



# TEXAS HISTORICAL FOUNDATION

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## **Texas Historical Foundation Announces Seven New Grant Recipients**

AUSTIN, Texas—Seven preservation groups in Texas are winners of the latest round of grants from the Texas Historical Foundation.

•**Friends of the Corpus Christi Museum of Science, Corpus Christi**, will use its grant for personnel and materials for the upcoming *Museum Live!: Nueces Town*, an immersive exhibit depicting pioneer life in Nueces county during the 1800s. The exhibit will feature live actors in period costume, historically accurate depictions of homes and businesses, and artifact displays.

•**Marfa and Presidio County Museum Association, Marfa**, has been given funds for the purchase of a fire-proof safe to house the Keith photographic collection negatives, part of the group's ongoing project to upgrade archival storage methods for film negatives. The collection of photographs taken by Nancy and Jimmy Keith depict town life in Marfa from the 1940s to the 1970s.

•**Chisholm Trail Heritage Museum, Cuero**, received a grant for the design and development phase of their project to expand the Chisholm Trail Heritage Museum campus by combining the neighboring 1894 Trautwein and 1920 Cook & Day buildings, and creation of three additional gallery spaces and a community event space. This is the fourth grant THF has awarded the Museum.

•**The Journal of Texas Archeology and History, Austin**, secured bridge funding to support personnel, travel, and field research for the Folsom Fluted Projectile Point Survey, study of the attributes and distribution of Folsom points in Texas, and the creation of a searchable database of their findings. This research aids understanding of the lives and pathways of Texas' early Paleoindian inhabitants.

•**Preservation Texas, Kosse**, will use its grant towards the exterior renovation of the 1915 White's Hardware storefront, restoring its original features in preparation for opening the site as Bassett Farms Visitor Center. The Visitor Center will serve as a hub for the promotion of regional historic sites, as well as provide an exhibition gallery and much needed office and archive space for nearby Bassett Farms.

•**Pines and Prairies Land Trust, Lexington**, won approval for a grant to assist with an expanded survey of the Yegua Knobbs Preserve, home to the Yegua Knobbs Pottery Kiln site. The survey will follow Marshy Branch, a noted source for stoneware pottery in the area thought to contain additional undisturbed pottery sites dating to the 1850s. These discoveries have the potential to contribute significantly to our understanding of one of the few known Texas potteries from this era and will ensure that any related heritage sites are identified and preserved accordingly.

•**El Paso Museum of History, El Paso**, has secured funding to enhance the visiting exhibition “Away from Home: American Indian Boarding School Stories” with locally specific content including oral histories, artifacts, and panel discussions to broaden the scope of the exhibition and include the voices and stories of El Paso’s native community.

Since 1954, the Texas Historical Foundation has funded preservation and education projects around the state and helped promote the cultural legacy of Texas. Among the group’s efforts is its award-winning Texas HERITAGE magazine and an active grants program. For more information, see [texashistoricalfoundation.org](http://texashistoricalfoundation.org).

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