Grants Report 2019

EFROYMSON FAMILY ENDANGERED PLACES GRANTS

In fiscal year 2019, Indiana Landmarks made 17 endangered places grants to non-profit organizations for architectural and structural assessments, rehab cost analysis, and reuse studies. The fund honors the Efroymson family for its significant support for our endangered places programs.

The Cornerstone Society, Madison: $3,500 for a structural analysis of a fire-damaged 1844 house on West Street

Develop New Albany: $2,000 to hire consultant to recommend revitalization strategies along the city’s historic Vincennes Street corridor

Fairfield Friends Meeting, Camby: $2,500 for reuse study of a 1892 meetinghouse and a 1871 school nearby, both currently vacant

First Presbyterian Church, Brazil: $2,500 for a rehabilitation study for the 1924 church

Glenn H. Leopold Fund for Hazelden, Brook: $2,500 for rehabilitation plan for Hazelden, the 1902 estate built for playwright and humorist George Ade

Heritage Preservation Society, Putnam County: $2,500 for a rehabilitation assessment for the c.1885 O’Hair House owned by DePauw University in Greencastle

Main Street Greensburg: $3,500 for a reuse study of the 1885 St. Mary’s Catholic Church and 1917 school

Masonic Temple Corporation, Connersville: $3,500 for a reuse study of the 1831 Elmhurst Mansion

Miller Historical Society, Gary: $2,500 for a rehabilitation plan for the 1911 Miller Town Hall

A $2,500 Efroymson Family Endangered Places grant is helping Newton County officials develop a rehabilitation plan for Hazelden, the 1902 estate built by playwright and humorist George Ade as a rural retreat near Brook.

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Montgomery Township, Jennings County: $2,000 for a reuse study of the 1953 Paris Crossing Gym

Next Step Foundation, Terre Haute: $2,500 for a structural analysis and rehabilitation study for the 1894 Washington Avenue Presbyterian Church

Osborn Prairie Christian Church, Veedersburg: $2,400 for a structural assessment for the 1892 church

Promoting Wildcat Valley, Carroll County: $1,600 for a rehabilitation plan for the 1848 American House Hotel in Burlington

Town of Lewisville: $2,500 for rehabilitation plan of the c.1835 Houston Block on the Historic National Road

Veedersburg Revitalization Association, Inc.: $2,500 for a rehabilitation plan for adaptive reuse of the 1903 Cloverleaf Depot

Wabash Valley Trust for Historic Preservation, West Lafayette: $3,500 for rehabilitation assessments of the library and administration building, both built in 1896 at the Indiana Veterans’ Home

Whitley County Economic Development, Columbia City: $2,500 for rehabilitation plan of the c.1900 commercial building in downtown Columbia City

**MARION COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION GRANTS**

Indiana Landmarks and the Central Indiana Community Foundation jointly manage a fund created by contributions from each organization and private donors to award grants to preserve Marion County landmarks.

Harrison Center for the Arts, Indianapolis: $5,000 to help with pre-development costs in rehabilitating the former Polk Stables, the last remaining structure associated with the Polk Sanitary Milk Company Sunlight Plant.

Columbia Club Foundation, Indianapolis: $5,000 to replace the existing front doors with period-appropriate doors at the 1925 Columbia Club

The Harrison Center for the Arts is utilizing grants from the Marion County Historic Preservation Fund and the Efroymson Family Fund to explore pre-development costs in rehabilitating Indianapolis’s former Polk Stables into a center for cultural and social entrepreneurs.

**AFRICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE GRANTS**

Indiana Landmarks made two African American Heritage Grants during the fiscal year.

Southeastern District Association, Inc., New Albany: $2,500 to produce a documentary about the origin, growth, decline and preservation of First Baptist Church, also known as West Baden Colored Church, as well as accompanying print materials for teachers.

Micajah Walden Farmhouse, Atlanta: $500 to assist nominating the c.1850 double pen house to the National Register of Historic Places; it was built by one of the founders of Roberts Settlement, a rural African American community.

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION EDUCATION GRANTS**

Indiana Landmarks and Indiana Humanities jointly award grants to nonprofit organizations for programs and materials that educate the Hoosier public about historic places. In the last fiscal year, the organizations awarded $14,180 to six proposals.

City of South Bend: $2,500 for the South Bend Historic Preservation Commission to hold public meetings educating residents about historic preservation districts and collecting input on how preservation can positively impact their neighborhoods; the dialogue will help staff update the city’s preservation standards and guidelines.

Evansville Museum of Arts, History and Science: $2,500 to create an exhibition and programs highlighting the life and works of William Wesley Peters, an Evansville resident who became Frank Lloyd Wright’s first apprentice and right-hand man and created Evansville’s restored Peters-Margedant House.
**Grace College, Winona Lake:** $1,680 to create an interactive digital map of the Billy and Helen Sunday Home to provide those unable to access the home the opportunity to explore its architecture and furnishings.

**John H. Boner Community Center, Indianapolis:** $2,500 for the center to collect neighbors’ memories of the 1927 Rivoli Theatre through oral histories and by digitizing physical materials; the center will then share the theater’s history online, in a printed brochure, and at a community event, incorporating the information into a theater reuse study.

**Markle Historical Society:** $2,500 to conduct a series of student programs to raise awareness of a rescued and restored log house. Students will learn about the history and preservation of the house, practice preservation techniques and work with mentors to develop an exhibition about the house.

**Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College, Terre Haute:** $2,500 to hire a scholar to research historic campus structures designed by the Bohlen family; the information will be shared at two public presentations and a campus open house and tour.

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**EFROYMSON FAMILY FUND**

Indiana Landmarks serves as preservation advisor to the Efroymson Family Fund of the Central Indiana Community Foundation, recommending projects throughout the state for grants from the fund. In 2019, the fund awarded: $150,000 to 17 projects.

**Agnes and Abram Gaar Foundation, Richmond:** $10,000 for foundation repairs on each porch of the 1876 Gaar Mansion

**CANDLES Holocaust Museum and Education Center, Terre Haute:** $10,000 for creating fundraising documents for campaign to repurpose vacant early twentieth-century Terre Haute First National Bank into a CANDLES Holocaust Museum

**Cornerstone Society, Inc., Madison:** $12,500 for repairs to slate roof and stone walls of 1906 Cravenhurst Barn near Madison

**Hessville Commerce & Community Creative, Hammond:** $5,000 to restore historic windows of Hammond’s Hansen Branch Library

**John E. Christian Family Memorial Trust Inc., West Lafayette:** $10,000 to make Samara, a 1955-56 home designed by Frank Lloyd Wright, accessible to all

**Preserve Henry County, Inc., New Castle:** $10,000 to rehab historic windows on the 1840 Murphy Building on New Castle’s courthouse square

**Vandalia Community Preservation Association, Inc.:** $10,000 for roof and siding repairs on the c.1895 Vandalia Methodist Episcopal Church in rural Owen County

**Wabash Valley Trust for Historic Preservation:** $10,000 to stabilize the vacant 1896 Administration Building at the Indiana Veterans’ Home near West Lafayette, a 10 Most Endangered site

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**INDIANA LANDMARKS**

Nine of the Efroymson Family Fund grants aided projects supported by Indiana Landmarks:

- $10,000 to assist with stabilization of 1919 Douglass School in Kokomo, an African American landmark
- $7,500 for a conditions assessment and stabilization of the vacant Howe Military Academy in LaGrange County, including the Howe Mansion, a 10 Most Endangered site
- $10,000 for predevelopment costs associated with the redevelopment of Indianapolis’s vacant Polk Dairy Stables into a center for social and cultural entrepreneurs
- $2,500 for relocation of c.1925 May House in South Bend to spare it from demolition

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$5,000 to list 2-3 historic bridges around the state in the National Register of Historic Places to assist in their long-term preservation

$10,000 for recommended accessibility improvements at one of Indiana Landmarks’ historic properties

$5,000 to hire a surveyor to research and analyze historic places associated with Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ) history statewide, developing a similar database as one already created for Indianapolis by Indiana Landmarks in 2014-15

$17,500 to assist in rehabilitation analyses or stabilizing properties on Indiana Landmarks’ 10 Most Endangered list

$5,000 for historic window restoration on Marion’s 1905 John Hendricks House designed by African American architect Samuel Pluto

Muncie’s Grace Episcopal Church is using a $5,000 grant from Sacred Places Indiana for an architectural planning study to prioritize rehabilitation needs for its 1867 church.

SACRED PLACES GRANTS

During the fiscal year, Indiana Landmarks’ Sacred Places program provided $118,750 to congregations for architectural studies, repairs, and rehabilitation of historic houses of worship.

Allen Chapel AME, Indianapolis: $5,000 for an architectural planning study for the 1927 church

Brazil United Methodist Church: $5,000 for an architectural planning study for the 1900 church

First Christian Church, Columbus: $5,000 for repairs to the tower skylight at the 1942 church

First Presbyterian Church, Mishawaka: $3,750 for steeple repair at the 1888 church

God’s House Ministries, Marion: $5,000 for an architectural planning study for the 1904 church

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Grace Episcopal Church, Muncie: $5,000 for an architectural planning study for the 1867 church

North Christian Church, Columbus: $25,000 for HVAC restoration at the 1964 church

Trinity United Methodist Church, Madison: $5,000 for an architectural planning study for the 1873 church

Unity Church, Indianapolis: $5,000 for an architectural planning study for the 1955/1963 church

Wabash Presbyterian Church: $5,000 for a fundraising feasibility study for the 1880 church

Wabash Presbyterian Church: $25,000 as a lead gift in the church’s $750,000 capital campaign

LEGAL GRANTS

In 2016, Indiana Landmarks and the Indianapolis Legal Aid Society jointly received a $229,646 grant from the Indiana Bar Foundation to provide legal assistance for community redevelopment and foreclosure prevention. In 2019, Indiana Landmarks tapped the grant for legal costs related to preservation projects around the state and sub-granted $8,000 for three organizations:

$1,000 to Huntington Alert to help with legal fees related to a receivership property on Market Street

$5,000 to Mapleton Fall Creek to help with legal fees related to removing a lien from a property being developed for mixed-use, mixed-income, multi-family housing

$2,000 to Renew Cannelton help address title issues on an endangered historic property offered to the organization for rehabilitation