

2021-2022 Grant Recipients

Ten applicants requested \$27,354 of the \$25,000 CCHC Grant budget. Nine of the applicants will be awarded grants. There was one denial. A list of other sources funding each project may be found on page 3.

1. Historic Preservation and Education: Collin County Genealogy Society: Digitizing 1950's McKinney Examiner Newspapers Requested: \$4000 Grant: \$4000

This is part of a multi-year project to digitize historical newspapers of Collin County and place them online, for free access, at the Portal of Texas History website.

2. Historic Preservation: Farmersville Historical Society: Window Replacement (Phase 2) Request: \$5000 Grant: \$5000

This is part of an ongoing preservation and maintenance project of the Bain-Honaker House. The age and weather-related deterioration of various structural features of the house must be addressed. This project will replace a few of the building 21 decaying windows and screens.

3. Historic Preservation: Heard-Craig Center for the Arts: Oral Histories Request: \$1344 Grant: \$1344

This is the 4th round of oral histories. Heard-Craig Center is gathering and recording county residents to capture first-person accounts of history that include reflections about Collin County but also include reflections about national and world events.

4. Historic Preservation: Heritage Association of Frisco: Translating letters from the Wollenreich Collection. Request: \$2500 Grant: \$2500

This project centers on transcribing the Wollenreich Collections handwritten letters of Old German Suterlin script to English. The personal letters tell the WWII story of the flight from Nazi Germany to freedom in Frisco, TX, and the fight for information and restitution following the war.

5. Heritage Farmstead Museum: Interpretive Signs and Panels Request: \$2000 Grant: \$2000

This project is designed to replace old and outdated signage throughout the Farmstead and includes 18 new signs as part of the new virtual tour project using QR Codes.

**6. Historic Education: Heritage Guild of Collin County (Chestnut Square):
Self-Guided Tour Brochure Request: \$1500 Grant: \$1500**

This project involves creation of an informational brochure for a self-paced virtual tour of the grounds. QR Codes posted throughout the grounds will upgrade the self-guided tour with informational video.

**7. Historic Preservation: Murphy Historical Society: Gravestone Maintenance for
the Decatur/Maxwell/Murphy Cemetery Request: \$2510 Grant: \$2510**

this project is to repair and clean 5 broken headstones in the oldest and largest cemetery in Murphy, the Decatur/Maxwell/Murphy Cemetery. This is part of an ongoing preservation and maintenance project of the cemetery.

**8. Historic Preservation: Routh Cemeteries Association: Repair and Replace Markers
Request: \$4000 Grant: \$4000**

The project is to replace broken tombstones in pioneer Routh cemetery that are beyond repair and add headstones to previously unmarked gravesites. This is part of an ongoing preservation and maintenance project of the cemetery.

**9. Historic Education: Wylie Historical Society: History of Wylie Exhibit
Request: \$2500 Grant: \$2146**

This exhibit will include the founding of Wylie and highlights of life in Wylie through the decades of the 20th century, in a portable, “pop-up” form.

Denials:

**10. Historical Preservation: Allen Parks Foundation Cemetery marker leveling
Request: \$2000 Grant: \$0**

The Allen Parks Foundation’s plan is to level markers that have settled into the ground. Although the grant application was well written, there was one detail that is stated in bold type on page 2 of the Grant Application: “**All applicants must be in good standing as participating members of the Collin County Historical Coalition, an organization of all private and public heritage groups in the county, which is sponsored by the CCHC.**”

The Allen Parks Foundation has never attended a quarterly Coalition meeting and therefore, is not in good standing with the Collin County Historical Commission (CCHC). Coalition meetings are open to the public and it is not required to attend every meeting. Once the attendance requirement is met, the CCHC will be glad to consider a grant application from the Allen Parks Foundation in the future.

Other Sources:

1. Collin County Genealogy Society: Collin County Genealogy Society digitization fund
2. Farmersville Historical Society: Farmersville Historical Society and Farmersville 4B
3. Heard-Craig Center for the Arts: Heard-Craig Center for the Arts operating account
4. Heritage Association of Frisco: Heritage Association of Frisco operating account
5. Heritage Farmstead Museum: Heritage Farmstead Museum operating account and will solicit additional funds
6. Heritage Guild of Collin County Texas (Chestnut Square): Prospective Corporate Sponsor
7. Murphy Historical Society: Murphy Historical Society operating account
8. Routh Cemeteries Association: Donations from members of the Routh Cemeteries Association
9. Wylie Historical Society: Wylie Downtown Merchants Association