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## **Cedar Lake Historical Association Recognized with \$34,000 Heritage Support Grant**

**Indianapolis**—The Indiana Historical Society (IHS) proudly announces the Cedar Lake Historical Association is among a select group of organizations honored with a third Heritage Support Grant, made possible by a grant from Lilly Endowment Inc.

The Association is being awarded \$34,000 in preparation for a capital campaign to renovate the Lake of the Red Cedars Museum, located at 7408 Constitution Ave. in Cedar Lake. The funds will be used to hire a fundraising consultant, collections care assessor, preservation architect and geotechnical engineer, among others.

The award comes on the heels of two other Heritage Support Grants, including a \$4,500 grant awarded in the fall of 2016, which was used to begin a structural evaluation of the Museum.

"The Board of Governors is excited to continue with planning for a significant renovation project to improve the structural integrity of the Museum's foundation," said Julie Zasada, executive director of the Cedar Lake Historical Association. "We are hopeful that the renovations will coincide with the 100th anniversary of the property's operation as a resort hotel, which is in 2020."

Once known as the Lassen Resort, the hotel welcomed summer vacationers to Cedar Lake from 1920 until shortly after World War II. The historic building was sold to the Lake Region Christian Assembly and then sold again to the Town of Cedar Lake.

When it became evident town officials were considering tearing down the decaying hotel, the Association was formed and rallied to save it. Today, the organization operates the old Lassen Hotel as a museum, consisting of 14 rooms featuring settings from the past and many special exhibits.

The Association is one of 14 Indiana organizations recognized with IHS's third round of Heritage Support Grants. There is still time to apply for the fourth round of awards, but deadlines are fast approaching. Applications for smaller awards of \$500 to \$4,999 and for Summary of Proposals for larger awards of \$5,000 to \$50,000 are due July 11, 2017.

For more information, guidelines and applications, call (317) 232-1882 or visit [www.indianahistory.org/grants](http://www.indianahistory.org/grants).

### **About Lilly Endowment Inc.**

Lilly Endowment is an Indianapolis-based private philanthropic foundation created in 1937 by three members of the Lilly family through gifts of stock in their pharmaceutical business, Eli Lilly and Company. In keeping with the founders' wishes, the Endowment supports the causes of community development, education and religion and maintains a special commitment to its hometown, Indianapolis, and its home state, Indiana.

### **About the Indiana Historical Society**

Since 1830, the Indiana Historical Society has been Indiana's Storyteller™, connecting people to the past by collecting, preserving and sharing the state's history. A private, nonprofit membership organization, IHS maintains the nation's premier research library and archives on the history of Indiana and the Old Northwest and presents a unique set of visitor experiences called the *Indiana Experience*. IHS also provides support and assistance to local museums and historical groups; publishes books and periodicals; sponsors teacher workshops; produces and hosts art exhibitions, museum theater and outside performance groups; and provides youth, adult and family programs. IHS is a Smithsonian Affiliate and a member of the International Coalition of Sites of Conscience.

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## **2017 Recipients of IHS's Heritage Support Grants**

**Adams County Historical Society**  
Decatur, Adams County

**Cedar Lake Historical Association**  
Cedar Lake, Lake County

**Center for Ray Bradbury Studies**  
Indianapolis, Marion County

**Fountain County Art Council, Inc.**  
Covington, Fountain County

**Friends of Barker Civic Center**  
Michigan City, La Porte County

**Friends of Ward Township District No. 5 School**  
Winchester, Randolph County

**Indiana State Police Alliance**  
Indianapolis, Marion County

**Martin County Historical Society**  
Shoals, Martin County

**Miami Indians Foundation**  
Peru, Miami County

**Museum of Miniature Houses**  
Carmel, Hamilton County

**Rush County Heritage, Inc.**  
Rushville, Rush County

**Sisters of Providence Archives**  
Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Vigo County

**Starke County Historical Society**  
Knox, Starke County

**The Quilters Hall of Fame**  
Marion, Grant County