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## Nebraska State Historical Society Foundation Announces Statewide Grant Recipients \$25,000 granted to 30 organizations in 27 communities

LINCOLN, Neb. (June 28, 2022) – The Nebraska State Historical Society Foundation (NSHSF) announced today the grant recipients of the 2022 Statewide Grants Program. Recipients from 27 communities across the state will receive grant funding totaling \$25,000. These organizations include Crawford Historical Museum in the northwest corner of the state, to Howard County Historical Society in the middle, and Great Plains Welsh Heritage Project in the Southeast. The full list of recipients can be seen on the website.

"We are thrilled to be a trusted partner, helping these local organizations preserve the history of their communities," said Gail DeBuse Potter, NSHSF President. "Reading through all the applications and seeing the broad need for these grants just reinforces our determination to grow the program in order to fund more of these efforts."

NSHSF received 88 grant applications requesting \$147,000 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, and management of collections.

"As a member of the Lux Board many thanks to you and NSHSF for the grant in support of the LUX's 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary display about Gladys Lux," said Katie A. Joseph, board member of the recipient Lux Center for the Arts. "Her approach to arts education remains as relevant today as it was in 1977—maybe even more so. Thanks for your help in spreading that message!"

The Statewide Grants Program was developed in July 2020, with the guidance of Michael J. Smith, former CEO of Nebraska State Historical Society, now called History Nebraska, to fulfill a funding need for local historical and educational organizations in Nebraska. Thanks to an initial donation from the D F Dillon Foundation as well as donations from numerous individuals, NSHSF was able

to award \$25,000 for these second-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. The goal for 2023 is to award \$50,000.

"We continue to strengthen our relationship with local historical organizations through our WanderNebraska and Statewide Grants Program," said Leslie Fattig, Executive Director at the Nebraska State Historical Society Foundation. "Many of these organizations do not receive government support from counties or municipalities so they are left searching locally for funds to serve school classes, prepare exhibits, process and preserve artifacts, and undertake activities such as lectures and museum festivals. We're thrilled to be able to help these invaluable organizations achieve their goals and we are excited to continue the Statewide Grants Program into the future."

To 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**

Now in its 80th year, the Nebraska State Historical Society Foundation raises money in support of the cause of history, including projects of History Nebraska, a state agency. 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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