



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

Organization	Project	Community	Amount	Description
Akron Black Artists Guild	Our Eyes See the Sun	Summit County	\$3,710	The project is to produce a documentary profiling BIPOC artists as they create a piece embodying their story, culture and triumph. Through interviews and candid footage, this documentary will investigate the richness and struggles of artists of color-as well highlight common threads that exist within all Ohioans. The film will conclude with these artists completing their journey by presenting their finished pieces at an exhibition.
Ashtabula County Covered Bridge Festival	Ashtabula County Covered Bridge Festival	Jefferson, OH	\$5,000	The Covered Bridge Festival brings people from all over the country to learn about the history of our covered bridges. For our 40th anniversary this year we want to have even more historical re-enactors and demonstrators such as a glassblower who will teach about the history of the glass industry in Ohio while also teaching about blowing glass and a Lincoln and Garfield re-enactor teaching about Ohio and presidential history at the central festival on the fairgrounds.
Auglaize County Board of Commissioners	Auglaize County WPA Veteran Cemetery Plot Map Imaging and Online Viewing Project	Wapakoneta, OH	\$2,890	Grant funds will cover costs for imaging and online viewing of a cemetery plot map book with burial locations of all Auglaize County Military veterans, American Revolution War through World War I.
Butler Institute of American Art	Joseph B. Butler, Jr. – Collections of Our Nation	Youngstown	\$4,000	Grant funds will support an exhibition highlighting the 300 years of America's history in relationship to the founder of the museum and Ohio native, Joseph G. Butler, Jr. along with his contributions as a patron of the arts, philanthropist, and civic leader. New biographical didactics about Mr. Butler will be designed and installed throughout the permanent collection galleries, in addition to the production of a digital and printed exhibition publication, and featured public lectures from contributing historians.
Cleveland Municipal Court	Educating Youth About Ohio's First Municipal Court	Cuyahoga County	\$5,000	The project will produce an animated video for Cleveland-area youth highlighting key topics about the history of the court system in Cleveland from the settling of the "area of the Western Reserve" by Moses Cleaveland in 1796, to the traveling "circuit" judges in the early 1800's, to the opening of the Ohio's first municipal court in 1912, to the "problem-solving" specialized court dockets grappling with the social problems of today. The grant will allow us to hire a video animator by July 2024 and create an animated video about the Court's history which will be available for release by January 2025.

Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas (Domestic Relations Division)	The Time Capsule Semiquincentennial Commemoration Project	Cleveland	\$2,000	This project will commemorate the importance of the Ohio judiciary and celebrate the anniversary of our Founding Fathers adopting the Declaration of Independence. The Court will hold a public ceremony, placing several items related to the Semiquincentennial and Ohio judiciary in the time capsule to be opened on July 4, 2276. After the public ceremony, visitors will be able to view the full display at the Cuyahoga County Old Courthouse. The time capsule and display boards can also be used throughout the community at various events up to and beyond the 2026 Semiquincentennial Celebration.
Denison University	Echoes of Ohio's Indigenous Legacy – Bridging Past and Present	Granville, OH	\$5,000	This project delves into the Indigenous history of Ohio through two immersive exhibitions and programming. These exhibitions aim to shed light on the complex historical narrative of the displacement of Indigenous peoples from Ohio. 1) New work by Indigenous artist Carey Newman (Hayalthkin'geme) inspired by the Hopewell Ceremonial Earthworks. This exhibit builds on our partnership with the Great Circle Alliance and UNESCO's World Heritage Site at the Hopewell Ceremonial Earthworks in Licking County. 2) Indigenous Art and History Exhibition featuring works by contemporary Indigenous artists, including those with ancestral ties to Ohio. Also, in collaboration with the Eichelberger Center for Community Voices and WYSO, the Museum will integrate the "Ohio County Project" podcasts into the exhibition (via QR codes), enriching the visitor experience with expanded perspectives.
Fort Greeneville Chapter – Daughters of the Ar	America 250-Darke County Traveling Educational Exhibit	Darke County	\$3,700	The project will create eight exhibit panels to illustrate the America 250 Ohio theme "Past, Present, Future." The exhibit will display different aspects of Darke County. It will be available to all Darke County schools, libraries, museums, the Great Darke County Fair, and any other public display opportunities in 2025 through 2026, and beyond. The exhibit will also be available outside of the county.
Friends of the Harriet Beecher Stowe House	Harriet Beecher Stowe: Writer & Theologian	Cincinnati	\$5,000	The project is to create a tour specifically to focus on the religious aspects of Stowe's life and works. She was a theologian, not unlike her male relatives, but this side of her life is not as well-known as her abolitionist views. These tours would engage all audiences (youth to lifelong learners) and will be offered on a scheduled basis and available by request for groups (including school/community groups).
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.
Gallipolis Municipal Court	Preservation of History	Gallia County	\$3,000	The project will create a time capsule that will include photographs of events, newspaper articles, items donated by vendors, and letters written by students. The time capsule will be opened in 10 years.
Garnet A. Wilson Public Library of Pike County	Celebrate Ohio – Honoring History & Community	Waverly, OH	\$2,000	The organization will hold special programs marking the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, raising awareness of Ohio's unique contributions to the nation over the years. In collaboration with the local retirement community, the celebration will present an event that pays homage to both the nation's and Ohio's past. This main event to be held on Saturday, May 24th, 2025 will honor veterans.
Geauga County Public Library	Voices of Geauga County	Chardon, OH	\$4,000	The Geauga County Public Library will create a traveling interactive exhibit that will include recently digitized Oral History Project recordings from the 1970s and 1980s. Grant funds will be used to purchase an interactive touchscreen display and to pay for employees to curate the exhibit. The collections will be accessible on the organization's website as well as in the traveling display.
Greene County Records Center & Archives	"Xenia Lives," 50 Years Later – Exhibiting the 1974 Tornado as a Catalyst for Advancements in Disaster preparedness and Severe Weather Monitoring	Xenia, OH	\$3,500	The project is to design and install a five-panel exhibit in the central lobby of the Greene County Ledbetter Road facility to display the history of the 1974 Xenia tornado and its impact on the ways severe weather is monitored and reported.
Hardin County Historical Museums, Inc.	Hardin County History from the time it was formed from Indian Territory in 1820 to present	Kenton	\$3,500	Grant funds will be used to purchase tablets and to cover speakers' fees of experts who have advanced knowledge of Hardin County history. The museum will host speakers at the Hardin County museums, Hardin County schools, Hardin County libraries and the Hardin County Fair. Possible topics will include historical sites, events, American Indian heritage, arts and culture, military history, sports and personalities.
History Detectives of Belmont County	Uncovering the History of the Ohio Valley	Flushing, OH	\$3,500	The project will include a series of documentary videos, an interactive map, a brochure, and a kick-off event. The videos will use local historians and experts as well as OU Eastern students to create an informative series about the history and heritage of the Ohio Valley. An online presence will include an interactive map showing the region and historical sites. A printed component will include a brochure with a trackable QR code, driving traffic to the video series, and an interactive map online.

Huron Public Library	Huron, Ohio, and America – Linked in History	Erie County	\$1,800	Four expert speakers on topics related to Ohio history will present programs in the 2024-2025 speaker series. Topics include The Story of Ohio's Canals, The History of Travel in America, Black Men in Blue, and Let Ohio Women Vote. Additionally, the Huron Historical Society will present a program on the Interurban Railway (Lake Shore Electric).
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.
James A. Garfield School District Historical Society	Unveiling Our Roots	Portage County	\$3,000	The Unveiling Our Roots project will center around opening a 100-year-old time capsule and placing a new time capsule that will be opened on Garrettsville's 300th anniversary in 2104. This two-day event will combine archival displays, character actors, soldier memorial walking tours, video streams of family history stories, and a commemorative book.
Literary Cleveland	Veterans' Voices Anthology	Cuyahoga County	\$4,000	Veterans' Voices provides free creative writing workshops to Northeast Ohio military service members and veterans to help them craft poetry and prose about their military experiences. The project culminates in the publication of a print and digital anthology, Celebrating Service Volume II, featuring the writing of participants which will be shared with the public through readings, panel discussions, and media appearances.
Little Cities of Black Diamonds	Little Cities Day	Perry County	\$3,500	Little Cities Day will be a coordinated multi-site festival of regional history. It will take place October 12, 2024 in the villages of Corning and Rendville in Perry County, Ohio. The event will feature talks, musical performances, an exhibit hall and tours of local historic landmarks. Content from the event will also be shared online for virtual attendance.
Marlboro Township Historical Society	Develop and Produce Exhibit and Interpretive Materials for the Dr. Kersey G. Thomas House	Stark County	\$3,500	The grant will fund a modular 7-panel curated exhibit and slide deck telling the story of the Dr. Kersey G. Thomas Home and Office. The exhibit will highlight Dr. Thomas and his wife, Dr. Eliza L. (Smith) Thomas, their roles in abolition and anti-slavery activities in the region, their regular association with other prominent Quaker visionaries and radicals in the region, their commitment and involvement in the women's rights movement, and their home's use as a regional training ground for female physicians in the earliest era of women's medical education.
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.

Medina County Historical Society	Revolutionary War Veteran and Family History Project	Medina, OH	\$4,000	The project will solicit researched essays about American Revolutionary War Veterans and their families that settled and lived in Medina County. A panel of local published historians and educators will serve as an editorial board to compile and publish these historical accounts. The editorial board will identify local historians and genealogists to serve as mentors throughout the writing process.
Meigs County Commissioners	DAR America 250-Meigs County Revolutionary War Patriot Marker	Pomeroy, OH	\$4,800	The project is to place a DAR America 250 Patriot Marker on the grounds of the oldest standing courthouse in the Northwest Territory, in Chester, Ohio. Landscaping will be completed, with the possible addition of bricks displaying the individual names of the soldiers. A large unveiling ceremony involving local historical societies and veterans' organizations will take place on Memorial Day 2025.
Oberlin Heritage Center	Local Leaders, National Impact Video Series	Lorain County	\$4,000	The Oberlin Heritage Center will create a series of five mini documentaries about how local individuals organized to create institutions or movements that led to national change. The goal of these videos is to 1) highlight stories that celebrate the experiences and actions of past Ohioans who effected positive change on a larger scale, and 2) inspire civic engagement to solve challenges today. The organization will work with community partners-including the local middle school-to make these videos engaging for all ages and to serve as free educational tools.
Ohio Designer Craftsmen	Ohio Designer Craftsmen Open House – Traditional Crafts	Columbus	\$4,000	Ohio Designer Craftsmen will hold a free open house for the community at the Ohio Craft Museum to celebrate the history of fine craft in Ohio and the country, from the founding of the United States and the settlement of Ohio to the innovative techniques of contemporary artists. Demonstrations, hands-on craft activities, story panels, and examples of historical and contemporary crafts will convey the impact of Ohio's craft traditions and the numerous renowned artists who built on those traditions.
Ohio Poetry Association	Ohio Underground Railroad Whistle-Stop Poetry Tour	Columbus	\$4,000	The project will fund the remaining 6 of 11 events of the Ohio Underground Railroad Whistle-Stop Poetry Tour including poetry readings, social justice writing workshops, and cultural programming. A capstone celebration at the Ohio History Connection in Columbus concludes this series featuring poets and docents from all our event locations, music, performance, workshops, and a special keynote address, as well as exhibit tables.
Old Fort Steuben Project, Inc.	Surveyors' Museum at Historic Fort Steuben	Steubenville, OH	\$4,000	The project will transform one of the blockhouses in the fort into a museum describing the history of surveying from the Egyptians to modern times with a particular emphasis on the tools and procedures used during the 18th century. The focus is on the survey of the Seven Ranges of the Northwest Territory which started at the Point of Beginning in East Liverpool, Ohio.

Outdoor Sylvania Community Parks	Oak Openings During the Ohio Frontier – Animal Conservation Then and Now	Lucas County	\$2,800	The project will produce an illustrated booklet about the history of species extirpated from Ohio during the 18th and early 19th centuries and examples of endangered species today. The booklet will also include essays about the philosophy of nature and archaeology. This project will give context to conservation and the history of human behavior towards animals. The digital and print booklet will be distributed by Outdoor Sylvania Community Parks.
Preserving Galion, Inc.	205 Years, One Family, A National Story	Crawford County	\$3,000	This project will present the story of generations of one family through a stand-alone exhibit at the Gill House in Galion. Included will be information on the Gills' relationships with well-known family friends Thomas Alva Edison and his wife, Mina; Henry Ford; and the house's designer, famed Detroit architect Louis Kamper, all of whom visited the house. Family members also include the implementer of the zip code system and an Oscar-winning playwright. The exhibit will include several items from the organization's collection of family and city-related artifacts.
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.
Southeast Ohio History Center	Defining American Liberty – New Perspectives on the Fort Gower Resolves	Athens	\$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.
The Wilds (International Center for the Preservation of Wild Animals Inc.)	Connecting the Guests to the Big Muskie	Guernsey County	\$2,000	The project will develop signage for the mining history of the region as well as donor recognition and will create an interpretive video about The Big Muskie's creation and use. The Wilds recently received a hand-crafted replica of "The Big Muskie," a piece of equipment used by Central Ohio Coal to surface-mine much of the land that would one day become The Wilds.

Toledo History Museum	"Made in Toledo," a Virtual and Physical Exhibit Demonstrating Toledo's Past and Present Contributions to Industry	Lucas County	\$3,700	Made in Toledo" is an exhibit highlighting Toledo's contributions - both well-known and lesser known - to the industrial success of America. The exhibit will be both physical and digital, with a small installation and accompanying materials housed in our downtown location, open to visitors in the spring and summer of 2025, as well as a virtual exhibit that can be accessible indefinitely to Toledoans and those from elsewhere, too.
Union Township of Putnam County	The Forgotten Pioneers of Kalida QR Codes	Putnam County	\$1,800	This project will document the stories of everyone interred in the Old Union Township Cemetery and make those biographies available free online through QR codes. The QR codes will be posted at each grave site in the cemetery
Village of Chauncey	History Mural	Athens County	\$4,000	Grant funds will be used to paint an historical mural on the side of the Chauncey Village Hall on Converse Street.
Woodland Arboretum Foundation	Woodland Cemetery and Arboretum's History on Display	Dayton	\$3,300	Grant funds will be used to purchase two display cases for the organization's visitor's center. The cases will display documents and artifacts from Woodland's history that is currently housed in Wright State University's archives.