

Grants for Archives & Digitization Projects

The History Fund

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What's the *History Fund*?

- Newer grant program of the Ohio Historical Society
- Supports local and state history projects
- Also called “tax check-off” or “competitive matching grant” program

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Who is the *History Fund* for?



Organizations like yours

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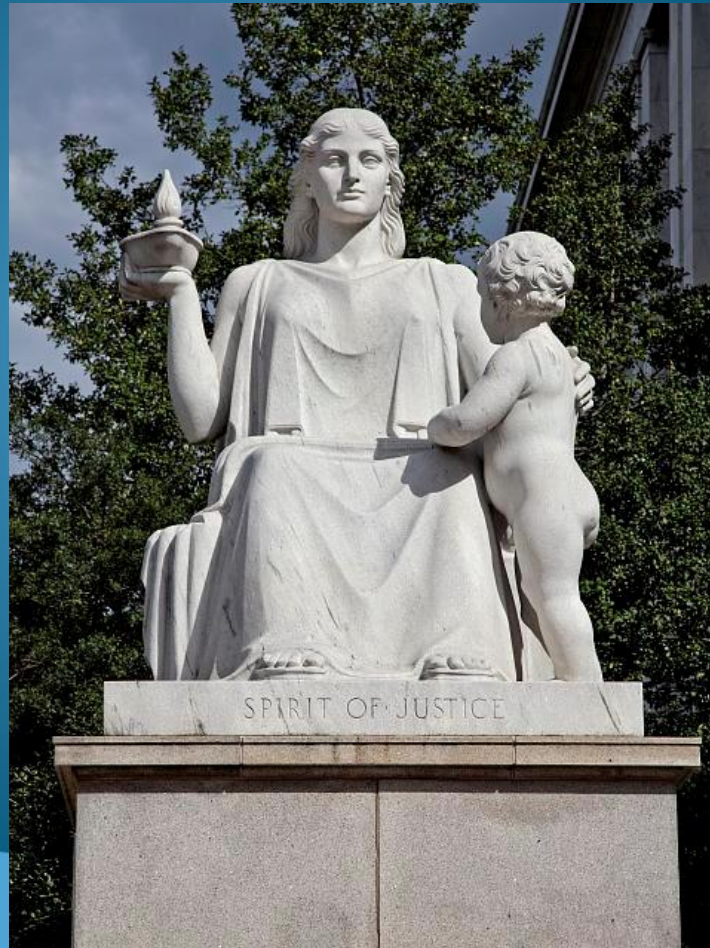


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Goals of the History Fund:

To support projects that...

**Are
objective
and fair**



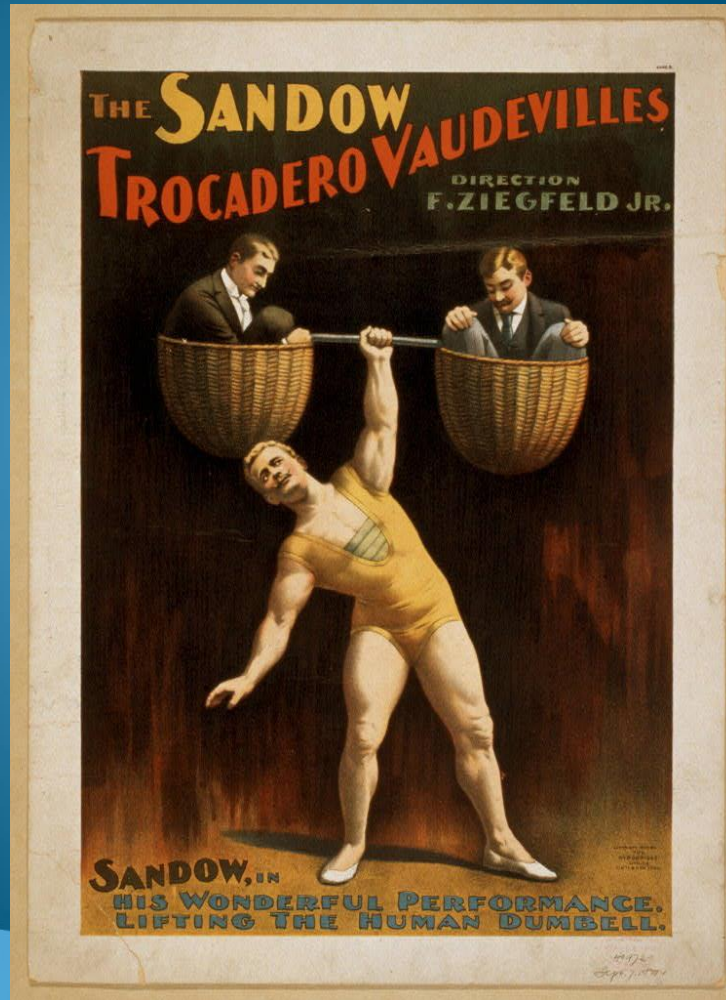
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Goals of the History Fund:

Strengthen
Ohio
history



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Goals of the History Fund:

Demonstrate community support



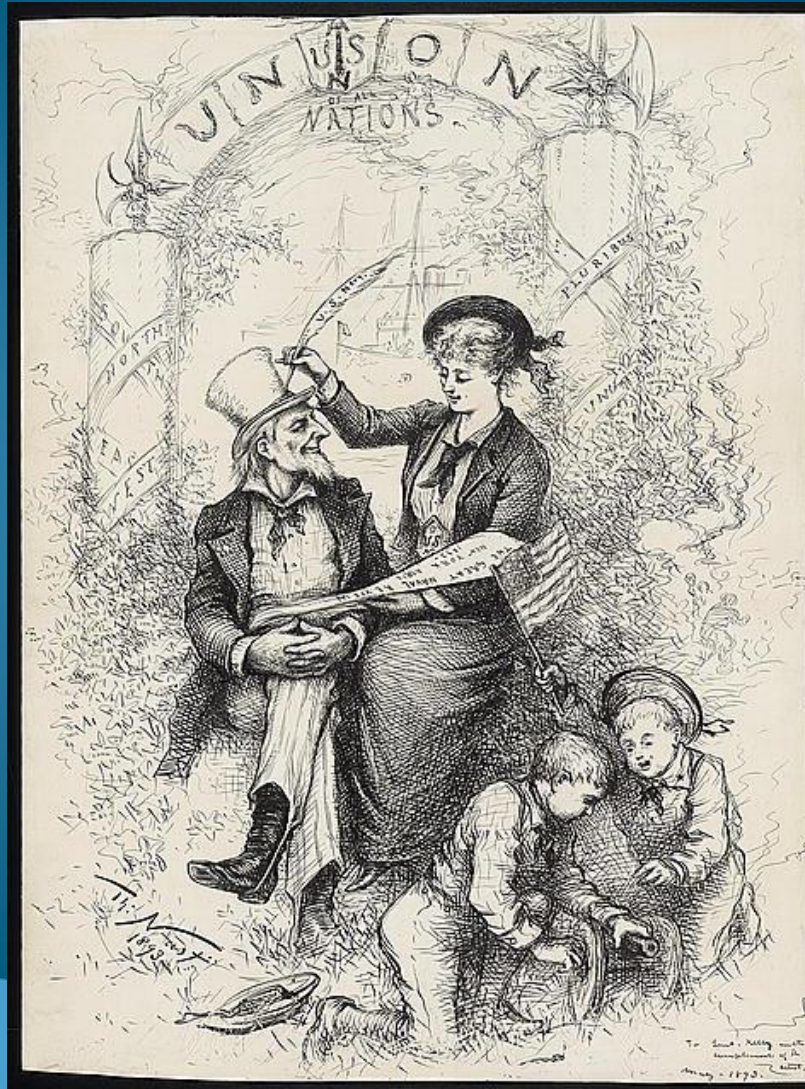
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Goals of the History Fund:

Benefit
the
public



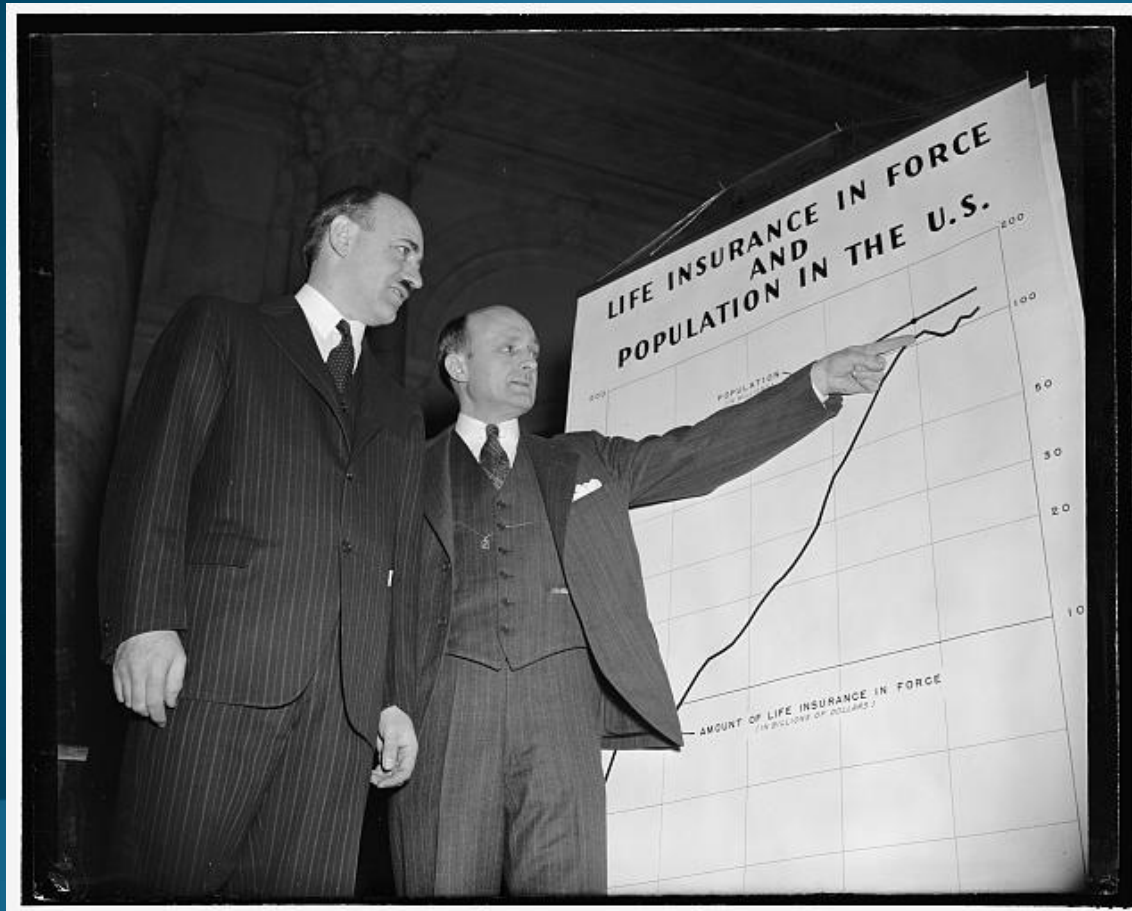
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Goals of the History Fund:

Demonstrate a measurable impact



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Goals of the History Fund:

Foster sustainability



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Goals of the History Fund:

Meet professional standards



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You do!


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Who funds the *History Fund*?

Do not use staples.

 **Ohio** Department of Taxation

Use only black ink.

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Taxable year beginning in **2013**

IT 1040 Rev. 11/13
Individual
Income Tax Return

Taxpayer Social Security no. (required) ☐ If deceased ☐ Spouse's Social Security no. (only if joint return) ☐ If deceased ☐ Enter school district # for

24. Add lines 21, 22 and 23 TOTAL PAYMENTS ▶ 24. 0 0

If line 24 is MORE THAN line 20, go to line 25. If line 24 is LESS THAN line 20, skip to line 29.

25. If line 24 is MORE THAN line 20, subtract line 20 from line 24..... AMOUNT OVERPAID ▶ 25. 0 0

26. Amount of line 25 to be credited to 2014 income tax liability CREDIT TO 2014 ▶ 26. 0 0

27. Amount of line 25 that you wish to donate to the following fund(s):

a. Military injury relief 0 0

b. Natural areas 0 0

c. **Ohio Historical Society** 0 0

d. Wildlife species 0 0

28. Line 25 minus the sum of lines 26 and 27a, b, c and d. Enter here, then skip to line 30..... 28. 0 0

Ohio tax return, **IT-1040, line 27c;**
IT-1040EZ, line 20c “Ohio Historical
Society”

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Who funds the *History Fund*?

*Your tax refund donations / gifts to OHS
+ Ohio Historical Society
= History Fund grant program*

- As of 2014, tax check off donations to OHS = minimum of **\$150,000** by December 31 *or else check-off eliminated*

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Need for *History Fund*

2012-'13 (first year):

- *64 applications / \$891,000 in requests.*
- *\$108,000 granted to 10 organizations*

2013-'14:

- *64 applications / \$788,000 in requests.*
- *\$110,000 granted to 10 organizations.*

Need for *History Fund*

- *More contributions to “tax check-off” = more \$\$\$ to grant to your organizations*
- To date, tax check off = \$143,000. Must generate \$150,000 by December 31
- Help us help you – promote tax check off donations to History Fund

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Mastodons



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Ohio Historical
Society

\$20 from sale of History license plate is for History Fund
grants for local history organizations

www.bmv.ohio.gov/sp_history.stm



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The History Fund – the Details

- Who is eligible to apply; who isn't?
- What activities will the *History Fund*, fund?
- Application timeline
- Contact information

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Who is eligible to apply?



Ross County Historical Society, Chillicothe

**Ohio nonprofit organizations –
archives, libraries, museums!**

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Who is eligible to apply?

**Public
entities
in Ohio**



Williams County Courthouse, Bryan

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Who is eligible to apply?



National Road –
Zane Grey
Museum,
Zanesville

John & Annie
Glenn Museum
Foundation, New
Concord

**Organizations operating OHS sites
under site management agreements**

- Responsibilities assigned to OHS not
eligible for History Fund grants.*

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Who's INeligible to apply?

- For-profit businesses
- Private individuals
- Ohio Historical Society
- *Any of these may provide services to a grantee, but no grants will be awarded directly to these applicants.*

What activities will the *History Fund*, fund?

Projects in 3 categories:

1. Organizational Development
2. Programs & Collections
3. Bricks & Mortar

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What activities will the *History Fund*, fund?

ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Projects that help organizations help themselves

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What activities will the *History Fund*, fund?

ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT



**Williams County Record Center
Preservation Assessment (2014)**

\$3,800 / \$7,300

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ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Grant amounts: *\$1,000 - \$4,000*
- Project length: *up to 1 year*
- Match requirement: *80/20*
- Funds distribution: *50% of the grant amount at the beginning of the project; 50% at end.*

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What activities will the *History Fund*, fund?

PROGRAMS & COLLECTIONS

Collections care

Digitization

Exhibits

Oral history

Apps

Public programs

Reenactments

Children's programs

Publications

Walking tours – driving tours

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What activities will the *History Fund*, fund?

PROGRAMS & COLLECTIONS

Dayton
History
William
Preston
Mayfield
Photograph
Rehousing
Project
(2014)
\$18,000 /
\$84,800



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What activities will the *History Fund*, fund?

PROGRAMS & COLLECTIONS

McKinley Presidential Library & Museum

Ida McKinley
Dress

Conservation
Project
(2014)

\$3,700 / \$6,800



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What activities will the *History Fund*, fund?

PROGRAMS & COLLECTIONS



Ross County Historical Society
Historical Textile Storage Project (2014)
\$10,000 / \$22,800

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What activities will the *History Fund*, fund?

PROGRAMS & COLLECTIONS



Summit County Historical Society
Collections Management for 2025, Akron's Bicentennial
(2014) **\$8,500** / \$15,000

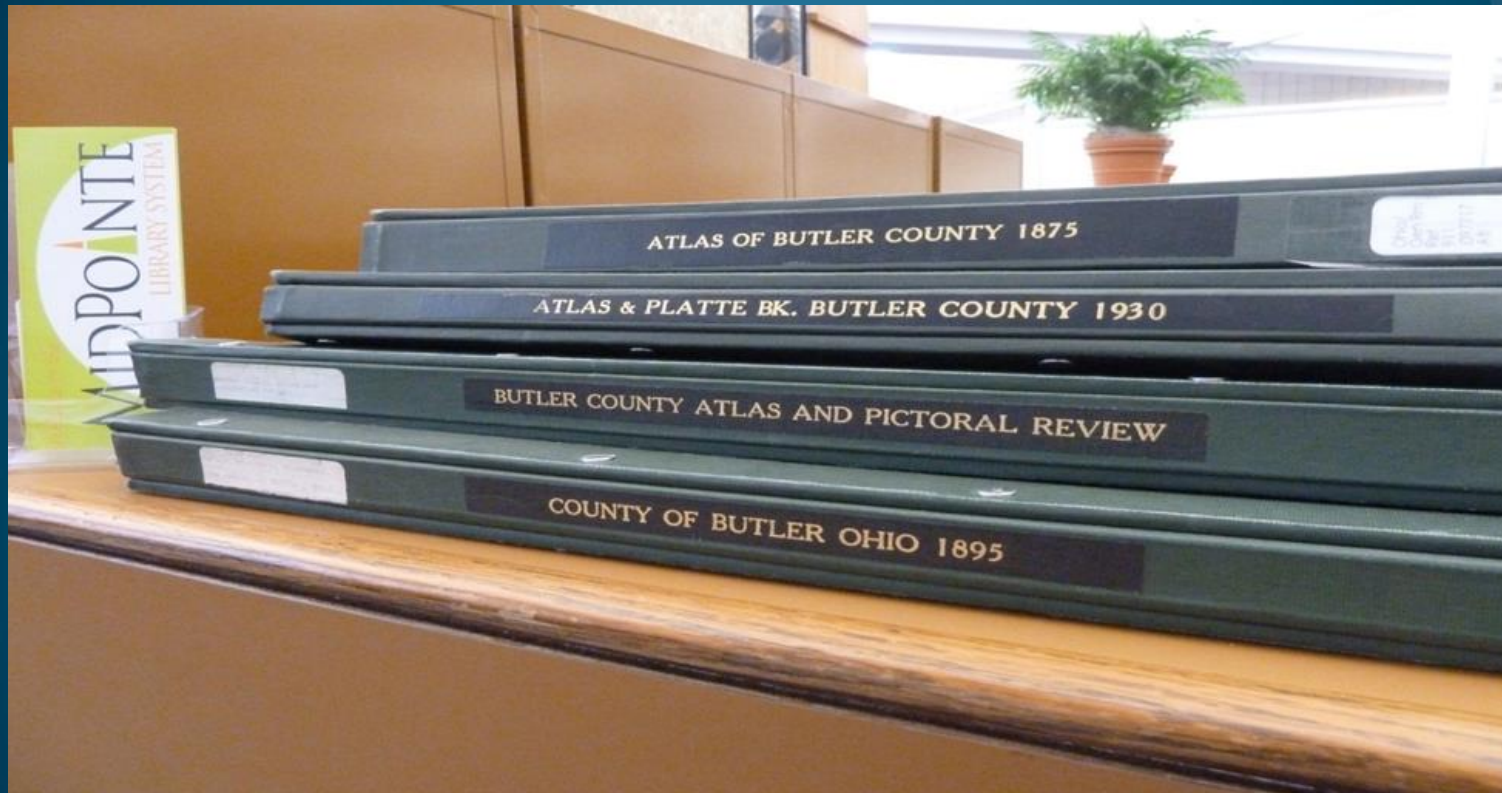
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PROGRAMS & COLLECTIONS



MidPointe Library System
Digitization of Butler County Atlases (2013)
\$2,160 / \$3,600

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What activities will the *History Fund*, fund?

PROGRAMS & COLLECTIONS



Before



Room #7 "after" - although artifacts still need to be cataloged, now they're stored in an orderly and safe fashion, clearly tagged with ID numbers, and in or on materials that will help preserve them.

After

Clark County Historical Society
Collections Management Improvement Project (2013)
\$15,000 / \$55,800

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What activities will the *History Fund*, fund?

PROGRAMS & COLLECTIONS



Dennison Railroad Depot Museum

ARTIFACT EMERGENCY: Moving the Dennison Depot
and Uhrichsville Clay Museum Collection (2013)

\$15,000 / \$178,000

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Cleveland Museum of Natural History

Pilot Study: A Rapid, Inexpensive Method for Investigating
Community Structure in E. Lake Erie Basin (2013)

\$12,873 / \$23,400

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PROGRAMS & COLLECTIONS

- Grant amounts: \$2,000 - \$20,000
- Project length: *up 2 years*
- Match requirement: *60/40*
- Funds distribution: *50% of the grant amount at the beginning of the project; 50% paid at end.*

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What activities will the *History Fund*, fund?

BRICKS & MORTAR

- **Work on properties on National Register of Historic Places**
- **Work on a building used for the preservation of historical or archival collections regardless of the building's historic status.**
- **New construction dedicated to the preservation of historical or archival collections.**

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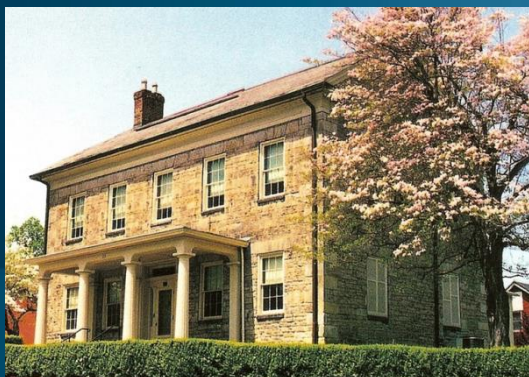
Before



During



After



Pioneer and Historical Society of
Muskingum County
Stone Academy Roof Restoration
Project (2013) **\$8,000** / \$20,500

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What activities will the *History Fund*, fund?

BRICKS & MORTAR



Worthington Historical Society
Orange Johnson House Roof Replacement Project
(2014) **\$8,500** / \$14,900

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BRICKS & MORTAR

- Grant amounts: \$2,000 - \$20,000
- Project length: *up to 2 years*
- Match requirement: 60/40
- Funds distribution: *20% of grant paid at the beginning of the project. Remainder paid over life the grant on a reimbursement basis.*

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BRICKS & MORTAR – *continued*

- **Bricks and Mortar projects require a maintenance agreement**
 - *Property owner agrees to maintain the historic features of the property (for historic properties), or retain the building for its intended use (for non-historic) for 5 years.*

Ineligible Projects – *History Fund*

- See History Fund Grants Guidelines *handout* for full list
- *Purchase of collections.*
- *Buildings – moving or reconstructing*
- *Buildings – remodeling: projects to remodel or modernize building interiors unrelated to the guidelines above.*
- *Copyright: projects that would convert to a digital format materials that the applicant intuition does not hold the copyright to.*
- *Costs of operation, such as utilities, security system maintenance fees, grounds keeping, hosting services for website, digital image storage, etc.*

Ineligible projects – *History Fund*

- *Public works of art.*
- *Grants to erect or repair Ohio Historical Markers. For grants for markers, see www.remarkableohio.org*
- *Oral history that does not focus on a particular subject or theme.*
- *Contact the History Fund at Ohio Historical Society if you have a question about whether an activity is eligible for funding.*

History Fund timeline, 2014

- *Mid-June: Application available at **www.ohiohistory.org/historyfund***
- *September 3, 2014: Applications due*
- *February 2015: Funding decisions announced*
- *May 2015: Project periods start (12 to 24 months)*

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How do we apply?

Go to:

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- Applications accepted online only
- Can download and print all materials
- Prepare application “offline” and copy and paste into online application

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History Fund Help *webinars*:

- **June 25**
- **July 16**
- **August 6**
- *Time:* 10 – 11:30 am
- *Cost:* Free, register after June 2
at **www.ohiohistory.org/register**

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The History Fund Questions?

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