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AASLH Announces Hurricane Cultural Relief Fund Grantees

Twenty-six recipients in Texas, Georgia, and Florida receive funds

NASHVILLE, TN—The American Association for State and Local History (AASLH) announces the twenty-six recipients of Hurricane Cultural Relief Fund mini-grants to aid organizations in disaster recovery from Hurricanes Harvey and Irma. This fund, initiated in September, raised \$14,000 to provide emergency funds for organizations to use for recovery supplies, restoration work, and salvage activities necessitated by the storms.

“Seeing the devastation across parts of Texas the week before the AASLH Annual Meeting in Austin spurred us to take action,” said John Dichtl, AASLH President & CEO. “We are so grateful for the generosity of the history community and are honored to be able to provide an avenue to help institutions that were affected.”

Donors contributed \$14,000 in just over a month for this fund. Hurricane Cultural Relief Fund mini-grants will be used to repair structures, preserve collections, and help organizations prepare to re-open so they can continue to serve the public with their missions of education and cultural engagement.

The grantees are:

- A.E. Backus Museum and Gallery (Fort Pierce, FL)
- Ah Tah Thi Ki Museum (Clewiston, FL)
- American Space Museum (Titusville, FL)
- Andalusia: The Home of Flannery O’Connor (Milledgeville, FL)
- Coastal Heritage Society (Savannah, GA)
- Congregation Beth Yeshurun (Houston, TX)
- DeEtte Holden Cummer Museum Foundation, Inc. (Jacksonville, FL)
- Fort Bend History Association (Richmond, TX)
- Georgia Museum of Agriculture & Historic Village (Tifton, GA)
- Harry P. Leu Gardens (Orlando, FL)
- Heritage House of Orange County Association, Inc. (Orange, TX)
- The Heritage Society (Houston, TX)
- Historical Society of Martin County (Stuart, FL)



- Houston Aeronautical Heritage Society (Houston, TX)
- Humble ISD - Kingwood High School (Humble, TX)
- IMAG History and Science Center (Fort Myers, FL)
- Indian Performing Arts Samskriti (Houston, TX)
- Mary S. Harrell Black Heritage Museum (New Smyrna Beach, FL)
- Mel Fisher Maritime Museum (Key West, FL)
- Museum of the Coastal Bend (Victoria, FL)
- Naples Botanical Garden (Naples, FL)
- Sample-McDougald House (Pompano Beach, FL)
- Sinton Historical Museum (Sinton, TX)
- South Texas Institute for the Arts (Corpus Christi, TX)
- Texas Artists Museum (Port Arthur, TX)
- Texas Maritime Museum (Rockport, TX)

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About the American Association for State and Local History:

Since 1940, AASLH has provided leadership and support for its members who preserve and interpret state and local history to make the past more meaningful. AASLH is a not-for-profit professional organization of individuals and institutions working to promote history. From its headquarters in Nashville, Tennessee, AASLH works to advance knowledge, understanding, and appreciation of local history in America. AASLH publishes books, technical publications, and a quarterly magazine, and maintains numerous affinity groups and committees serving a broad range of constituents. The association also provides online continuing education training, regional and national training workshops, and an annual meeting. For more information, visit www.aaslh.org.

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