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Lake County Organization Receives Funding for Restoration *Cedar Lake Historical Association among recipients of IHS's Heritage Support Grants*

Indianapolis—In the final days of Indiana's Bicentennial year, a Lake County organization is being recognized for its work upholding the state's heritage. The Indiana Historical Society (IHS) is awarding the Cedar Lake Historical Association with a grant of \$4,500.

The funding comes from the second round of IHS's Heritage Support Grants, made possible by a grant from Lilly Endowment Inc. Grant funds from the Endowment are allowing IHS to award a total of \$2.5 million to organizations across Indiana, in at least five cycles through 2019.

The Cedar Lake Historical Association says its award will be used to improve the foundation of the Lake of the Red Cedars Museum, located at 7408 Constitution Ave. in Cedar Lake. The museum will complete a much-needed structural evaluation that will inform strategic planning in preparation for its centennial celebration.

"As a small museum, we feel extremely fortunate to be the recipients of the Heritage Support Grant," says Julie Zasada, executive director of the Cedar Lake Historical Association. "Our dreams of professional restoration are coming true. We can undertake a project that falls outside our annual operating expenses yet is crucial to our mission of preserving Cedar Lake history."

The museum is housed in a building constructed in 1895 by the Armour Bros., who used it as a boarding house for "ice farming" employees who cut and harvested ice on the lake. During the winter of 1919, the entire building was moved over the frozen lake, where it was expanded and remodeled into a hotel.

Today, the museum portion of the building consists of 14 rooms featuring settings from the past and 11 special exhibits. Nearly 100 years after that historic move, museum organizers say this award will help them continue to tell the story of Cedar Lake for the next 100 years.

The Cedar Lake Historical Association is one of 17 organizations across the state recognized with IHS's second round of Heritage Support Grants. In addition to funding, the organizations receive unique access to coaching on grant writing and individual projects. IHS also organizes fundraising workshops led by its experienced Local History Services (LHS) staff.

There is still time for organizations to apply for the next 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 Jan. 10, 2017. Full proposals for the larger awards are due April 4, 2017.

For more information, guidelines or applications for eligible organizations, call (317) 232-1882 or visit 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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Recipients of IHS's Heritage Support Grants

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Delaware County

Delaware County Historical Society, Muncie

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Friends of Culbertson Mansion, New Albany

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People Engaged in Preservation, La Porte

Lake County

Cedar Lake Historical Association, Cedar Lake

Marion County

Historical Society of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Indiana, Inc., Indianapolis
Indiana Medical History Museum, Indianapolis

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Montgomery County Cultural Foundation, Crawfordsville

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Working Men's Institute, New Harmony

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Milan 54, Inc., Milan

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Vigo County Historical Society, Terre Haute

Wabash County

North Manchester Historical Society, North Manchester
Wabash County Historical Museum, Wabash

Warrick County

Historic Newburgh, Inc., Newburgh