



Grants Report 2024

Black Heritage Preservation Program Grants

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 2023-2024, the group made 24 grants totaling \$120,884:

Abundant Life Ministries Community Church, Indianapolis: \$10,000 to replace heating and cooling systems in the 1968 church.

Beulah AME Church, Washington: \$3,800 to prepare historical marker applications for the 1848 Beulah AME Church and 1875 Dunbar School.

Evansville African American Museum/Baptisttown: \$3,200 to develop a walking tour of Baptisttown, a historic Black neighborhood in Evansville.

Fox Lake Preservation Foundation, Angola: \$3,600 to expand the National Register-listed Fox Lake Historic District to include the 1960s Mar-Fran Hotel and other areas at the historic Black resort community.

Friends of Lanier Mansion, Madison: \$500 to support the organization's Juneteenth Celebration.

Indiana Landmarks Black Heritage Preservation Program shines a spotlight on places that help tell the story of Black history in Indiana. In 2024, grants from the program supported a feasibility study to see if School 56 in Indianapolis's Martindale neighborhood could continue in service as a school and helped research the building's history so it can be nominated to the National Register of Historic Places.

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Gudaitis Production/Constellation Stage and Screen, Bloomington: \$5,000 for a documentary on Boone's Cave at the Green's Bluff Nature Preserve in Owen County.

Indianapolis Public Schools Foundation, Indianapolis: \$4,960 for a feasibility study of School 56 in Indianapolis's Martindale neighborhood to see if the building could continue to serve as a school.

Kieser Consulting, Indianapolis: \$5,100 to research the history of School 56 in preparation for nominating the building to the National Register of Historic Places and for a historical marker.

Kurt West Garner, Plymouth: \$3,000 to research the 1884/1914/1961 Thomas Temple in Marion in preparation for nominating the church to the National Register of Historic Places.

League of Women Voters, Crawfordsville: \$2,300 to research 1881 Lincoln School for a historical marker.

Lyles Station Historic Preservation Corporation, Princeton: \$3,749 for organizational structuring and board training.

Madison Christian Health and Developmental Services, Hanover: \$5,000 for design planning for a 1850s house in Madison's Georgetown neighborhood.

Norwood USCT Coalition, Indianapolis: \$4,375 for board training and formation of 501(c)(3) organization.

Purdue University, West Lafayette: \$5,000 to survey Black heritage sites in Lafayette.

Rethink Coalition, Indianapolis: \$3,000 to support coalition presentations on the benefits of highway recession to the Black community.

Sandhill Cemetery, Princeton: \$3,000 for improvements at the 1847 cemetery.

Scott United Methodist Church, Indianapolis: \$15,000 for roof repairs and kitchen updates at the 1910 church.

Smithfield Baptist Church, Rockport: \$9,000 for a structural and building assessment of the historic church.

Springdale Cemetery Association, Madison: \$500 for a grave marker honoring Rev. Chapman Harris, a local leader in the Underground Railroad.

Spruce Street AME Church, Terre Haute: \$6,000 for a conditions assessment and a National Register of Historic Places nomination for the historic church.

St. John Missionary Baptist Church, Indianapolis: \$5,000 to research the 1916 church for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places and for a historical marker.

Stantec Consulting Services, Inc., Indianapolis: \$2,300 for archeological survey services at Greenlawn Cemetery.

University United Methodist Church, Indianapolis: \$10,000 to install LED indoor windows with history of the 1923 church, founded in 1874 as Simpson Methodist Episcopal Church.

Wayman Chapel AME Church, Princeton: \$7,500 for a building and structural assessment of the 1886 church.



Efroymson Family Endangered Places grants help non-profits and city leaders assess repair needs and determine next steps for local landmarks. Minnetrista Museum and Gardens in Muncie is using a \$2,000 grant for a rehabilitation feasibility study of the 1875 Lucius Ball House.

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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 16 grants totaling \$43,775. The fund honors the Efroymson family's significant support of our endangered places programs.

12 Points Revitalization Initiative, Terre Haute: \$4,000 for a rehabilitation feasibility study of the 1939 Garfield Theater.

Batesville Main Street, Inc.: \$5,000 for a rehabilitation feasibility study of the 1875 Ward School.

City of Montpelier: \$4,000 for design services related to rehabilitation of the 1890 Chaney Building on Main Street.

City of Muncie: \$4,000 for a rehabilitation feasibility study of the 1930s Tuhey Park Poolhouse.

City of Wabash: \$1,800 for an engineering study of the 1870 Wilkinson Lumber Company building.

English Civic Club, English: \$4,000 for a rehabilitation feasibility study of the 1897 English Mill.

Heritage Preservation Society of Putnam County, Greencastle: \$3,100 for an exterior restoration plan for the 1894 Vandalia Freight Depot.

Heritage Preservation Society of Putnam County, Greencastle: \$4,000 for a conditions assessment and rehabilitation feasibility study of the 1908 Big Four Passenger Depot.

Miami County Economic Development Authority, Peru: \$4,000 for a rehabilitation feasibility study of a c.1890/1915 commercial building on Broadway Street.

Minnetrissa Museum and Gardens, Muncie: \$2,000 for a rehabilitation feasibility study of the 1875 Lucius Ball House.

Minnetrissa Museum and Gardens, Muncie: \$2,000 for a rehabilitation feasibility study of the 1907 Mary Lincoln Cottage.

The Ruthmere Foundation, Inc., Elkhart: \$3,000 for a historic structures report on the 1848 Havilah Beardsley House and 1910 Ruthmere Mansion.

St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church, Whiting: \$4,000 for a facilities study to help establish rehabilitation priorities at the 1917 church.

Town of Mount Ayr: \$2,800 for a rehabilitation feasibility study of a c.1895 church.

Wesley United Methodist Church, Union City: \$2,500 for a rehabilitation feasibility study of the 1869/1909 church.

Wilbur Wright Birthplace and Museum Preservation Society, Hagerstown: \$375 for a rehabilitation feasibility study of the 1860 birthplace of the aviation pioneer.

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 \$39,363 to 14 projects:



In collaboration with Indiana Humanities, Indiana Landmarks awards Historic Preservation Education Grants for programming that educates the public about historic places. In 2024, the Indiana Lincoln Highway Association used a \$3,000 grant for presentations about the historic byway as Elkhart hosted the national Lincoln Highway Association conference.

PHOTO BY ELKHART COUNTY HISTORY MUSEUM

Calumet Heritage Partnership, Chesterton: \$2,900 to create a video series highlighting significant historic structures.

City of Richmond: \$3,000 for a series of six free preservation workshops.

Crown Hill Heritage Foundation, Indianapolis: \$3,000 for student field trips with preservation programming.

Downtown Princeton Inc., Princeton: \$500 for educational events sharing the value of historic preservation and National Register of Historic Places designation in the community.

Fountain Fletcher District Association, Indianapolis: \$3,000 to create a digital tour highlighting history and architecture in the city's Fountain Square and Fletcher Place neighborhoods.

Friends of the Frankfort Public Library, Frankfort: \$3,000 to develop an exhibit about historic barns, a talk on the work of the Indiana Barn Foundation, and tours of two local barns repurposed for new uses.

Great Towns, Inc., Indianapolis: \$3,000 for an essay contest open to Tipton High School students on the background and reuse of the town's historic buildings.

Harrison Center, Indianapolis: \$3,000 for workshops for area youth highlighting the importance of historic preservation and the adaptive reuse of historic structures.

Indiana Lincoln Highway Association, Granger: \$3,000 to support presentations and guided bus tours highlighting history along the historic highway in conjunction with the 30th annual national Lincoln Highway Association conference in Elkhart.

Indiana University Press, Bloomington: \$3,000 for publication of volume 1 of Architecture of Indianapolis by Dr. James A. Glass, examining the evolution of the city's architecture from 1820 to 1900.

Indiana University Press, Bloomington: \$3,000 for publication of volume 2 of Architecture of Indianapolis by Dr. James A. Glass, examining the evolution of the city's architecture from 1900 to 1920.



IUPUI University Library, Indianapolis: \$2,997 for an event launching the newly digitized collection of photos and records from the Junglaus-Campbell Company and panel discussion examining the company's history and legacy in Indianapolis.

Main Street Plainfield, Plainfield: \$3,000 to update the organization's website with timelines, articles, and multimedia content exploring the evolution of downtown.

Monroe County History Center, Bloomington: \$2,966 to digitally scan Monroe County's historic East-Munson barn for a virtual reality exhibit highlighting its construction and use.

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

South Bend TradeWorks: \$7,500 for restoration of the nonprofit's new space at South Bend's Spenner Garage, built in 1926 as a Ford car service and sales building.

An affinity group of Indiana Landmarks, Indiana Modern supports initiatives to identify, promote, and preserve the state's mid-century architecture. A \$1,200 grant from the group is supporting work to nominate Columbus's Harry Weese-designed Irwin Union Bank and Trust to the National Register of Historic Places.

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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.

Kurt West Garner, Plymouth: \$1,200 to prepare a National Register of Historic Places nomination for the Harry Weese-designed Irwin Union Bank and Trust built in 1961 in Columbus, Indiana.

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.

Englewood Community Development Corporation: \$7,500 for emergency repairs to the smokestack on the historic P.R. Mallory campus.

Phi Kappa Psi Foundation: \$3,000 to prepare a National Register of Historic Places nomination for the 1916 Laurel Hall.

Propylaeum Historic Foundation: \$7,500 for masonry work at the 1890 Schmidt-Schaf House.

Rethink Coalition: \$5,000 for operational support as the coalition administers a federal planning grant for progressive design of the I-65/I-70 corridor in downtown Indianapolis.

St. Peters Evangelical Lutheran Church: \$2,500 for a rehabilitation feasibility study of the 1929 church.

Efroymsen Family Fund

Indiana Landmarks serves as preservation advisor to the fund, recommending projects throughout the state for grants. In 2024, the fund awarded \$104,200 to 15 projects:

Blaffer Foundation, New Harmony: \$5,000 for a conditions assessment and rehabilitation plan at “Rosebank,” a vacant c.1832 home built for Richard Owen.

BSP Movements, Inc., Lawrenceburg: \$5,000 for roof repairs on the 1925 Walnut Theater.

City of Fort Wayne: \$10,000 to hire an economist to analyze the benefits of historic preservation and impact on the local economy.

Historic Hagerstown, Inc.: \$5,000 for repairs to gutters and downspouts of the 1880 Odd Fellows Lodge building.

Heritage Preservation Society of Putnam County, Greencastle: \$5,000 for exterior rehabilitation of the 1894 Vandalia Railroad freight depot.

Imagine Performing Arts, Inc., Connersville: \$5,000 for roof and masonry repairs to the 1901 Odd Fellows Lodge building, now being adapted as a local arts center.

Poland Chapel Historical Society, Poland: \$10,000 for flooring system repairs in the 1869 Gothic Revival chapel.

The Society of Indiana Pioneers, Indianapolis: \$5,000 to restore eaves and install new gutters and downspouts on the 1865 Batson Church near New Castle.

Town of Shoals: \$10,000 for masonry restoration on the 1872 Mohr Building.



IN 2024, INDIANA LANDMARKS CELEBRATED 25 YEARS OF PARTNERSHIP with the Efroymsen family to save meaningful places throughout the state through the Efroymsen Family Fund of the Central Indiana Community Foundation. Reflecting on the milestone, Lori Efroymsen Aguilera (pictured) wrote:



Supporting conservation and preservation through our family's foundation has been a significant part of my life's work. Preserving historic buildings, architectural gems, and cultural landmarks is not merely about safeguarding bricks and mortar; it is a way of protecting our community's stories, artistry, and soul. These structures are living witnesses of our shared history and represent the spirit of those who came before us. Hopefully, they will continue to inspire future generations.

The work of Indiana Landmarks to preserve these irreplaceable treasures ensures that our state's rich heritage is not lost. Each building saved, each landmark restored, is a triumph of hope over decay, memory over forgetfulness, and a testament to the value we place on our cultural and historical identity.

INDIANA LANDMARKS

Six of the Efroymsen Family Fund grants support projects managed by Indiana Landmarks:

\$15,000 for Indiana Landmarks' **10 Most Endangered program.**

\$5,000 to help Indiana Landmarks' ongoing **Historic Bridge Initiative** to list historic spans in the National Register of Historic Places.

\$10,000 for window restoration and stucco repairs at the 1911 **Moore House** in Indianapolis's Mapleton-Fall Creek neighborhood.

\$10,000 for exterior rehabilitation of South Bend's 1912 **West Side Recreation Club.**

\$2,200 for a building assessment of a historic barn at the **Circus Hall of Fame** in Peru.

\$2,000 for a rehabilitation feasibility study of the 1910 **Rudicel Barn** in Shelby County by the Indiana Barn Foundation.

Indiana Landmarks Black Heritage Preservation Program serves as an advisor on grants made by the Cox Funds of the Central Indiana Community Foundation, suggesting projects that support preservation of African American landmarks. In 2024, a \$20,000 grant from the funds was awarded to replace the roof and guttering on Seymour's 1870 Lynn Street Colored School.

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

Indiana Landmarks Black Heritage Preservation Program 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 2024, the fund awarded \$202,000 to nine projects:

Abundant Life Ministries Community Church, Indianapolis: \$15,000 to replace the electrical system in the 1968 church.

Allen Chapel AME Church, Indianapolis: \$20,000 to replace the heating and cooling system in the 1927 church.

Community Foundation of Boone County, Lebanon: \$30,000 for foundation and roof repairs on the historic 1880 Lebanon AME Church undergoing restoration as an Airbnb.

Lynn Street Colored School Center of Good Will, Inc., Seymour: \$20,000 to replace the roof and guttering on the 1870 school.

Patoka Church of God in Christ, Patoka: \$12,000 for repairs to the foundation and sill plate on a 1960s addition at the historic Patoka Colored School, used by the Patoka Church of God in Christ since 1934.

Phillips Temple CME Church, Indianapolis: \$25,000 to replace part of the roof on the 1928 church.

Whitely Community Council, Muncie: \$35,000 to restore stained glass and install accessible restrooms in the Shaffer Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church, originally built as the Whitely Public School c.1893.

Union County Historical Society, Liberty: \$10,000 to replace heating and cooling systems in the historic First Missionary Baptist Church, used as a church and community meeting space.

University United Methodist Church, Indianapolis: \$35,000 to replace windows in the 1970 church.





Sacred Places Indiana Grants

In the fiscal year 2023-24, Indiana Landmarks' Sacred Places program provided \$3,046,799 to 30 congregations, including the first round of grants from a substantial new program, the Sacred Places Indiana Fund, designed to help congregations address capital needs at their historic houses of worship. Other awards supported architectural, rehabilitation, and fundraising studies:

Broadway United Methodist Church, Indianapolis: \$400,000 capital grant to complete urgent restoration work on the bell tower and limestone façade of the 1927 Gothic Revival-style church. The congregation also received a \$25,000 planning grant for a building conditions assessment and fundraising feasibility study.

Central Christian Church, Lebanon: \$6,667 planning grant to assess preservation needs at the 1903 brick church and its 1963 education wing. The congregation also received a \$100,000 capital grant for exterior masonry repairs to brick and limestone façades on the sanctuary and education wing.

First Christian Church, Bedford: \$6,500 to supplement a conditions survey at the 1900 church, constructed of local Lawrence County limestone.

First Christian Church, Bloomington: \$24,400 planning grant to conduct a fundraising feasibility study to prepare the congregation to launch a capital campaign to preserve the 1917 Gothic Revival-style church. Through the Sacred Places Indiana Fund, the congregation received a \$250,000 capital grant toward the replacement of its aging HVAC boiler system.

Indiana Landmarks' Sacred Places Indiana program provides training and grants to help congregations maintain their historic houses of worship. In 2023-2024, the program made its first round of grants from the Sacred Places Indiana Fund to help meet significant capital needs in historic churches. St. Adalbert Catholic Parish in South Bend used a \$15,000 planning grant to commission architectural drawings that guided repairs and also used a \$400,000 capital grant from the fund to replace the roof on the 1926 church.

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First Christian Church, Lafayette: \$10,000 planning grant for a feasibility study, building assessment, and re-use plan to assist the congregation with space-sharing efforts at the 1914 church. The congregation received a \$23,106 capital grant to carry out HVAC repairs and exterior painting.

First Christian Church, Martinsville: \$10,000 for a facilities assessment to understand capital needs for the 1899 church and 1928 education wing. The congregation also received a \$75,000 capital grant to replace a sloped membrane roof on the education wing.

First Congregational United Church of Christ, Angola: \$10,000 for a building conditions study at the 1900 Gothic Revival-style church.

First Presbyterian Church, Richmond: \$15,000 planning grant to conduct a building conditions assessment of the 1886 Richardson Romanesque-style church.

First United Church, Bloomington: \$6,667 for a conditions assessment of the 1956 Mid-Century Modern-style church building. The congregation was also awarded a \$54,785 capital grant to replace a membrane roof on the church sanctuary.

First United Methodist Church, Marion: \$59,653 for emergency repairs to the 1923 Gothic Revival-style church's HVAC boiler system.

First United Methodist Church, Plymouth: \$17,760 for a fundraising feasibility study and building conditions assessment of the 1915 Neoclassical Revival-style church.

Friedens United Church of Christ, Indianapolis: \$25,000 for a fundraising feasibility study and property assessment of the 1964 Mid-Century Modern-style church.

Hopewell Presbyterian Church, Franklin: \$64,667 for masonry repairs on the south parapet wall of the 1902 Gothic Revival-style church's education wing.

Meridian Street United Methodist Church, Indianapolis: \$40,000 to remove an exterior ramp, reconstruct limestone steps, and restore iron handrails at the 1952 Georgian-Colonial Revival-style church. The congregation also received a \$25,000 planning grant to conduct a building conditions assessment and fundraising feasibility study.

Mount Zion Baptist Church, Indianapolis: \$18,500 for a building conditions assessment of the 1957 church.

New Circle Church, Indianapolis: \$24,000 to conduct a property assessment of the 1921 Gothic Revival-style church and its 1950s/1960s additions.

North United Methodist Church, Indianapolis: \$250,000 to complete limestone masonry repairs to halt water infiltration into the church's 1931 sanctuary and 1951 education wing. The congregation was also awarded a \$25,000 planning grant to update a building conditions assessment and commission architectural renderings for the masonry project.

Park Place Church of God, Anderson: \$300,000 for masonry repairs to the steeple of the 1960 Colonial Revival-style church. The congregation also received a \$25,000 planning grant to conduct a building conditions assessment and prepare capital campaign marketing materials.

Plainfield Friends/Western Yearly Meeting House, Plainfield: \$5,000 for a building assessment to prioritize preservation work at the 1913 meeting house. The congregation also received a \$60,850 capital grant to replace an asphalt-shingle roof.

Roberts Park United Methodist Church, Indianapolis: \$25,000 for a building conditions assessment of the 1876 Romanesque Revival-style church.

Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Parish, Indianapolis: \$9,600 to support a fundraising study for future capital work at the 1890 Gothic Revival-style parish.

St. Adalbert Catholic Parish, South Bend: \$400,000 to support roof replacement on the 1926 Gothic Revival-style church. The parish also received a \$15,000 planning grant to commission architectural drawings to support the capital project.

St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, Poseyville: \$15,000 to support restoration of the 1899 Gothic Revival-style Holy Angels Catholic Church in New Harmony.



Sacred Places Indiana awarded a \$64,667 capital grant to repair masonry when water infiltration threatened Franklin's 1902 Hopewell Presbyterian Church, helping maintain the historic crenellations adorning the parapet wall of its 1958 addition.

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St. Mark's United Church of Christ, New Albany: \$18,500 to conduct a building conditions assessment of the 1957 Mid-Century Modern-style church and its 1968 education building.

St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church, Whiting: \$10,000 for a fundraising feasibility study to guide the congregation in conducting a capital campaign for the preservation of the 1917 church. The congregation was also awarded a \$90,000 capital grant to repair the sanctuary's stained-glass windows.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, New Albany: \$25,000 for a fundraising feasibility study and property conditions assessment of the campus of the 1895 Gothic Revival-style church.

St. Stanislaus Kostka Catholic Church, Michigan City: \$400,000 to complete urgent masonry repairs on the twin bell towers of the 1916-26 Renaissance Revival-style parish. The congregation also received a \$25,000 planning grant for architectural design and planning services to support the capital project.

Sts. Constantine and Elena Romanian Orthodox Church, Indianapolis: \$17,000 for a building conditions assessment of the 1949 Neo-Byzantine-style church.

West Street Christian Church, Tipton: \$24,067 for a building conditions assessment of the 1908 Romanesque Revival-style church building.

Zion United Church of Christ, Indianapolis: \$6,667 for a building conditions assessment of the 1941 church and surrounding campus. The congregation also received an \$8,410 capital grant to repair and restore the sanctuary doors and replace a broken HVAC unit.