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Nebraska State Historical Society Foundation Announces Statewide Grant Recipients *\$15,605 granted to 20 organizations in 18 counties*

LINCOLN, Neb. (June 23, 2021) – The Nebraska State Historical Society Foundation (NSHSF) announced today the grant recipients of their new Statewide Grants Program. Recipients from 18 counties across the state will receive grant funding totaling \$15,605. They include Hemingford Public Library in Box Butte County, Custer County Historical Society in Broken Bow, and El Museo Latino in Omaha.

“It was a delight to read these applications and discover what historical organizations are doing across the state,” said Trixie Smith, NSHSF President. “This program gives the Nebraska State Historical Society Foundation the knowledge and background necessary to meet the needs of the organizations who are working diligently to preserve their local history.”

NSHSF received 98 grant applications requesting more than \$1.2 million to fulfill needs such as conservation of collections, public programming, outreach, exhibits, promotion of the facility and services, promotion of tourism and visitation, school programs and resources for the classroom, management of collections and building preservation.

“This grant will have a lasting impact on our Foundation and will influence how students in the state of Nebraska learn about our state’s pioneer women,” said Bonnie Drake, Vice President of the Bess Streeter Aldrich Foundation. “We will use our grant to develop a curriculum for teachers to use alongside *A Lantern in Her Hand*, a novel that outlines the classic story of Nebraska pioneer women, written by Bess Streeter Aldrich. This is something we’ve hoped to accomplish for years and thanks to the Statewide Grants Program, we can finally make it a reality.”

The Statewide Grants Program was developed in July 2020 to fulfill a funding need for local historical and educational organizations in Nebraska. Thanks to an initial donation from the Dillon Foundation as well as donations from numerous individuals, NSHSF was able to award

\$15,605 for these first-year grants. The grants from this program help organizations such as museums, historical societies and libraries with core education, preservation, and interpretive programs about community history.

“We are extremely grateful to our donors who made these grants possible,” said Leslie Fattig, Executive Director at the Nebraska State Historical Society Foundation. “We were overwhelmed by the number of applications and overall need from local historical organizations and libraries across the state. COVID-19 was and still is a very challenging time for many of these organizations, and many are run by volunteers. We’re thrilled to be able to help these invaluable organizations achieve their goals and we are excited to continue the Statewide Grants Program in the future.”

NSHSF plans to grow the Statewide Grants Program over the next few years to a \$1 million dollar fund and offer two grant cycles per year.

Donate or to learn more about the NSHSF Statewide Grants Program here: <https://www.nshsf.org/statewide-grants-program/>

About Nebraska State Historical Society Foundation

The Nebraska State Historical Society Foundation raises money in support of the cause of history, including projects of History Nebraska. The Foundation solicits funds and support from individuals and organizations across the state and beyond, who value Nebraska's unique heritage and wish to play a personal role in ensuring that Nebraska's history will be accessible to future generations.

The Foundation is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization. Taxpayer ID #47-6000332. www.nshsf.org. Kinman-Oldfield Suite #1010. 128 North 13th Street. Lincoln, NE 68508.

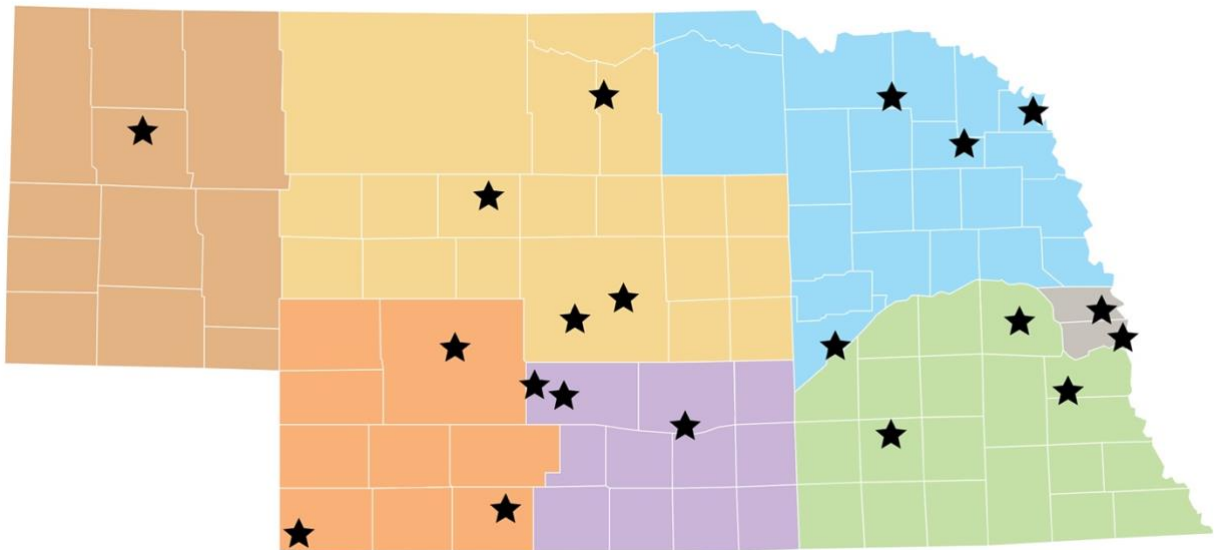
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"I have spoken of a thousand points of light, of all the community organizations that are spread like stars through the Nation, doing good." George H.W. Bush

In Nebraska, the history of our state and Nation are kept alive by thousands of these stars doing good through the works of community historical societies, museums, and libraries. They protect and preserve not what is Nebraska history but a history that is at the heart of our Nation's history.

Statewide Grant Recipients



Map of Statewide Grant Recipients

Project	Community	Project	Community
Hemingford Public Library	Hemingford	Merrick County Historical Society	Central City
Custer County Historical Society	Broken Bow	Dakota County Historical Society	Dakota City
Seven Valleys Historical Society	Callaway	Lied Lincoln Township Library	Wausa
Long Pine Heritage Society	Long Pine	Wayne County Historical Society	Wayne
Thomas County Historical Society	Thedford	Bess Streeter Aldrich Foundation	Elmwood
Haigler Community Foundation	Haigler	Fairmont Public Library	Fairmont
Indianola Public Library	Indianola	Saunders County Historical Society	Wahoo
Lincoln County Historical Society	North Platte	Sarpy County Museum	Bellevue
Robert Henri Museum	Cozad	El Museo Latino	Omaha
Gothenburg Historical Museum	Gothenburg		
Buffalo County Historical Society/Trails and Rails Museum	Kearney		