



# TEXAS HISTORICAL FOUNDATION

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## **Texas Historical Foundation Announces Funding for Eleven Grant Recipients**

AUSTIN, Texas—Eleven preservation groups across Texas have been awarded funding in the recent round of Texas Historical Foundation grants.

- **Los Amigos de la Loma, Del Rio**, will use its grant for the repair of crosses and monuments at the Cementerio Loma de la Cruz, part of the group's project to restore and beautify the late 1800s era cemetery.
- **Bartlett Activities Center, Bartlett**, has won funding for restorations to the 1909 Bartlett Grammar School building, which currently serves as a community center.
- **Faison Preservation Society, La Grange**, received a grant for the design and curation of an upcoming exhibition at the N.W. Faison House detailing significant recent discoveries indicating that free slaves played a greater role in the history of the House than had previously been known.
- **Rosenberg Railroad Museum, Rosenberg**, secured funding to preform weatherization and maintenance on their extensive collection of historic railroad artifacts, and to upgrade archival processes at the Museum.
- **Neill-Cochran House Museum, Austin**, will use its grant towards the restoration of former Slave Quarters located on Museum grounds to their original Antebellum appearance and function ahead of public exhibition in *Reckoning with the Past: The Untold Story of Race in Austin*, scheduled to open in Fall of 2023.
- **American Veterans Archaeological Recovery, Okemos, MI**, won approval for a grant to assist with a central Texas field survey in search of artifacts related to the long-sought lost battlefield of the 1813 Battle of Medina. The survey will be carried out by veterans, part of AVAR's unique "Rehabilitation Archaeology Program."
- **Kathlyn Joy Gilliam Museum, Dallas**, has secured funding to reproduce signage and photographs destroyed by fires in the winter of 2020-2021 and to install a community mural at the site, the finishing touches ahead of reopening the former home-turned-museum honoring the legacy of famed Dallas civil rights and education advocate Kathlyn Joy Gilliam. The Museum is scheduled to reopen its doors in 2023.

•**Rockport Cultural Arts District, Rockport**, won a grant to continue weatherproofing and renovation to the former San Antonio & Aransas Pass Railroad Depot, which serves as a hub for the Cultural Arts District, after sustaining significant damage during Hurricane Harvey in 2017.

•**Friends of the Texas Historical Commission, Austin**, will use its grant towards speaker honoraria for the 2023 Real Places Conference, the Texas Historical Commission's annual interdisciplinary historic preservation conference.

•**Bolivar Point Lighthouse Foundation, Port Bolivar**, received a grant to provide detailed architectural drawings for the reconstruction of the upper lantern and gallery of the 1872 lighthouse, part of the Foundation's ongoing efforts to ultimately allow the public interior access to one of the few remaining 19<sup>th</sup> century lighthouses in Texas.

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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