Grants for Archives & Digitization Projects

The History Fund

www.ohiohistory.org/historyfund
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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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
Goals of the History Fund:
Foster sustainability

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Goals of the History Fund:
Meet professional standards

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Who funds the *History Fund*?

You do!

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Who funds the History Fund?

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.

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

www.bmv.ohio.gov/sp_history.stm
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?

Ohio nonprofit organizations – archives, libraries, museums!

Ross County Historical Society, Chillicothe

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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?

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.

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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

[Link to Ohio History Fund website](www.ohiohistory.org/historyfund)
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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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**PROGRAMS & COLLECTIONS**

- Collections care
- Digitization
- Exhibits
- Oral history
- Apps
- Public programs
- Reenactments
- Children’s programs
- Publications
- Walking tours – driving tours

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PROGRAMS & COLLECTIONS

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

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**PROGRAMS & COLLECTIONS**

McKinley Presidential Library & Museum

Ida McKinley Dress Conservation Project (2014)

$3,700 / $6,800

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PROGRAMS & COLLECTIONS

Ross County Historical Society
Historical Textile Storage Project (2014)

$10,000 / $22,800

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**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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**PROGRAMS & COLLECTIONS**

Clark County Historical Society

Collections Management Improvement Project (2013)

$15,000 / $55,800

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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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**PROGRAMS & COLLECTIONS**

Cleveland Museum of National History


$12,873 / $23,400

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PROGR AMS & 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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**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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**BRICKS & MORTAR**

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

[Images of before, during, and after the roof restoration project]

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**BRICKS & MORTAR**

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

[Website Link](www.ohiohistory.org/historyfund)
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.

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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.*

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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
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](http://www.ohiohistory.org/register)
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