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# \$2 million given to 153 museums and historical societies from Pa.

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Fonthill Castle, in Doylestown, was built between 1908 and 1912, by archaeologist and tilemaker Henry Chapman Mercer, who also designed it. It's one of more than 100 museums to receive funding in 2020 from PHMC. Julia Hatmaker, [jhatmaker@pennlive.com](mailto:jhatmaker@pennlive.com) HAR

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Pennsylvania's museum and historical societies are receiving a financial boost from the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission (PHMC). The group has awarded nearly \$2 million in grants 153 museums and historical societies in 58 different counties.

The amount given to each organization varied from \$4,000 to \$40,000. The amount of funds given were determined by using a percentage of the museum's previous year's operating budget, with the amount given being capped at \$40,000. Only 20 museums largely from Philadelphia and Pittsburgh have claimed that top figure. Among those to receive the maximum funding are the Academy of Natural Sciences at Drexel University the

Among those to receive the maximum ranking are the [Academy of Natural Sciences at Drexel University](#), the [Children's Museum of Pittsburgh](#), Da Vinci Science Center in Allentown, [Eastern State Penitentiary](#) and the [Museum of the American Revolution](#), both in Philadelphia.

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PHMC is the official history agency of Pennsylvania. You can learn more about it and what it does at [phmc.pa.gov](http://phmc.pa.gov).

You can see a full list of the museums and societies that received the monetary awards below, courtesy of the PHMC. The group divided up the museums by county.

### **Adams**

Adams County Historical Society - \$4,000

Seminary Ridge Historic Preservation Foundation - \$6,657

### **Allegheny**

Carnegie Museum of Natural History & Carnegie Science Center - \$40,000

Children's Museum of Pittsburgh - \$40,000

Frick Art & Historical Center - \$40,000

Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania - \$40,000

The Holocaust Center of the Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh - \$9,913

Rivers of Steel – Steel Industry Heritage Corporation - \$30,875

Soldiers & Sailors Memorial hall & Museum Trust, Inc. - \$21,776

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### **Armstrong**

Armstrong County Historical Museum & Genealogical Society - \$4,000

### **Beaver**

Beaver County Historical Research and Landmarks Foundation - \$4,000

Historic Harmony, Inc. - \$4,000

### **Bedford**

Bedford County Historical Society - \$4,000

Old Bedford Village - \$4,512

### **Berks**

Colebrookdale Railroad Preservation Trust - \$17,290

Foundation for the Reading Public Museum - \$33,842

Hawk Mountain Sanctuary Association - \$31,786

Historical Society of Berks County/Berks History Center - \$7,922

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**Blair**

Blair County Historical Society - \$4,000

Railroaders Heritage Corporation - \$11,286

**Bradford**

Bradford County Historical Society - \$4,000

**Bucks**

Bucks County Children's Museum - \$5,399

Bucks County Historical Society - \$36,618

Margaret R. Grundy Memorial Museum - \$4,000

Pearl S. Buck International House - \$11,015

Trustees of the Mercer Fonthill Museum - \$7,434

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**Butler**

Butler County Historical Society - \$4,000

**Cambria**

Cambria County Historical Society - \$4,000

Johnstown Area Heritage Association - \$23,789

**Cameron**

Cameron County Historical Society - \$4,000

**Centre**

Centre County Historical Society - \$4,000

Discovery Space of Central Pennsylvania - \$12,350

**Chester**

American Helicopter Museum and Education Center - \$6,769

Chester County Historical Society - \$17,441

Historic Sugartown Inc. - \$4,000

Wharton Esherick Museum - \$4,490

### **Clearfield**

Clearfield County Historical Society - \$4,000

### **Clinton**

Clinton County Historical Society - \$4,000

### **Columbia**

Children's Museum Inc. - \$4,000

### **Cumberland**

Cumberland County Historical Society - \$9,951

### **Dauphin**

AACA Museum Inc. - \$17,851

Hershey-Derry Township Historical Society - \$4,000

Historical Society of Dauphin County - \$4,000

The Hershey Story Museum - \$23,771

The National Civil War Museum - \$15,104

Whitaker Center for Science and the Arts - \$35,579

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### **Delaware**

Colonial Pennsylvania Plantation - \$4,000

Delaware County Historical Society - \$4,000

Nicholas Newlin Foundation - \$9,595

### **Elk**

Elk County Historical Society - \$4,000

Erie County Historical Society - \$12,029

ExpERIENCE Children's Museum - \$7,499

### **Fayette**

Western Pennsylvania Conservancy - Fallingwater - \$40,000

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### **Franklin**

Franklin County Historical Society-Kittochtinny - \$4,000

Renfrew Museum and Park - \$4,000

### **Fulton**

Fulton County Historical Society - \$4,000

### **Greene**

Green County Historical Society - \$4,000

### **Huntingdon**

Huntingdon County Historical Society - \$4,000

Isett Acres Museum - \$4,393

### **Indiana**

Historical and Genealogical Society of Indiana County - \$4,000

### **Jefferson**

Jefferson County Historical Society Inc. - \$4,000

Punxsutawney Weather Discovery Center - \$4,000

### **Juniata**

Juniata County Historical Society - \$4,000

### **Lackawanna**

Electric City Trolley Museum - \$6,519

Everhart Museum of Natural History, Science, and Art - \$9,831

Lackawanna Historical Society - \$4,000

### **Lancaster**

Children's Museum of Lancaster - \$8,338

Lancaster Science Center - \$10,171

[LancasterHistory.org](#): LCHS and Wheatland - \$22,203

National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors - \$11,059

Rock Ford Foundation - \$4,000

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### **Lawrence**

Lawrence County Historical Society - \$4,000

### **Lebanon**

Historic Schaefferstown Inc. - \$4,000

Lebanon County Historical Society - \$4,000

### **Lehigh**

Da Vinci Discovery Center - \$40,000

Lehigh County Historical Society - \$7,451

### **Luzerne**

Luzerne County Historical Society - \$4,000

### **Lycoming**

Little League Baseball Inc. - \$5,937

Lycoming County Historical Society, Thomas T. Taber Museum - \$4,000

### **McKean**

Eldred WWII Museum - \$4,000

McKean County Historical Society - \$4,000

### **Mifflin**

Mifflin County Historical Society - \$4,000

### **Monroe**

Monroe County Historical Association - \$4,000

Quiet Valley Living Historical Farm - \$4,630

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Historical Society of Montgomery County - \$4,000

John James Audubon Center at Mill Grove - \$8,817

Mennonite Historians of Eastern Pennsylvania - \$5,625

Schwenkfelder Library and Heritage Center - \$5,766

### **Northampton**

Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor - \$7,410

Historic Bethlehem Partnership - \$21,361

Moravian Historical Society - \$4,000

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National Museum of Industrial History - \$12,980

Northampton County Historical and Genealogical Society - \$9,154

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### **Northumberland**

Northumberland Historical Society - \$4,000

### **Philadelphia**

Academy of Natural Sciences at Drexel University - \$40,000

African American Museum of Philadelphia - \$27,929

American Philosophical Society - \$40,000

American Swedish Historical Museum - \$7,872

Arch Street Meeting House Preservation Trust - \$7,190

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Carpenters' Company of the City and County of Philadelphia - \$5,275

Chestnut Hill Conservancy & Historical Society - \$5,655

Christ Church Preservation Trust - \$7,576



Cliveden of the National Trust - \$4,481

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College of Physicians of Philadelphia - \$40,000



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Eastern State Penitentiary Historic Site Inc. - \$40,000

Ebenezer Maxwell Mansion - \$4,000

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Fort Mifflin on the Delaware - \$4,000

Franklin Institute - \$40,000

Friends of Laurel Hill Cemetery Inc. - \$6,680

Germantown Historical Society - \$4,250

Girard College Foundation - \$5,206

Glen Foerd Conservation Corporation - \$4,600

Historic Fair Hill - \$4,000

Historic Philadelphia Inc./Betsy Ross House - \$40,000

Historical Society of Pennsylvania - \$40,000

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Independence Seaport Museum - \$40,000

Japan America Society of Greater Philadelphia - \$13,000

John Bartram Association - \$40,000

Museum of the American Revolution - \$40,000

National Constitution Center - \$40,000

National Liberty Museum - \$27,504

Philadelphia Fire Department Historical Corporation - \$4,000

Philadelphia Society for the Preservation of Landmarks - \$21,407

Please Touch Museum - \$40,000

The Rosenbach - \$16,428

Science History Institute - \$40,000

Stenton - \$4,364

Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania - \$40,000

Wagner Free Institute of Science - \$10,963

Woodlands Trust for Historic Preservation - \$4,000

Wyck Association - \$4,000

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## **Schuylkill**

Historical Society of Schuylkill County - \$4,000

## **Somerset**

Historical and Genealogical Society of Somerset County - \$4,000

## **Sullivan**

Sullivan County Historical Society - \$4,000

## **Susquehanna**

Susquehanna County Historical Society - \$4,000

## **Tioga**

Tioga County Historical Society - \$4,000

## **Union**

Lewisburg Children's Museum - \$4,000

Union County Historical Society - \$4,000

## **Venango**

Venango County Historical Society - \$4,000

## **Warren**

Warren County Historical Society - \$4,000

## **Washington**

Pennsylvania Trolley Museum - \$8,402

Washington County Historical Society - \$4,000

## **Wayne**

Wayne County Historical Society - \$4,000

## **Westmoreland**

Ligonier Valley Historical Society - \$4,000

West Overton Museums - \$5,566

Westmoreland County Historical Society - \$4,463

## **Wyoming**

Wyoming County Historical Society - \$4,000

## **York**

Susquehanna Heritage, Inc. - \$4,000

York County History Center - \$17,501

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