



NRHS National Railway Heritage Grants

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2013 Award Recipients

NRHS received a great volume of applications—49, down from an all-time record high of over 60 last year.

The sixteen award recipients come from thirteen states. Six of the recipients are NRHS Chapters, and other recipients include historical societies, museums, and operating railroads.

Projects range from the restoration of rare locomotives, rolling stock, and trolleys, to the digitization of rare artifacts and the collection of oral histories. Through these many, varied projects, NRHS funding will leverage hundreds of thousands of volunteer hours and in-kind matching donations—all in support of railroad preservation.

2013 Awardees

Hickory, NC

Alexander Chapter NRHS \$5000

To purchase materials and parts to restore two rare, narrow gauge passenger cars rescued with the assistance of an NRHS Heritage Grant in 2012.

Suisan City, CA

Bay Area Electric Railroad Association \$3350

To refurbish Portland Traction Interurban car 4001 and return it to operation on the Association's National Register-listed railway.

East Haven, CT

Branford Electric Railway Association \$2500

To repair hurricane damage to the first production PCC trolley, Brooklyn and Queen Transit #1001, built in 1936.

Cincinnati, OH

Cincinnati Chapter NRHS \$650

To preserve and convert to digital format historic 8mm films of various railroad subjects.

Scranton, PA

Electric City Trolley Museum \$2500

To restore to running condition the former Scranton Transit Company car 505, the “Electromobile” built by the Osgood Bradley Car Company in 1929.

Kingston, NY

Empire State Railway Museum \$5000

To remediate the last surviving New York Central Railroad heavyweight dining car *Lion Gardiner*, listed on the NRHS’s Most At Risk List, as part of a phased, multi-party restoration project.

Johnson City, TN

George L. Carter Museum/George L. Carter Chapter NRHS \$2500

To collect oral histories of Southern Appalachian railroading in partnership with the Eastern Tennessee State University.

Miami, FL

Gold Coast Railroad Museum, Inc. \$2000

To repair glass in the dome of the *California Zephyr* observation car *Silver Crescent*.

Bowling Green, KY

Louisville & Nashville Historical Society Archives \$5000

To digitize, preserve, organize, and store original blueprints, maps, and mechanical drawings of the Louisville and Nashville Railroad. The records date back as early as the 1880s and are the only remaining copies.

Scranton, PA

Lackawanna & Wyoming Valley Chapter, NRHS \$5000

To restore to operation the trailing truck and booster unit of Boston and Maine 4-6-2 #3713. According to the Chapter, the restored booster will be the only operating unit of its type in the US.

Duluth, MN

Lake Superior Railroad Museum \$2500

To purchase boiler and superheater tubes for former Duluth, Missabe, and Northern #332, a 1906 Pittsburgh Locomotive Works 2-8-0 being returned to operation.

Nevada City, CA

Nevada County Narrow Gauge Railroad Museum \$1500

To purchase materials to restore the rare Westside Lumber logging car #253.

Kennebunkport, ME

New England Electric Railway Historical Society/Seashore Trolley Museum \$2500
To purchase brake and control stand components for Laconia-built Bay State Street Railway Car 4175, completing a 30-year, \$112,000 restoration.

Taylorsville, UT

Promontory Chapter NRHS \$2500

To cosmetically restore Denver, Rio Grande and Western/Southern Pacific SD40T-2 number 5371.

Medford,OR

South Oregon Chapter NRHS \$2500

To rebuild or replace the injectors, the water sight glasses, the blowdown valves, the safety valves, the oil firing controls, and associated piping of Medford Corporation (Medco) No. 4 Willamette geared steam locomotive.

Alna,ME

Wiscasset, Waterville, and Farmington Railroad Museum \$5000

To complete the operational restoration of WW&F locomotive #9 with a replicated "Russia Iron" style boiler jacket. WW&F 9 dates from 1891 and is one of only two surviving products of the Portland Company. The restoration of the Russia Iron jacket will employ a new technology that the Museum hopes will prove useful to the preservation industry.