

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**March 12, 2019**Media Contact: James Burns, Arizona Historical Society, jburns@azhs.gov, 480-387-5366**Arizona Historical Society Awards Over \$37,000 in Grants to Arizona Organizations***28 Museums and Historical Organizations Awarded grants to fund special projects*

PHOENIX, AZ (March 11, 2019) — The Arizona Historical Society (AHS) has awarded \$37,792 in grants to 28 Arizona museums and organizations. This annual program demonstrates AHS' commitment to preserving, interpreting, and promoting Arizona history across the State.

Projects supported by the grants include: celebrating the history, culture and arts of the Diné at the Amerind Museum, recording stories of people and events at the Greenlee County Historical Society, and preserving the historic map collection at the Mohave Museum of History & Arts.

Arizona Historical Society Executive Director James Burns shared, "Congratulations to all of the Certified Museum grant recipients. The Arizona Historical Society is honored to assist historical organizations across the state in support of their community building initiatives. The effects of these grants are felt throughout communities across Arizona. Whether investing in new video or audio technology, creating a catalogue of an Arizona icon's life, or helping to preserve artifacts, these projects make a difference in local communities. The AHS grant program is critical to preserving Arizona's history and sharing the wonderfully varied and compelling stories of our state. Since 1964, AHS has supported historical organizations across the state through its grants program and has encouraged public awareness of Arizona history."

AHS Certified Museums may apply for a grant of up to \$2,000 for projects pertaining to the preservation and exhibition of Arizona history. All Certified Museums first had to earn certification that helps local museums and historical organizations improve their knowledge, functions and operations. The certification program is guided by standards and best practices established by the American Association for State and Local History and the American Alliance of Museums. AHS also supports Certified Museums by connecting Certified Museums people with workshops and technical expertise to improve their operations, collections management educational and public program development, and exhibit curation.

Read below to view the Certified Museum Grant Recipients.

Amerind Foundation Inc. - *Celebrating the History, Culture and Arts of the Diné* - \$1,043.00

Arizona Military Museum - *Collections Shelving (Steel Reload Storage Racks)* - \$493.00

Arizona Railway Museum - *Manufacture of Stained Glass Panels for ATSF 405* - \$1,000.00

Arizona State Railroad Museum Foundation - *Digital preservation of Historic Arizona Railroad Engineering Documents and Records* - \$1,000.00

Black Canyon Historical Society - *Collective Guidance* - \$1,400.00

Bouse Chamber of Commerce, Inc - *Museum Outdoor Exhibits Signage* - \$950.00

Butterfly Lodge Museum - *Protecting Collections with Archival Supplies* - \$1300.00

Cave Creek Museum - *Phase 1 of Reinterpreting the Pioneer Wing* - \$750.00
 Chandler Historical Society - *New Chandler Museum Collection Rehousing Project* - \$1,368.00
 Clemenceau Heritage Museum - *Window Shades* - \$1,500.00
 Desert Caballeros Western Museum - *Museum without Walls Initiative* - \$1,134.00
 Douglas Historical Society - *Douglas Photo Preservation* - \$1,500.00
 Fort Tuthill Military Museum - *Exhibit Enhancement - Display Technology* - \$1,694.00
 Gila County Historical Society - *Archive Retention* - \$1,150.00
 Greenlee County Historical Society - *Recording Stories of People and Events* - \$1,000.00
 Mesa Historical Society - *Collections Management Archival Supplies* - \$854.00
 Mohave Museum of History & Arts - *Preservation of Historic Map Collection* - \$1,950.00
 Museum Association of Arizona - \$5,000.00
 Navajo County Historical Society - *Replace Decking on Handicapped Ramp* - \$1,143.00
 Oro Valley Historical Society - *Steam Pump Ranch: George Pusch and John Zellweger History and Curation* - \$850.00
 Pinal County Historical Society Museum - *Florence-JR. Parada/Cowboy/Western Celebration* - \$1,800.00
 Pinetop-Lakeside Historical Museum - *Preservation of Museum Collections by Improvement of Display and Storage Area* - \$1,000.00
 Pleasant Valley Historical Society - *Preservation & Maintenance of Museum Phase II* - \$1,500.00
 Postal History Foundation - *Archive and Museum Storage Improvement* - \$770.00
 Quartzsite Historical Society, INS(QHS) - *Viability Project* - \$1,000.00
 Show Low Historical Society - *Model Railroad Education and Enhancement* - \$500.00
 Southern Arizona Transportation Museum - *Curating the T.Q. Tom Baker Collection* - \$1,000.00
 Sunnyslope Historical Society - *Completing the Technology Project* - \$1,170.00
 Superstition Mountain Historical Society - *2018-2019 Library Shelving Project* - \$1,973.00

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About Arizona Historical Society

Mission: Connecting people through the power of Arizona's history.

Founded in 1864, the Arizona Historical Society (AHS) is the state's oldest and most prestigious historical organization, dedicated to collecting, preserving and sharing Arizona's rich history. The stories of the people, places and events that have shaped Arizona – are told through museum exhibits, programs, events and outreach. The Arizona Historical Society is proud to serve as the steward of Arizona's history. Our collections, housed in AHS museum facilities throughout the state, number in excess of three million objects. Our artifact and manuscript holdings offer opportunities for public programming, educational outreach, and exhibitions, as well as academic and community-based research. AHS is a proud sponsor of National History Day in Arizona, a year-long academic program focused on historical research, interpretation and creative expression for middle school and high school students. AHS's Certified Museum program supports historical organizations across the state by serving as a resource for best practices and historical expertise, and through the annual grant program.

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