THF Grants Help Small Communities

Because small towns have limited resources, Texas Historical Foundation grants can help jump-start projects in those places. To date, THF has given more than $1.6 million to support state historical preservation projects, including many in rural communities.

In-Kind Donation Moves Taylor Architectural Project Forward

THF Chairman David Martinez recently delivered 25 bags of rockwool insulation to be used in the restoration of the James Dickey House in Taylor by the Blackshear/O.L. Price Ex-Student Association. THF has supported the project with four preservation grants. Martinez explained that rockwool was discovered around 1870 and used to insulate homes built around the turn-of-the-century. The Central Texas preservation project is making progress with the announcement of bids and proposed phasing by the architectural team.

General Land Office Highlighted in Latest Texas HERITAGE Magazine

The most recent issue of THF’s Texas HERITAGE magazine features an article on the GLO’s Spanish Collection, consisting of 20,000 documents dating from 1720 to 1836. Those papers chronicle the efforts of Spain and Mexico to populate Texas.

Another write-up spotlights Eltea Armstrong, a female drafter who became one of the agency’s most prolific mapmakers—at a time when men held most of those positions. During her 37 years of service, Armstrong created more than 70 county maps, each one taking roughly 900 hours to complete.

Follow the link and click on the feature article to read about Eltea Armstrong’s Texas history contributions.

Grant Deadlines Announced

To date, more than 280 historic preservation projects have received funding from the Texas Historical Foundation. Proposals are reviewed quarterly; upcoming deadlines for THF grant consideration are:

- **JUNE 1**
- **ANNOUNCED MID-JULY**
- **SEPTEMBER 1**
- **ANNOUNCED MID-OCTOBER**
- **DECEMBER 1**
- **ANNOUNCED MID-JANUARY**