



Black Heritage Preservation Program Frequently Asked Questions

What is Black heritage?

For the purposes of the Indiana Landmarks Black Heritage Preservation Program, Black heritage is the history and relevance of an extant or demolished site that when restored or interpreted helps tell the rich story of African Americans in Indiana.

What types of projects are eligible for funding from the Black Heritage Preservation Program?

Eligible applicants can apply in the following funding categories: Preservation of Buildings and Sites, Preservation of Black Heritage.

Who is eligible to apply for a Black Heritage Preservation Program grant, an initiative of Indiana Landmarks?

Eligible applicants for a Black Heritage Preservation Program grant include 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations and public agencies. Individuals may apply through a fiduciary agent that is a 501 (c)(3).

What is the amount of the grants available?

The Black Heritage Preservation Program offers grants ranging from \$500 to \$40,000 for restoration and preservation of sites important to Black heritage in Indiana.

Eligible grant projects include:

- Capital expenditures for building restoration and repairs
- Visioning, feasibility and planning studies

The Black Heritage Preservation Program also offers grants ranging from \$250 to \$10,000 for interpretive projects that document and bring public attention to heritage and history that no longer is evidenced by physical sites.

Eligible grant projects include:

- Historical research and grant writing
- Costs of historical markers

- Public education projects (training, panels, speakers, exhibits)
- Augmented reality project
- Cost of consultant for National Register of Historic Places nomination

When should grant applications be submitted?

Applications may be submitted at any time but will be reviewed on a quarterly basis by the Black Heritage Preservation Committee for approval. Applications will be reviewed in October, January, April and August. All applicants will receive approval or denial determination letters.

Applications must be submitted to etrotter@indianalandmarks.org.

Does the site I want to preserve need to be listed in the National Register of Historic Places or designated as a local landmark to apply for a grant?

No. It is not required for properties to be listed or designated as historic to apply. However, all grant eligible sites will be vetted for National Register listing. A special emphasis will be placed on sites that have had a prominent physical and/or historical significance in their community. If you are interested in learning whether your historic site is listed or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places, contact the State Historic Preservation Office by visiting in.gov/dnr/historic-preservation.

Is the Black Heritage Preservation Program open to applicants of all races?

Yes. However, the site or heritage to be preserved must be specific to Black heritage in Indiana.

Is a match required for Black Heritage Preservation Program grants?

Yes. The grantee must provide 20 percent of funding, which may include cash, other grants, in-kind services and the value of volunteer hours.

Are projects restoring cemeteries eligible for grants?

Yes. Historic Black cemeteries are eligible for grant funding for restoration, cleanup, and educational programming.

Can we apply for Indiana Landmarks Black Heritage Preservation Program funding and for the Standiford Cox grant and other grants administered by Indiana Landmarks?

Yes. Eligible applicants can apply to all Indiana Landmarks grant programs.

Can grant funds be used for staffing and technology needs?

Funding cannot be used for staffing or technology needs unless the technology is associated with an augmented reality grant application.

How do we apply for a Black Heritage Preservation Program grant?

Applications are available online at indianalandmarks.org.

Can multiple people work on the application?

Yes. However, only one email address can be linked to an application.

Do I need to include a budget or other financial paperwork with the application?

Yes. The application includes a category asking questions related to the costs of your project and how you will spend grant funds.

Can you provide examples of successful projects?

No. Not at this time because this is a new program, and this is our first grant cycle.

Can I ask for reimbursement for work that has already taken place?

No. Work that has been completed prior to the grant award date is not eligible for funding.

I can't find my Letter of Determination from the IRS. Can I still apply?

Yes, you can still apply. If you have an EIN, please list that. If you don't, you may follow up later in the process to confirm your tax status.

I have questions not answered here. Who should I call?

Call Black Heritage Preservation Program Director Eunice Trotter at 317-639-4534, or email etrotter@indianalandmarks.org.