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Twelve Nonprofits Awarded Grants for Preservation

DALLAS, Texas—Texas Historical Foundation announces a dozen grants supporting historic preservation across the Lonestar State.

- San Jacinto Museum & Battlefield Association, La Porte**, will use its grant to safeguard archives and collections at the Museum dedicated to the battle that won Texas its independence.
- Palacios Area Historical Association, Palacios**, won funding to develop AI-powered kiosks to collect regional oral histories at their City By The Sea Museum.
- Vision Historic Preservation Foundation, Rockdale**, secured funding in support of Rockdale's sesquicentennial event, a month-long celebration of the city of Rockdale's diverse past through historic walking tours, exhibitions, and performances.
- Cavalla Historical Foundation, Galveston**, has been approved for funding to restore the superstructure of the U.S.S. Cavalla, a World War II-era Gato-class submarine at the Galveston Naval Museum
- El Paso Museum of History Foundation, El Paso**, will use their grant to develop the latest installment of their "Neighborhoods & Shared Memories" exhibition series, centering on El Paso's historic Rio Grande District. The project will produce a museum exhibit as well as on-site programs and installations throughout the neighborhood developed by local students.
- African American Heritage Project, Nacogdoches**, will use their grant towards work on the 1900 Clay House, a jewel of Nacogdoches' historically black Zion Hill neighborhood and future home to a community center and museum on Nacogdoches African American history.
- Texas State Historical Association, Austin**, received a grant in support of their 2024 Annual Meeting to be held February 28 - March 2, 2024 in College Station, TX. In the tradition of TSHA, the meeting will draw attendees from academics, historians, and lay-enthusiasts alike to address the pressing matters faced by the field today.

- Friends of Tye Preston Memorial Library, Canyon Lake**, secured matching funds in support of their popular 2024 Canyon Lake Reads program. The grant will support a month of lectures, trips, and educational activities centered around “Bold Crossings”, a piece of historical fiction
- The Bryan Museum, Galveston**, will receive support for their first-ever Bryan Museum of History symposium, taking place June 15, 2024. The subject for the inaugural event is “Tejanos of Revolutionary Texas”.
- Tom Lea Institute, El Paso**, will use their grant in the development of a travelling exhibition drawing on the work of renowned Texas painter and artist correspondent Tom Lea as an entry point for exploring World War II.
- Castroville Colonies Heritage Association, Castroville**, won funding for an updated National Register Survey of Medina County, supporting the preservation of some 150 pioneer-era structures in the region.
- Cindy Walker Foundation, Mexia**, secured a grant to preserve the Mexia home of legendary country music songwriter Cindy Walker for use as a museum and community music center dedicated to her legacy.

Since 1954, the Texas Historical Foundation has funded historic preservation and education projects throughout the state and helped promote the cultural legacy of Texas. For more information, visit [texashistoricalfoundation.org](https://www.texashistoricalfoundation.org).

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