

2020-2021 Grants Recipients

This year's grant requests total \$32,373 from eleven applicants for the grant budget of \$25,000. The Collin County Historical Commission approved nine out of the eleven applications with seven applicants receiving grants for the total amount requested. One received a lower amount than requested while another received more than the amount requested.

Anna Area Historical Society Anna Train Depot-Additional ADA Compliant Access

Request: \$3988 Grant: \$3988

The Anna Area Historical Society will add an additional ramp to access the Train Depot located in Sherley Park. This includes refurbishing an existing sliding freight door (now stationary) on the upper level of the freight area for ADA access that is not possible now. Also plans include a ramp to access the main door on the lower level of the depot. With these additions the entire Depot will be accessible to those with walkers and wheelchairs.

Collin County Genealogy Society Digitizing Newspapers

Request: \$4000 Grant: \$4000

Historic Preservation and Education. This is a multiple phase project for the Genealogy Society to digitize historical newspapers of Collin County. This phase will concentrate on issues of the McKinney Examiner from the late 1940's and early 1950's. These bound copies are held by the Collin County History Museum and will be digitized by the University of North Texas where once digitized will be placed online at UNT's "Portal to Texas History" website.

(<http://texashistory.unt.edu/explore/collections/TDNP/browse/>). The bound copies will be permanently stored at UNT.

Chambersville Cemetery Association Cemetery Preservation

Request: \$5000 Grant: \$3300.00

Historic Preservation: The Chambersville Cemetery Association will continue to repair, level and clean 20 monuments in the cemetery using the services of Texas Cemetery Restoration, LLC under the leadership of James "Rusty" Brenner.

Farmersville Historical Society Window Replacement for the Bain-Honaker House

Request: \$2000 Grant: \$3991

Historic Preservation: The Farmersville Historical Society has an ongoing project to restore the house's twenty-one decaying windows and screens. These funds will allow the Historical Society to move closer toward that goal.

Heard-Craig Center for the Arts Business Ledger Digitization

Request: \$250 Grant: \$250

Historic Preservation and Education: The Heard-Craig Center for the Arts will complete the scanning of business ledger information which is over 100 years old. These ledgers span the years from 1913 through 1924 and include a Heard Inventory workbook. The work will be done by University of North Texas, saved digitally and will be available for online public access.

Heard-Craig Center for the Arts Oral Histories

Request: \$2560 Grant: \$2560

Historic Preservation and Education: Heard-Craig Center for the Arts continues the project of recordings volunteers. This will be their third phase of this project with emphasis on the years between the 1930's through 1970's. Those to be interviewed are those who can provide first-person accounts of both county and national events, with emphasis on stories that shaped Collin County, its communities, and the nation where applicable to Texas.

John Abston Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution

Request: \$3398 Grant: \$3398

Historic Preservation and Education: The John Abston Chapter of the DAR is concentrating on Pecan Grove Cemetery in McKinney. Plans include cleaning, repair and leveling 8 headstones and replacing a "Real Daughter" designation which is awarded to actual daughters of a Revolutionary soldier or patriot. This is the grave of Mrs. Mayes, who is the only "Real Daughter" buried in Pecan Grove Cemetery.

Murphy Historical Society Two Display Cases to Store Historical Memorabilia

Request: \$2150 Grant: \$2150

Historic Education: Murphy Historical Society will purchase 2 display cases that will allow them to share Murphy artifacts with all who pass through Murphy City Hall. Some of the items include a 1900 wedding dress, a Murphy school book from the 1920's, and pictures, photographs and scrapbooks in the Society's collection.

Plano Conservancy for Historic Preservation, Inc. Wayside Sign for Horn Cemetery

Request: \$1363 Grant: \$1363

Historic Education: The Plano Conservancy plans to order and install an informational fiberglass panel with an in-ground aluminum mount located in Erwin Park. This will give Erwin Park visitors historical information about Horn Cemetery.