

Endangered Places Grants & Loans

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To spark community revitalization and bolster preservation in towns throughout the state, Indiana Landmarks operates grant and loan programs available only to local nonprofit preservation organizations. We keep the paperwork to a minimum, and in most programs we welcome applications as needs arise.

Efroymson Family Endangered Places Grants

NONPROFIT PRESERVATION organizations can apply for grants from Indiana Landmarks for a variety of projects.

For example, before a group can tackle the restoration of a landmark, it needs answers to big questions: What's wrong? How do we fix it? How much will it cost? How will the building be used? How can we raise the money? Our grants can help pay for answers in the form of architectural and engineering analyses, adaptive use feasibility studies, appraisals, and other preservation-related services. While Endangered Places Grants can help diagnose, plan and prepare restoration and adaptive use projects, they may not be used for brick-and-mortar restoration work.

Indiana Landmarks' grants also are available for legal assistance to defend or compel conformance

with a local preservation ordinance, enforce a protective covenant, or seek an injunction to prevent the demolition of a historic building. On a happier note, our grants can also help preservation organizations grow in size and effectiveness; grants may be used to pay for assistance in fundraising, strategic planning, marketing, and other forms of organizational development.

Indiana Landmarks offers Endangered Places Grants on a four-to-one matching basis, with four dollars from us matching each local cash dollar. In-kind services may not be used to meet the local match requirement. We will fund 80% of the total project cost up to \$4,000 (\$5,000 for our affiliates, nonprofit groups that have formally allied themselves with Indiana Landmarks). Grants to a single organization may not exceed \$5,000 in any three-year period.



Using a grant from Indiana Landmarks, the town of Plainfield commissioned a feasibility study to explore reuse of the 1954 Oasis Diner, an entry in our 2010 Most Endangered list. The study helped verify the cost to move and restore the diner, later undertaken by Doug Huff and Don Rector to stunning effect.

Endangered Places Grants in Marion County

IN THE CAPITAL CITY, WE OFFER GRANTS TO nonprofit organizations through a fund established in partnership with the Indianapolis Foundation, an affiliate of the Central Indiana Community Foundation.

Endangered Places Grants in Marion County are available for feasibility studies, architectural and engineering studies, acquisition, construction and restoration. While the grants support brick-and-mortar projects, they cannot cover 100% of a project's costs.

Indiana Landmarks gives priority to endangered structures and buildings listed in or eligible for the State or National Register of Historic Places as individual sites or as contributing structures in historic districts. Construction and restoration must follow the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation of historic structures.

This program awards grants up to \$10,000, giving preference to projects that show additional sources of funding. A nonprofit group may not have more than one active grant from the fund at a time.

Black Heritage Preservation Grants

INDIANA LANDMARKS' BLACK HERITAGE Preservation Program offers grants to help preserve and promote historic places associated with the state's Black history. The grants may be used for a variety of purposes, including organizational development, architectural or engineering studies, or programs promoting preservation, interpretation,

or visitation of a historic place. For more information, contact Eunice Trotter, director of the Black Heritage Preservation Program, 317-639-4543, 800-450-4534, etrotter@indianalandmarks.org.

Indiana Landmarks also partners with Central Indiana Community Foundation (CICF) to make grants through two funds established by the late Eli Lilly chemist and preservation champion Standiford "Stan" Cox. Cox, who passed away in 2019, joined Eli Lilly and Co. in 1957 as its first Black chemist. He established the Standiford H. Cox Fund and the Dovie Stewart Cox & Chester A. Cox Sr. Memorial Fund with CICF to support the restoration, preservation, operation, and ongoing maintenance of African American historic sites in Indiana. To suggest a property that might qualify for grants from the funds, contact Indiana Landmarks at coxfunds@indianalandmarks.org.

Historic Preservation Education Grants

INDIANA LANDMARKS AND INDIANA Humanities make grants for programs that educate the Hoosier public about preservation and historic places. Programs eligible for the Historic Preservation Education Grants include lectures, workshops, conferences, tours, and the production of websites, audiovisual and print materials, including walking tour brochures, curriculum plans, and guides to historic sites. The maximum grant is \$2,500.

Unlike the other grant programs operated solely by Indiana Landmarks, Historic Preservation Education Grants are awarded twice a year rather than monthly. Applications are due in February and September each year. Organizations are eligible



SUSAN FLECK

A National Historic Landmark, Butler University's Hinkle Fieldhouse won a grant from Indiana Landmarks that helped repair the legendary venue's historic steel sash windows, one step in a multi-million dollar restoration that concluded in 2014.



The Quilters Hall of Fame in Marion won an Efroymsen Family Endangered Places grant for a feasibility study, followed by a loan for acquisition of a vacant historic depot near its facility in a National Historic Landmark (top). After restoring the depot, the organization will use it for education programs and a retail quilting shop.

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Indiana Landmarks makes loans to nonprofit preservation groups to acquire, rescue or restore buildings listed in or eligible for the State or National Register of Historic Places. Loan applications from affiliates receive special consideration (see interest schedules). We prefer to make loans for projects that also involve local investment. Construction and restoration must follow the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation of historic structures.

for one grant per year. To find out more or receive an application, contact Indiana Landmarks' Director of Heritage Education, 317-639-4534 or 800-450-4534. To download an application, visit indianahumanities.org.

- Months 19 through 36 – Wall Street Journal prime interest rate

Efroymsen Family Endangered Places Loans

INDIANA LANDMARKS offers loans with favorable terms to nonprofit preservation organizations to buy

and/or restore endangered historic properties. Our loans are often used to finance projects that have received reimbursement grants from government programs or other sources (when grant funds are not disbursed until the project is complete).

We make **loans up to \$75,000** from our Endangered Places Loan Fund. An organization may have multiple active loans from Indiana Landmarks with the total loan balance limited to \$100,000. Our loans must be repaid within 36 months or at the time of resale, whichever occurs first. When we make a loan to a nonprofit group for a property which will be resold, we are willing to forgive 5% of the loan or \$1,500, whichever is less, to help defray marketing costs. In accepting a loan, the recipient commits to attaching Indiana Landmarks' protective covenants to the property deed.

LOAN TERMS

Our loans to nonprofit preservation organizations offer more favorable terms than banks or mortgage lenders:

- Months 1 through 6 – no interest
- Months 7 through 18 – 4% interest



A low-interest loan from Indiana Landmarks allowed the Rome Community Center to repair a leaking cupola atop the 1819 old Perry County Courthouse.

For affiliates—nonprofit preservation groups that have formally allied themselves with Indiana Landmarks—we offer priority consideration for loans and even more attractive terms:

- Months 1 through 12 – no interest
- Months 13 through 24 – 4% interest
- Months 25 through 36 – Wall Street Journal prime interest rate

If an organization does not repay its loan by the end of the three-year term, the interest rate rises to prime plus 3%.

Eligibility Requirements

TO QUALIFY FOR Indiana Landmarks’ grants and loans, an organization generally must:

- be registered as a nonprofit corporation in the

REGIONAL OFFICES

Your first step in applying for Indiana Landmarks’ grant and loan programs is one of our regional offices:

Central Regional Office

Indianapolis
317-639-4534 or 800-450-4534
central@indianalandmarks.org

Eastern Regional Office

Cambridge City
765-478-3172
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Northeast Field Office

Wabash
260-563-7094
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Northern Regional Office

South Bend
574-232-4534
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Northwest Field Office

Gary-Miller Beach
219-947-2657
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Southeast Field Office

Aurora
812-926-0983
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Southern Regional Office

New Albany
812-284-4534
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Southwest Field Office

Evansville
812-423-2988
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For Historic Preservation Education Grants

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Indiana Landmarks revitalizes communities, reconnects us to our heritage, and saves meaningful places.

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