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THF Awards More Grants

Two Texas Historical Foundation-supported preservation projects will benefit from funds awarded recently.

The first grant was given for restoration work undertaken by [The Kosse Heritage Society](#) on the historic Hearne-Gidden House. The structure is one of the last remaining Victorian-influenced homes in Central Texas.

The second project to receive THF assistance is from [The Heritage Society of Houston](#). The THF grant will be used to defray editing and promotional costs associated with production of the documentary *Home Front: Texas in World War II*.



Texas Historical Foundation President Bruce Elsom, second from left, presented a check to representatives of The Kosse Heritage Society.



Clockwise, from left: THF members (back row) Michael Sparks, Bruce Elsom, (front row) Paulette Gerukos, Mike Vance (representing The Heritage Society), and Julie Sparks gathered to award a grant for work on a World War II documentary.

Jewish History is Subject of Upcoming HERITAGE Magazine

The history of Jewish synagogues in Texas is diverse, but few have a more interesting backstory than B'nai Abraham, originally located in Brenham.

As the Central Texas town's Jewish population declined to only a handful, B'nai Abraham's aging congregants agreed that drastic measures were needed to ensure the synagogue's future. A plan was devised in 2015 to cut the historic structure into three pieces and transport it to Austin's Dell Jewish Community Campus. Though the move meant the loss of the building's historic landmark designation, B'nai Abraham has found new life in the state capital where it continues to serve the Jewish people.

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B'nai Abraham, originally located in Brenham, was moved to Austin in 2015. Photograph courtesy of Shalom Austin and Wendy R. Corn.

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:

SEPTEMBER 1

ANNOUNCED MID-OCTOBER

DECEMBER 1

ANNOUNCED MID-JANUARY

MARCH 1

ANNOUNCED MID-APRIL

JUNE 1

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