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THF Celebrates 65 Years of Preserving the Icons of the Lone Star Past



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State Historic Site Stuck by Deadly Tornado

On Saturday, April 13, during the annual Caddo Culture Day event, Caddo Mounds State Historic Site was hit by an EF3 tornado. Many visitors were injured, and one guest lost her life. Damage to the visitor center and museum is extensive, and an almost three-year-old Caddo grass house was completely destroyed.

THC recently launched a website about disaster recovery efforts at CMSHS in East Texas. Find more information by following [this link](#).

The Texas Historical Foundation awarded a grant in 2016 for a film documenting construction of the beehive grass house. On the day of the tornado, a second THF grant had been awarded earlier to support the creation of four Caddo-based videos geared for a K-5 audience.

Photo: Texas Historical Commission



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Hurricane Disaster Relief Assistance Available

In other news from the Texas Historical Commission, the agency has announced a disaster assistance program to help historic properties impacted by Hurricane Harvey.

Grants can be used to supplement costs for projects involving recovery and repair of historic properties; survey and inventory of historic properties to determine National Register eligibility and degree of damage; or disaster readiness, including planning and historic preservation education.

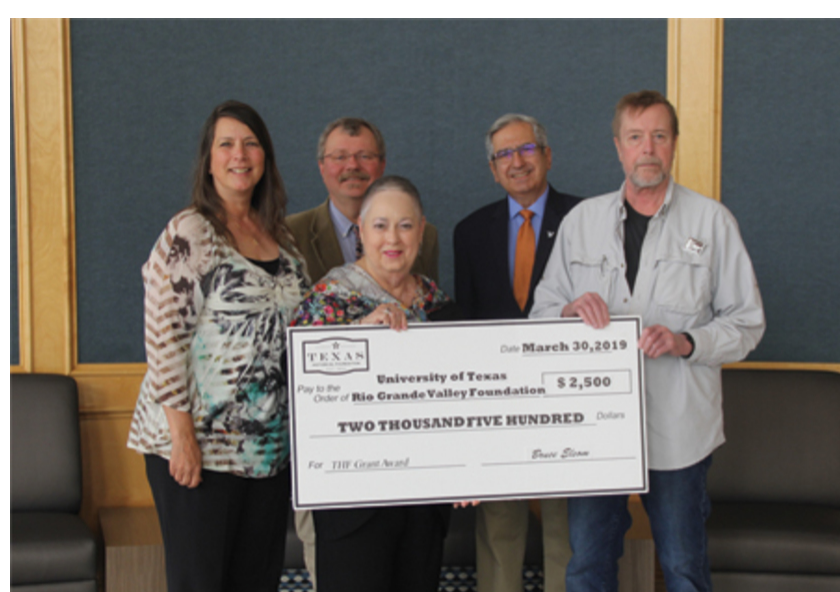
The THC is accepting grant applications now until 5 p.m., Friday, May 24. For more information, check out the agency's website, www.thc.texas.gov/preserve/projects-and-programs/hurricane-harvey-disaster-assistance

Photo: Texas Historical Commission

THF Grants Given



THF President Bruce Elsom and Director Julie Sparks, holding check on right and left, presented grant funds from the Ballard Archeological Endowment to the Rutherford B. H. Yates Museum in Houston. Monies are for the continued archeological excavations in the 4th Ward/Freedmen's Town, cataloging and preserving those artifacts, and providing for display to the public.



Foundation Board Member Elizabeth Susser, holding check on left, made a grant presentation to the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley Foundation in Edinburg for support of the group's Civil War Trail project. That includes an installation titled "War and Peace on the Rio Grande" and a two-day public education and awareness event.

Grants Deadlines Announced

To date, nearly 300 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

MARCH 1

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