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HARRISBURG (Newsradio 1020 KDKA) — On Wednesday, the Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission announced that they have awarded nearly $2 million in grant money to 155 different museums and historical societies scattered across the commonwealth, landing in 58 total counties.

With the newest disbursements, the Commission's goal is to "strengthen Pennsylvania's museum community by supporting the general operations of eligible museums and official county historical societies that are not supported by other state agency funding programs."

But grant money isn't awarded to just any museum.

There are prerequisites that a location must meet before becoming eligible for a piece of the cash award.

For example, any qualified museum must have an annual operating budget exceeding $100,000.

Each suitable location must also have at least one full-time staff member.

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A county-by-county breakdown of each grant-receiving museum includes:

**Adams**
- Adams County Historical Society - $4,000
- Gettysburg Foundation - $12,503
- Seminary Ridge Historic Preservation Foundation - $8,501

**Allegheny**
- Braddock's Battlefield History Center - $4,000
- 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 - $8,462
- Rivers of Steel – Steel Industry Heritage Corporation - $33,371

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

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Bedford
- Bedford County Historical Society - $4,000
- Old Bedford Village - $4,000

Berks
- Berks History Center - $782
- Boyertown Museum of Historic Vehicles - $7,221
- Colebrookdale Railroad Preservation Trust - $6,623
- Foundation for the Reading Public Museum - $307,788
- Hawk Mountain Sanctuary Association - $276,411

Blair
- Blair County Historical Society - $4,000
- Railroaders Memorial Museum - $16,800

Bradford
- Bradford County Historical Society - $4,000

Bucks
- Bucks County Children's Museum - $4,677
- Bucks County Historical Society - $29,316
- Grundy Foundation - $4,000
- Trustees of the Mercer Fonthill Museum - $5,687

Butler
- Butler County Historical Society - $4,000
- Historic Harmony, Inc. - $4,000

Cambria
- Cambria County Historical Society - $4,000
- Johnstown Area Heritage Association - $16,533

Cameron
- Cameron County Historical Society - $4,000

Centre
- Centre County Historical Society - $4,000
- Discovery Space of Central Pennsylvania - $10,869

Chester
- Chester County Historical Society - $16,533
- Graystone Society, Inc., National Iron & Steel Heritage - $6,385
- Historic Sugartown Inc. - $4,000
- Historic Yellow Springs Inc. - $10,706
- Wharton Esherick Museum - $4,749

Clearfield
- Clearfield County Historical Society - $4,000

Clinton
- Clinton County Historical Society - $4,000
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Crawford
Crawford County Historical Society - $4,000

Cumberland
Cumberland County Historical Society - $9,047

Dauphin
AAC Museum Inc. - $16,177
Hershey Story, The Museum on Chocolate Avenue - $13,181
Hershey-Dauphiny Township Historical Society - $4,000
Historical Society of Dauphin County - $4,000
The National Civil War Museum - $13,787
Whitaker Center for Science and the Arts - $40,000

Delaware
American Helicopter Museum and Education Center - $6,492
Colonial Pennsylvania Plantation - $4,000
Delaware County Historical Society - $4,000
National Audubon Society (Audubon Pennsylvania) - $6,747
Nicholas Newlin Foundation - $8,702

Elk
Elk County Historical Society - $4,000

Erie
Erie County Historical Society - $10,436
Espreeince Children's Museum - $7,127

Fayette
Western Pennsylvania Conservancy - Fallingwater - $40,000

Franklin
Franklin County Historical Society - $4,000
Renfrew Museum and Park - $4,000

Fulton
Fulton County Historical Society - $4,000

Greene
Green County Historical Society - $4,000

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| Lackawanna | Everhart Museum of Natural History, Science, and Art - $9,547  
              Lackawanna Historical Society - $4,000 |
| Lancaster | Children's Museum of Lancaster - $7,334  
              Lancaster Moravian Historical Society - $4,000  
              Lancaster Science Factory - $9,224  
              LancasterHistory.org LCWH and Wheatland - $23,942  
              National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors - $6,252  
              North Museum - $23,379  
              Rock Ford Foundation - $4,000 |
| Lawrence  | Lawrence County Historical Society - $4,000 |
| Lebanon   | Historic Schaefferstown Inc. - $4,000 |
| Lehigh    | Da Vinci Discovery Center - $40,000  
              Lehigh County Historical Society - $9,942 |
| Luzerne   | Luzerne County Historical Society - $4,000 |
| Lycoming  | Little League Baseball Inc. - $6,080  
              Lycoming County Historical Society - $4,000 |
| McKean    | McKean County Historical Society - $4,000 |
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Monroe
- Monroe County Historical Association - $4,000
- Quiet Valley Living Historical Farm - $4,000

Montgomery
- Historical Society of Montgomery County - $4,000
- Mennonite Historians of Eastern Pennsylvania - $4,000
- Schenck's Library and Heritage Center - $7,560

Northampton
- Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor - $17,000
- Historic Bethlehem Partnership - $20,324
- Historical Society of Industrial History - $11,771
- Northampton County Historical and Genealogical Society - $8,301

Northumberland
- Northumberland Historical Society - $4,000

Philadelphia
- Academy of Natural Sciences at Drexel University - $40,000
- African American Museum of Philadelphia - $28,071
- American Philosophical Society - $40,000
- American Swedish Historical Society - $7,996
- Arch Street Meeting House Preservation Trust - $6,684
- Averettus of Philadelphia - $5,354
- Carpenters’ Company of the City and County of Philadelphia - $5,375
- Chester Hill Conservancy & Historical Society - $6,256
- Christ Church Preservation Trust - $8,400
- Cleveley of the National Trust - $4,530
- College of Physicians of Philadelphia - $40,000
- Eastern State Penitentiary Historic Site Inc. - $40,000
- Elba house Maxwell Mansion - $4,000
- Fort Mifflin on the Delaware - $4,000
- Franklin Institute - $40,000
- Friends of Laurel Hill Cemetery Inc. - $6,680
- Girard College Foundation - $5,378
- Glen Foerd Conservation Corporation - $4,499
- Historic Fair Hill - $4,000
- Historic Germantown - $4,000
- Historic Philadelphia Inc. - $33,447
- Historical Society of Pennsylvania - $30,738
- Independence Seaport Museum - $40,000
- Japan America Society of Greater Philadelphia - $11,469
- John Brearley Association - $34,080
- Museum of the American Revolution - $40,000
- National Constitution Center - $40,000
- National Liberty Museum - $31,000
- National Museum of American Jewish History - $40,000
- Philadelphia Fire Department Historical Corporation - $40,000
- Philadelphia Society for the Preservation of Landmarks - $20,007
- Please Touch Museum - $40,000
- The Rosenbach - $13,312
- Science History Institute - $40,000
- Stanton - $4,080
- 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

Pike
- Pike County Historical Society - $4,000

Schuylkill
- Historical Society of Schuylkill County - $4,000
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Some 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

Warren
Warren County Historical Society - $4,000

Washington
Pennsylvania Trolley Museum - $7,709
Washington County Historical Society - $4,000

Wayne
Wayne County Historical Society - $4,000

Westmoreland
Fort Ligonier Association - $14,560
Ligonier Valley Historical Society - $4,000
West Overton Village - $5,048
Westmoreland County Historical Society - $4,000

Wyoming
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 YORK
Susquehanna Heritage, Inc. - $4,000
York County History Center - $18,110
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