

2026 NRHS Railroad Heritage Grants Awards

Total Applications: 46

Total amount requested: \$334,168

Total awarded: \$187,000

There is an incredible and urgent need for railroad historical preservation funding. We need to beat the rust....

National Railway Historical Society President Tony White thanked the committee and donors whose generosity makes the NRHS Heritage Grants program possible.

“On behalf of the NRHS, the Board of Directors, and myself, I extend sincere appreciation to the Heritage Grants Committee for its steadfast commitment to the mission of the NRHS and to preserving railroad history,” White said. “We also gratefully acknowledge our members, whose donations help sustain this important program. We encourage all applicants to continue their efforts to preserve and share our nation’s rail heritage.”

A complete listing of the 2026 grants follows.

Founded in 1935, the National Railway Historical Society is a membership organization dedicated to preserving and interpreting railroad history. Today, the Society has more than 100 local chapters and nearly 4,000 members. For more information, or to join or contribute, visit nrhs.com.

Center for Railroad Photography & Art, Madison, WI: \$10,000 towards digital preservation program. *This award is in honor of George Hickok long term member of the NRHS Heritage Grants Committee and IT professional.*

Virginia Museum of Transportation, Roanoke, VA: \$10,000 towards N&W Class J #611 stoker repairs. *This award is in memory of Carl Jensen long term member of the NRHS Heritage Grants Committee*

Friends of the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad, Albuquerque, NM: \$10,000 towards restoration of Denver & Rio Grande narrow gauge Baggage Express Car # 163

Burkburnett Historical Society, Burkburnett, TX: \$8,000 towards repair of Missouri-Kansas-Texas Railroad depot

Harrisburg Chapter., NRHS, Harrisburg, PA: \$7,500 towards repair and/or historic replacement of windows, Harris Tower

Forney Museum of Transportation, Denver, CO: \$7,500 towards restoration interior electric and lighting of Pullman Moffat Coach #1906

Moffat Road Railroad Museum Assoc., Granby, CO: \$7,500 towards restoration of Dumont Depot

Galloping Goose Historical Society, Delores, CO: \$7,500 towards restoration of Denver, Rio Grande & Western refrigerator Car #45

DeLeon Area Historical Society, DeLeon, TX: \$7,000 towards restoration of DeLeon Depot windows.

Mt. Airy Museum of Regional History, Mt. Airy, NC: \$6,000 towards outdoor exhibit for NC Granite Corp locomotive "Captain Jack" at their museum

Niagara Frontier Chpt., NRHS, Tonawanda, NY: \$5,000 towards repairs of GE 25T Standard Elevator locomotive #1

West Jersey Chpt., NRHS, Palmyra, NJ: \$5,000 towards creation of Camden & Amboy Railroad Historical District in Bordentown NJ

Baltimore Streetcar Museum Inc., Baltimore, MD: \$5,000 towards fence around Maryland & Pennsylvania Railroad Freight Depot

Wichita Falls Railroad Museum, Wichita Falls, TX: \$5,000 towards renovation of Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad power coach number 7203

TOYX Inc., Dingmans Ferry, NY: \$5,000 towards restoration of Erie cabooses in Port Jervis NY

Lewes Junction Railroad & Bridge Assoc., Lewes DE, \$5,000 towards refurbishment and placement of Pennsylvania Railroad locomotive B6sa # 60

Conrail Historical Society, Inc., Wallington, PA: \$5,000 towards renovation of Conrail caboose # 21292

Oregon Depot Museum, Oregon, IL: \$5,000 towards restoration and reupholstering of Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad *Silver View* dome car

Colorado Model Railroad Museum, Greeley, CO: \$5,000 towards restoration of Rock Island Railroad caboose # 17017

Mid-Continent Railway Museum, North Freedom, WI: \$5,000 towards restoration of Lake Superior & Ishpeming Railroad coach #64

Western American Railroad Museum Systems, Barstow, CA: \$5,000 towards security enhancements

Minnesota Transportation Museum, St. Paul, MN: \$5,000 towards restoration of James J. Hill Manitoba Car

Major County Historical Society, Fairview, OK: \$5,000 towards repair of Kansas City, Mexico & Orient Railway Depot

Museum Inc, dba The Heritage Museum, Libby MN: \$5,000 towards costs to move Shay #4 locomotive

Yakima Valley Trolleys, Yakima, WA: \$4,900 towards restoration of YVT Brill Master Unit #12

Gordon – Westcott Historical Society, Gordon, WI: \$4,000 towards moving Soo Line cabooses #82

Mineral Point Historical Society, Mineral Point, WI: \$4,000 towards restoration of railroad baggage and freight carts

North Carolina Railway Museum, New Hill, NC: \$4,000 towards creation of Pullman history exhibit

Wayne Historical Preservation Society, Wayne, IL: \$4,000 towards new windows in the Wayne Depot

Wilson Brewer Park Depot and Museum, Webster City, IA: \$4,000 towards restoration of Illinois Central caboose

Friends of the New York Central Railroad Museum, Elkhart, IN: \$3,600 towards restoration of NYC caboose #19211

Museum of Western Colorado, Grand Junction, CO: \$2,500 towards restoration of Whiskey Creek Trestle

National Museum of Transportation, St. Louis, MO: \$2,500 towards restoration of Monsanto tank car #117

Denver South Park & Pacific Historical Society, Denver CO: \$2,500 towards recreation of *South Park Zephyr* rail car