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### **Black Earth Historical Society Receives a Mini-Grant From the Wisconsin Historical Society**

Black Earth, Wis. - The Wisconsin Historical Society and Wisconsin Council for Local History are pleased to announce that 25 affiliated local historical societies received a total of \$11,500 through the 2018 mini-grant program.

The Black Earth Historical Society has received a mini-grant to support the purchase of archival supplies, storage and conservation supplies.

This year's affiliate mini-grant program focused on projects and activities that strengthen a local organization's ability to preserve historical collections and manage those collections and other resources. The projects supported in part by the mini-grant program are an important part of the work done by local organizations to help collect and preserve our state's history at the community level.

The Wisconsin Historical Society's Field Services Program provides support and educational opportunities to local history groups throughout the state. The Wisconsin Historical Society also partners with the Wisconsin Council for Local History, a non-profit organization consisting of all historical organizations affiliated with the State Society that promotes communication and cooperation among local history groups.

For more information about the Wisconsin Historical Society and the Wisconsin Council for Local History, visit [www.wisconsinhistory.org](http://www.wisconsinhistory.org).

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The Wisconsin Historical Foundation and the Wisconsin Council for Local History provide funding for the mini-grant program.

### **About the Wisconsin Historical Society**

The Wisconsin Historical Society, founded in 1846, ranks as one of the largest, most active and most diversified state historical societies in the nation. As both a state agency and a private membership organization, its mission is to help people connect to the past by collecting, preserving and sharing stories. The Wisconsin Historical Society serves millions of people every year through a wide range of sites, programs and services. For more information, visit [wisconsinhistory.org](http://wisconsinhistory.org).

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