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Kansas Humanities Council Awards Eleven Kansans Tell Their Stories Grants

TOPEKA - The Kansas Humanities Council recently awarded \$79,685 in *Kansans Tell Their Stories* grants to eleven organizations. The grants offer Kansans and Kansas communities an opportunity to tell their unique story through documentary shorts, podcast series, public forums, museum exhibitions, and oral history projects. The *Kansans Tell Their Stories* grants are made possible by We the People, a grant initiative of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Baker University, Baldwin City (\$13,514)

Bauer, Baker, and Baldwin City: Electrifying a Small Town's Identity

A documentary short that tells the story of W. C. Bauer, a Baker University professor who was instrumental in electrifying Baker University and Baldwin City in the early 1900s. Joanne Tolkoff, project director.

Hodgeman County Historical Society, Jetmore (\$3,168)

World War II Impacts Hodgeman County

An oral history project exploring the impact of World War II on the families and individuals of Hodgeman County. Mary Ford, project director.

Justicia, Inc., Topeka (\$14,792)

Mariachi Estrella: Ad Astra Per Aspera

A documentary short featuring the story of Mariachi Estrella de Topeka, one of the first all female mariachi bands to form in the United States. Marlo Angell, project director.

Kingman County Historical Society, Kingman (\$15,000)

The Clyde Cessna Story

A documentary short featuring the story of Clyde Cessna, aviation pioneer and Kingman County resident. Prisca Krehbiel, project director.

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Kinsley Public Library, Kinsley (\$3,248)

Patchwork of Dependency: The Effects of World War II on Edwards County, Kansas

An oral history project exploring World War II's impact on the citizens of Edwards County. Joan K. Weaver, project director.

La Cygne Historical Society, La Cygne (\$3,500)

Visiting La Cygne's Past – Relating to the Present --- Connecting to the Future!

A series of twelve podcasts highlighting individuals who have played a major role in the development of La Cygne. Janet Reynolds, project director.

Leavenworth County Historical Society, Leavenworth (\$1,129)

Eight Elements of Leavenworth County

A series of eight podcasts featuring the architecture, art, commerce, cuisine, customs, geography, history, and people of Leavenworth County. Joanie Soukup, project director.

Lenexa Historical Society, Lenexa (\$3,500)

Lenexans Tell Their Stories

An oral history project featuring interviews of fifteen Lenexa residents who have contributed to Lenexa's early growth. Terry Clark, project director.

McCormick School Museum, Inc., Wichita (\$3,500)

Separate is Not Equal: Research on Wichita Public Schools

A project to research the public education experience of African American students from 1873-1958. Galyn A. Vesey, project director.

Peabody Historical Society, Peabody (\$3,500)

Women in Peabody's History

An oral history project to collect and preserve the stories of women with leadership roles in the community. Marilyn Jones, project director.

Seneca Downtown Impact, Seneca (\$14,834)

Seneca's "Historical Tour" Kiosk and Podcast

A project to create an informational kiosk and a series of podcasts telling the history of Seneca. Linda Honeyman, project director.

A non-profit organization, the Kansas Humanities Council conducts and supports community-based programs, serves as a financial resource through an active grant-making program, and encourages Kansans to participate in their communities. For more information contact the Kansas Humanities Council at 785/357-0359 or visit online at www.kansashumanities.org.

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