Indiana Landmarks Black Heritage Preservation Program awards grants to help preserve and raise awareness of sites important to Black history in Indiana. In fiscal year 2022-2023, the group made 32 grants totaling $220,510:

**Allen Chapel AME, Indianapolis:** $15,000 to aid tuckpointing on the 1926 church.

**ARCH, Inc., Fort Wayne:** $1,500 to support creation of a Black-led preservation group in Fort Wayne.

**ARCH, Inc., Fort Wayne:** $5,170 for a survey of properties built by Black developer Roosevelt Barnes Sr., whose company created the Southern/Suburban Heights neighborhood for Black homeowners.

**Bethel AME Church, Richmond:** $10,000 for roof and bell tower repairs at the 1868 building, home of the oldest Black congregation in active ministry in Indiana.

**Black Legacy Project of Wayne County, Indiana, Richmond:** $3,000 for an exhibit on Richmond’s Black heritage.

**Calumet Heritage Partnership, Chesterton:** $5,000 for research and mapping of Underground Railroad sites as part of the Freedom Trail project in northwest Indiana.

**City of Boonville:** $5,000 for restoration of the 1921 Mount Liberty Baptist Church.

**Conner Prairie Museum, Inc., Fishers:** $5,000 to support development of The Resistance Cabin as part of the Promised Land as Proving Ground, a new permanent museum.

**Embracing Hope of Howard County, Indiana, Inc., Kokomo:** $10,000 for plumbing repairs at the c.1920 Douglass School being developed as a Black heritage museum and cultural center.

**Friends of the Knox County Public Library, Vincennes:** $5,000 for a Black heritage museum at 1859 McGrady Brockman House.

**Friends of Town Clock, Church, Inc., New Albany:** $8,000 for research in preparing exhibits sharing the church’s role as a stop on the Underground Railroad.

**Guidance Life Skills and Mentoring Inc., Indianapolis:** $10,000 for asbestos remediation at the organization’s headquarters in the 1897 Colonial Revival-style home on Capitol Avenue, previously state headquarters of the Indiana Federation of Colored Women’s Clubs.
Hostess House, Marion: $500 to replace a damaged historical marker recognizing Black architect Samuel Plato’s role in designing the 1912 house.

Humes House, Madison: $12,500 to aid stabilization of the c.1870 shotgun house in Madison’s historically Black Georgetown neighborhood.

Indiana Historical Bureau, Indianapolis: $1,500 for a historical marker at the 1958 St. Augustine’s Episcopal Church in Gary designed by Black architect Edward Dart.

The Indianapolis Film Project, Indianapolis: $5,000 to support production of a film on Norwood, a neighborhood established by members of the United States Colored Troops after the Civil War.

Indy Juneteenth, Inc., Indianapolis: $3,000 to support educational programming and the Miss Indy Juneteenth Pageant.

Jefferson County Historical Society, Madison: $6,000 for a survey of Georgetown, a historically Black neighborhood in Madison.

Lyles Station Historic Preservation Corporation, Princeton: $15,000 for a feasibility and planning study at the site, which tells the story of a free Black settlement incorporated in 1886.

Madison Christian Health and Development, Inc., Hanover: $20,000 to aid rehabilitation of 705 Walnut Street in Madison’s Georgetown neighborhood.

National Gary Roosevelt Alumni Association, Gary: $15,000 for a feasibility study to develop a use for the 1931 Gary Roosevelt High School, one of three Black high schools in Indiana built in the 1920s and 1930s.

Olivet African Methodist Episcopal Church, South Bend: $15,000 for masonry repairs at the 1923 church.

Patoka Church of God in Christ, Patoka: $10,000 for foundation repairs and entryway stabilization on the c.1903 church that originally served as Patoka Colored School.

Pettiford-Weaver Family, Indianapolis: $2,500 for documentary about Carol Jenkins, murder victim of a race-related slaying in Martinsville.

Shaffer Chapel AME Church, Muncie: $5,000 for a preservation consultant to prepare a National Register nomination for the c.1893 church.

Springdale Cemetery Association, Madison: $2,000 for markers to properly recognize the graves of Reverend Chapman Harris and John Carter, two notable figures in the Underground Railroad buried at the cemetery.

St. Mark Zion AME Church, East Chicago: $1,440 for a preservation consultant to nominate the 1973 church designed by Black architect Wendell Campbell to the National Register of Historic Places.

Steward Speakers, Indianapolis: $1,500 to support the Speakers Civil Rights Summer Road Tour and registration and travel expenses for two Black Heritage Preservation Program interns.

Thomas Temple Church of God in Christ, Toledo, OH: $15,000 for window repairs and roof replacement on the 1914 First Friends Church in Marion designed by Black architect Samuel Plato.

Indiana Landmarks Efroymson Family Endangered Places Grants help nonprofits determine next steps for repairs, reuse, and fundraising. A $4,000 grant to Beverly Shores Museum and Art Gallery will help assess conditions and repairs at the 1929 depot as a double track is installed nearby. PHOTO BY LEE LEWELLEN
Efroymson Family Endangered Places Grants

Efroymson Family Endangered Places Grants support architectural and structural assessments, rehab cost analyses, reuse studies, and fundraising planning. In the last fiscal year, Indiana Landmarks made 15 grants totaling $54,688. The fund honors the Efroymson family’s significant support of our endangered places programs.

1886 Church Foundation, Crown Point: $2,500 for a study analyzing the feasibility of rehabbing the vacant c.1886/1934 Trinity Lutheran Church.

Beverly Shores Museum and Art Gallery, Inc.: $4,000 to assess conditions and repairs at the 1929 depot as impacted by the installation of a double track nearby.

The City of Montpelier: $2,500 to study rehabilitation of the 1890 Montpelier First National Bank.

The City of Union City: $2,500 for an architectural study of the 1870 Hub City Finance Building.

Delphi Preservation Society: $4,788 for structural analysis of the 1910 Carroll Manor to help create a rehabilitation plan for the building.

Gibson County Economic Development Corporation, Princeton: $4,000 for an architectural study examining rehabilitating the second floor of the 1894 Devin Block building.

Indiana Barn Foundation, Indianapolis: $4,000 to assess repairs needed for the 1903 round barn at the Littleton-Kingen Farm in Hancock County.

Main Street Greensburg: $4,000 to study reuse of a nineteenth-century commercial building in the Downtown Greensburg Historic District.

North Vernon Main Street, Inc.: $4,000 for a structural assessment of the 1880 Red Men Lodge #99.

New Castle Main Street, Inc.: $4,000 for a feasibility study examining opportunities to create housing in the upper floors of historic commercial buildings downtown.

Old Courthouse Foundation, Inc., Evansville: $5,000 to update the preservation master plan for the 1891 Vanderburgh County Courthouse.

Town of Mecca: $3,000 for an emergency structural assessment of the fire-damaged 1901/1910/1923 Wabash Township Graded School.

Town of Utica Redevelopment Commission: $3,000 to assess conditions at the 1936 First District School as possible reuse as senior housing and community meeting space.

Winchester Main Street: $4,400 for a structural assessment of an 1875 fire-damaged building at 101 South Main Street on Winchester’s courthouse square.

Western Wayne Heritage, Inc., Cambridge City: $3,000 to study the feasibility of repurposing the vacant 1847 foundry.

Historic Preservation Education Grants

Indiana Landmarks and Indiana Humanities jointly award grants to nonprofits for programs and materials educating the public about historic places. In the last fiscal year, the organizations awarded $26,550 to 10 projects:

Athenaeum Foundation, Indianapolis: $2,500 to create a digital tour of the Athenaeum, highlighting the preservation of and changes to the 1890s German cultural center over time.
Ball State University, Muncie: $3,000 to develop a walking tour of downtown Muncie highlighting the architectural and historical significance of 23 buildings.

Benjamin Harrison Presidential Site, Indianapolis: $2,500 to update a video introducing visitors to the 1875 home’s history, highlighting recent preservation and conservation efforts.

Benjamin Harrison Presidential Site, Indianapolis: $3,000 to reprint a “Historic Walking Tour of Delaware Street” brochure.

Crown Hill Foundation, Indianapolis: $2,500 to create a GIS app sharing locations and history, architectural styles, restoration, and preservation notes about historic structures and landscapes at the cemetery, which dates to 1864.

Franklin County Community Foundation, Brookville: $3,000 to produce a walking tour brochure and videos sharing the history of 30 historic buildings in Metamora.

Indiana Barn Foundation, Indianapolis: $2,500 to design and construct two wooden-timber frame models of historic Indiana barns to use as teaching tools at events.

Prairie Arts Council, Rensselaer: $2,500 to produce a short film on the history of the 1925 Domestic Arts Building at the Newton County Fairgrounds to raise awareness of its restoration needs.

Richmond Columbian Properties, Richmond: $2,050 to support the Quality of Place Conference examining the value of community development corporations, historic preservation commissions, and preservation as a development tool.

South Bend TradeWorks: $3,000 to provide regional high school students with a one-week introduction to preservation trades.

**Indiana Automotive Grants**

Indiana Automotive, an affinity group of Indiana Landmarks, awards grants that support preservation and help raise awareness of landmarks connected to the state’s automotive heritage.

**Friends of the Studebaker Fountain, Inc., South Bend,** $1,000 for electrical work on the Studebaker Fountain, installed in 1906 as a gift to the city from John Studebaker, president of Studebaker Wagon Works.

**Indiana Modern Grants**

Indiana Modern, an affinity group of Indiana Landmarks, awards planning and rehabilitation grants to help identify, promote, and preserve the best examples of twentieth-century architectural and landscape design.

**University of Southern Indiana Foundation, Evansville:** $5,000 for an updated feasibility study of the 1979 Athenium focusing on accessibility, code issues, and sustainability.

**Marion County Historic Preservation Fund**

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

**Friends of Garfield Park:** $7,500 to aid restoration of fountains installed in 1915 at Garfield Park.

**Greater Southport Community Alliance:** $2,500 to study the feasibility of rehabbing the 1899 Independent Order of Odd Fellows Building in Southport.

**Irvington Historical Society:** $10,000 to aid roof repairs at the c.1940 boiler room annex at the Bona Thompson Center.

**Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church:** $2,350 to hire a preservation consultant to nominate the 1891 church to the National Register of Historic Places.
Indiana Landmarks and Indiana Humanities’ Historic Preservation Education Grants help nonprofits develop materials and programming educating the public about historic places. Grants to the Benjamin Harrison Presidential Site in Indianapolis in 2023 will update a video highlighting recent preservation work at the site and reprinting of a walking tour brochure.

**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 2023, the fund awarded $105,000 to 14 projects:

- **Clark County Museum, Inc., Jeffersonville:** $7,500 for interior rehabilitation of the c.1832 Thomas Howard House.

- **Dearborn County Historical Society, Lawrenceburg:** $7,500 for restoration of brick chimneys on the 1818 Vance-Tousey House.

- **Historic Metamora, Inc.:** $12,500 for a new roof and steeple repairs on the 1853 Metamora Methodist Episcopal Church.

- **Reid Center, Inc., Richmond:** $5,000 to aid rehabilitation of the 1906 Reid Memorial Presbyterian Church.

- **Tipton County Economic Development Foundation, Tipton:** $4,000 to hire a preservation consultant to nominate Tipton’s historic courthouse square to the National Register of Historic Places.

- **Town of Russiaville:** $6,000 to aid interior rehabilitation of the 1912 Kokomo, Marion, and Western interurban depot.

- **Union County Historical Society:** $5,000 for repairs to the early nineteenth-century Templeton Log Cabin.

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Seven of the Efroymson Family Fund grants support projects managed by Indiana Landmarks:

- **$10,000 to replace an HVAC system in the c.1850 former Presbyterian Church in Attica’s Cottrell Village.**

- **$15,000 to help stabilize the Geter Means House in Gary, built in 1952 for Virginia and Geter Means, who along with his brother Andrew operated Means Development, Inc., one of the largest Black-owned construction companies in the Midwest.**

**Dovie Stewart Cox & Chester A. Cox, Sr. Memorial Fund and Standiford H. Cox Fund, Funds of CICF**

Indiana Landmarks’ Black Heritage Preservation Program Committee serves as preservation advisor to the Dovie Stewart Cox & Chester A. Cox, Sr. Memorial and Standiford H. Cox funds of the Central Indiana Community Foundation, recommending projects aiding historic African American sites throughout the state. In 2023, the fund awarded $215,000 to 16 projects:

- **Bethel AME Church, Richmond:** $10,000 to assist rehabilitation of the 1854/1894 church.

- **Cornerstone Society, Inc., Madison:** $20,000 for rehabilitation of an 1840s shotgun house built by William Anderson, a leader in the Underground Railroad.
Crown Hill Foundation, Indianapolis: $7,500 to clean and repair 235 African American tombstones and remove dead trees to prevent future damage.

Embracing Hope of Howard County, Indiana, Inc., Kokomo: $10,000 to stabilize two below-ground rooms in the c.1920 Douglass School.

Fox Lake Preservation Foundation, Inc., Angola: $15,000 for improvements to the 1968 Contemporary-style K.T. Thompson Lodge at the lake resort community, developed to serve African Americans beginning in the 1920s.

Friends of Belmont Beach, Inc., Indianapolis: $5,000 to landscape, clean up, maintain, and develop a community garden at the property that once served as a Black recreational space.

Friends of the Town Clock Church, New Albany: $15,000 to paint the clock tower and wood trim on the 1852 church, which once served as an Underground Railroad stop.

Guidance Life-Skills and Mentoring, Inc., Indianapolis: $5,000 to assist repairs at the 1897 Colonial Revival-style K.T. Thompson home on Capitol Avenue, previously state headquarters of the Indiana Federation of Colored Women’s Clubs.

Hostess House, Marion: $5,000 for carpet replacement in the 1912 Georgian Revival-style home designed by Black architect Samuel Plato.

Second Missionary Baptist Church, Bloomington: $10,000 to replace coverings over 14 stained glass windows on the 1913 Romanesque Revival-style church designed by Black architect Samuel Plato.

Marion’s Hostess House received a $5,000 grant from the Cox Funds of the Central Indiana Community Foundation for carpet replacement. A $500 grant from the Black Heritage Preservation Program will repair a damaged historical marker explaining Black architect Samuel Plato’s role in designing the 1912 house for banker J. Woodrow Wilson.

Shaffer Chapel AME Church, Muncie: $15,000 for restoration of a stained-glass window on the c.1893 church.

Thomas Temple Church of God in Christ, Toledo, OH: $40,000 to help put a new roof on the 1914 First Friends Church in Marion, a 10 Most Endangered landmark designed by Black architect Samuel Plato.

University United Methodist Church, Indianapolis: $5,000 for historically appropriate replacement windows at the 1969-70 church.

UNWA-ANU, Inc., Indianapolis: $10,000 to install a new furnace, air conditioning system, and water heater in the 1906 Indianapolis Public Library Branch 1.

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Two of the Cox Funds grants aided projects directed by Indiana Landmarks:

$12,500 to help stabilize the Humes House, a c.1870 shotgun house in Madison’s historically Black Georgetown neighborhood.

$30,000 to help stabilize the Geter Means House in Gary, built in 1952 for Virginia and Geter Means.

Sacred Places Indiana Grants

Last year, Indiana Landmarks’ Sacred Places program provided $16,000 to congregations for architectural studies and National Register documentation of historic houses of worship:

Saint Adalbert Catholic Church, South Bend: $10,000 for an assessment to help prioritize repairs for restoration of the 1926 Gothic Revival-style church.

John Hay Center, Salem: $6,000 to support nomination of the Blue River Quaker Settlement Rural Historic District to the National Register of Historic Places.