digital catalog and book of EVAC Project interviews and artwork to celebrate the Ohio veterans and artists. Using storytelling and art, the EVAC Project bridges the gap between civilians and veterans by educating the public about life in the military. |
| Fort Recovery Historical Society | Sharing a "New View" of Ohio's Northwest Indian War Legacy | Mercer County | \$25,000 | "Sharing a 'New View' of Ohio's Northwest Indian War Legacy" is a proposal to reformat an NEH-funded exhibit to fit on 23 retractable panels. Fort Recovery Historical Society would like to print two sets of the panels: One to stay at Fort Recovery, and one to travel the state. |
| Friends of the Hartman Rock Garden | Hartman Rock Garden Audio Tour | Springfield | \$10,000 | The Hartman Rock Garden is plans to transform the visitor experience at our artist-built environment with the creation of an audio tour focused on ten of Ben Hartman's most important Depression-era art relating to American History. |

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| Friends of the St. Marys Theater | From Auglaize County to Hollywood – A Celebration of two Early 20 th Century Artists | Auglaize County | \$7,500 | From Auglaize County to Hollywood: A Celebration of Two Early 20th Century Artists is a weekend event at the St. Marys Theater honoring the literary and cinematic contributions of William K. Howard and Jim Tully. Our program will consist of an educational and entertainment filled weekend involving a silent movie with organ accompaniment provided by a world-renowned musician, re-enacting a world premiere that was held at the St. Marys Theater in February of 1939, lectures, scholar performers portraying the life of Jim Tully and visual exhibits of illustrating Auglaize County life during the Howard and Tully's life here and in Hollywood. |
| Friends of White Water Shaker Village, Inc. | Simply Shaker – Preserving and Sharing the Shaker Story of Southwest Ohio | Harrison | \$5,000 | The project will create an exhibit about Shaker culture through historical photographs, text, and timelines in an engaging, informative permanent exhibit in the 1832 Shaker Dwelling by sharing the intriguing lifestyle, architecture, contributions, and historical events of the last remaining Ohio Shaker community, White Water Shaker Village. |
| Fulton County Visitors Bureau | 250 Experiences on the NW Ohio Yellowstone Trail & US 250-OH | Wauseon, OH | \$5,000 | The National Yellowstone trail was established in South Dakota in 1912 and eventually stretched from Puget Sound to Plymouth Rock. The Yellowstone Trail reached Ohio in 1916. Travelers will discover 250 fun places to stop and visit along the way from Hicksville, OH to Sandusky County, OH, including historic sites and museums, art venues, natural features and landscapes, local food, hospitality, merchandise, lodging, events and more. |
| Ingenuity Cleveland | Celebrating Jazz Heritage in East Cleveland | Cleveland | \$5,000 | Celebrating Jazz Heritage in East Cleveland is a multifaceted community engagement initiative which will result in the creation of a new collaboratively-visioned and created mural celebrating local East Cleveland heroes with connections to the neighborhood's rich history surrounding jazz music. |
| Leadership Ohio | Join In – Uniting Communities in Ohio | Franklin County | \$35,000 | To counter the declared "epidemic of isolation and loneliness" in the US while working towards a more united Ohio, Leadership Ohio (LO) will show seven screenings of the new documentary Join or Die across all five regions of the state. The film highlights the importance of civic associations or "clubs" for creating community and strengthening democracy and is based on the research of Ohioan Robert Putnam. Working with partners, this project will touch Ohioans in 44 counties. Attendees will discuss the film's themes and gain information about local clubs to join. LO, with expert historians, will create the Join In: Community Toolkit, which will highlight Ohio's rich club history, share stories of past Ohioans who started clubs, and help current Ohioans start or join clubs all with the goals of highlighting points of pride and unity for our state's residents. |

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| Mac-A-Cheek Foundation for the Humanities | From Mekoche to Mac-A-Cheek – Identity and Place | Logan County, OH | \$20,000 | This grant will fund a statewide campaign promoting a multi-faceted exploration of Ohio history. In consultation with Chief Glenna Wallace, Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma and Chief Benjamin Barnes, Shawnee Tribe, the site will be a place for visitors to consider the meaning of identity for the Mekoche division of Shawnee living here in the 1700s and these tribes' story of resilience. Recent research will be integrated into exhibits, tours, a children's book, workshops, and free events. |
| McKinley Presidential Library & Museum | Black History Exhibition | Canton | \$5,000 | This grant will be used towards the creation of an exhibition to share the rich history of Stark County's Black community. The grant will fund the salary of the exhibition curator, the materials needed to create it, and the publicity for a series of Archive Days to better connect with the members of the Black community who have artifacts, archival materials, and stories to share. |
| Miami University – Richard and Carole Cocks | Culture Crops Photography Project | Oxford, OH | \$12,500 | This project engages fine arts photographer Tina Gutierrez to conduct site visits to create photographic portraits that serve as a celebration of Ohio's history and diversity of food growing communities. Culture Crops includes stories of Indigenous, immigrant, and local community and family farmers, and the history of the food they produce. The project raises awareness of the depth and breadth of Ohio residents and the land they cultivate across SW Ohio and beyond. The resulting series of photographic portraits and selected video interviews tell the stories of these present-day Ohioans, their experiences of food growing, and the history of food growing and farming traditions. |
| Middletown Arts Center | OhioReflections250 – Reflecting on Ohio's Past to Illuminate our Future | Butler County | \$20,000 | The OhioReflections250 Project (OR250 Project) is a collaborative endeavor illuminating Ohio's rich history through the captivating lens of glass artistry. Led by the Middletown Arts Center (MAC) and the vision of master glass artist Darren Goodman, this ambitious project brings together community stakeholders, historians, educators, artists, and regional organizations to showcase Ohio's profound impact on local, state, and national levels. By intertwining art and history, the OR250 Project seeks to foster a deeper understanding of Ohio's past, celebrate its present achievements, and inspire a shared vision for the future. |
| National First Ladies Library | American Icons – The Untold Stories of Ohio's First Ladies | Canton | \$37,500 | "American Icons: The Untold Stories of Ohio's First Ladies" aims to provide an interactive traveling exhibit focused on the untold and inspirational stories of how Ohio's eight First Ladies have impacted our nation over the past 250 years. The exhibit will debut at the National First Ladies Library & Museum in Canton, Ohio, in June 2025 and will travel to numerous other presidential historic sites and cultural museums across the state during the America 250 celebration throughout 2026. |

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| Norwood Together | Norwood Indian Mound – Historic, Educational and Interpretive Markers and Placemaking Landscaping | Hamilton County | \$27,500 | The Norwood Mound is an earthwork believed to be constructed by the Adena - a Pre-Columbian indigenous people. In 1875, the Mound was dedicated for public stewardship. The City plans to reverse this by highlighting the Mound and improving the adjoining park with an historical marker, an educational "History walk" and native plant landscaping. |
| Ohio Biological Survey | The Heart of it All was the Start of it All – Celebrating Ohio’s Native Flora and Northwest Expansion | Hilliard, OH | \$30,000 | The project centers on the legacy of Ohio's natural heritage captured in the notes of the first surveyors to cross into this wilderness in the 1780s. The project highlights the stories of Thomas Hutchins and Rufus Putnam (the surveyors), whose teams provided vegetation data that is scientifically relevant today; builds on that data to create a free, digital, interactive vegetation map to inform research, education, and land-use planning; commemorates the important, often difficult stories of conflict between early settlers and indigenous people; and offers visitation to historically important natural areas. Deliverables (free, available statewide) include: a regional historic tour brochure, study guides, curated content on dedicated webpages, 7 public programs at state nature preserves, displays at 3 conferences, and interactive displays for 12-days of the 2024/2025 Ohio State Fairs. |
| Ohio National Road Association | Reprint of Traveler’s Guide to the Historic National Road in Ohio – 4 th Edition | Zanesville | \$7,500 | This project will reprint the fourth edition of "A Traveler's Guide to The Historic National Road in Ohio." It includes printing and distributing 10,000 copies throughout the state at museums, libraries, schools, historical attractions, and visitors' bureaus, as well as publishing online to the ONRA website with page-flipping software to enhance the digital viewing experience. A shareable curriculum sheet will also be created for educators to use with the booklet. That additional resource will highlight the 200th Anniversary of the road in 2025 and its significance and ties with AM250-OH themes. |
| Rickenbacker Woods Foundation | Granville T. Woods – How to Document Truthful Narratives | Columbus | \$10,000 | Granville T. Woods (GTW): How to Document Truthful Narratives is a pre-production project on GTW that illustrates how research can fill biographical gaps, correct untruths or add important contextual information. This planning grant will help initiate a series of six short videos that will demonstrate how to find overlooked sources/archives and help novice researchers begin by using the life of GTW as an example of a "hidden" story revealed. In addition to collecting documentation on Granville T. Woods, educational modules, community conversations with a humanities scholar are planned. Traveling exhibit boards will be produced to invite others to engage in the conversation and make connections. |
| Shelby Cycle Historical Society | Ohio Firsts – The Shelby Steel Tube Company | Richland County | \$5,000 | A traveling self-guided exhibit throughout Ohio with interpretive panels containing QR codes linked to websites will tell the beginning of the seamless tube industry from 1890-1909. The period includes founders and factory construction, expansion into a steel trust, as well as the 1908 fire that destroyed the factory, and the monumental community effort to quickly rebuild the factory. |

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| Southeast Ohio History Center | Defining American Liberty – New Perspectives on the Fort Gower Resolves | Athens | <p>\$5,000 On November 5, 1774, a group of American officers who had taken part in Lord Dunmore's War gathered at Fort Gower on the banks of the Hockhocking River. There, they drafted a series of resolves that articulate their defense of American rights and privileges, while still professing loyalty to King George III. In honor of the 250th Anniversary of the Fort Gower Resolves, the Southeast Ohio History Center is planning a two-day commemorative event that will include educational programming with schools on Friday, November 8, 2024, and a conference hosted at the History Center on Saturday, November 9, 2024. The conference will include speakers who will put the Fort Gower Resolves in a broader context of Lord Dunmore's War, the Enlightenment ideas of the time period, and their effects on American Indian's struggle for independence in the Ohio Country.</p> |
| Summit County Court of Common Pleas (General Division) | Discovering Justice | Akron | <p>\$17,500 This project aims to educate Ohioans about the American justice system through an innovative approach. Utilizing an activity book and community workshops, the program will delve into the workings of federal, state, and local courts. The highlight of this initiative will be three public mural displays in the Summit County Court of Common Pleas juror's room, commemorating the 250th anniversary of the United States, focusing on the significance of the Juror's Oath in safeguarding American freedom and justice. By engaging students and participants statewide in creative exercises, the project will foster a deeper understanding of the courts' function and responsibilities.</p> |
| Taft Museum of Art | Duncanson Program at the Taft Museum of Art | Cincinnati | <p>\$35,000 Grant funds will be used to expand the Duncanson Artist in Residence program from a 2-week residency to year-round programming. The expanded program will: 1) celebrate the region's cultural heritage by bringing awareness to the history of Robert S. Duncanson; 2) reach underrepresented and underserved communities; and 3) provide Black artists with opportunities to showcase their work.</p> |
| University of Cincinnati | The Last Tribe in Ohio – The Wyandot Removal Trail | Cincinnati | <p>\$22,500 The Wyandot Removal Trail will develop 1) a historic marker series across 13 Ohio communities; 2) community-engaged groundbreaking ceremonies; 3) a companion website with an interactive timeline and map, short biographical sketches, and resources for educators, students, and life-long learners. This project is a collaborative partnership between the Wyandotte Nation and the University of Cincinnati.</p> |

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| University of Cincinnati Press | "Thinking About Ohio" Book Series | Cincinnati | \$20,000 | The University of Cincinnati Press will publish Thinking About Ohio, a series of paperback and open access books highlighting Ohio's heritage, history, and innovation starting in 2025. The grant provides royalty advances for the first 8 authors placed signed, and peer review honoraria for these manuscripts, and funds to publish the first 3 in the series by June 2025. Also included are marketing efforts to achieve these results including publicizing the call for proposals and series using email campaigns to faculty and scholars, advertising on NPR and promotion at tabling at the 2024 Columbus Book Festival. |
| Westcott House Foundation | Frank Lloyd Wright's Westcott House – Past, Present & Future of an American Icon | Springfield | \$12,500 | The celebration of America 250-Ohio coincides with the 20th anniversary of the completion of the major restoration and public opening of Frank Lloyd Wright's Westcott House. The Westcott House plans to produce a documentary that reflects on the site's fascinating and dramatic past; its significance and impact at the present, and the aspirations for this landmark's ongoing relevance for future generations. |
| WOSU Public Media | Hopewell Ceremonial Earthworks Digital Series | Columbus | \$30,000 | The project will produce a digital video series on the history of the Hopewell Culture and their Ceremonial Earthworks, which were inscribed as UNESCO World Heritage sites in September 2023. This series will illuminate the Ohio Hopewell sites, including the Great Circle and the Octagon in Newark, Fort Ancient in Warren County, and 5 National Park Service sites in Chillicothe-Mound City, Hopeton Earthworks, High Banks Works, Hopewell Mound Group, and Seip Earthworks. |