



National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior

Office of Communications
1849 C Street NW
Washington, DC 20240
202-208-6843 phone
www.nps.gov

National Park Service News Release

Release Date: Tuesday, June 16, 2015

Contact: Victoria Stauffenberg, victoria_stauffenberg@nps.gov 202-208-6843

National Park Service Announces \$2.8 Million in Grants to Preserve and Interpret World War II Japanese American Confinement Sites

WASHINGTON – National Park Service Director Jonathan B. Jarvis today announced 20 grants totaling more than \$2.8 million to help preserve and interpret the World War II confinement sites of Japanese Americans. More than 120,000 Japanese Americans, two-thirds of whom were American citizens, were imprisoned by the U.S. government following Japan’s attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941.

“As stewards of our nation’s history, the National Park Service recognizes the importance of preserving these confinement sites,” Jarvis said. “They are poignant reminders – today and for future generations – that we must be always vigilant in upholding civil liberties for all. These grants help us share valuable lessons on the fragility of our constitutional rights and ensure the experiences of those who were incarcerated are not forgotten.”

The grants will be used for projects that include a traveling exhibition to tell the lesser known story of the former Tuna Canyon Detention Station in California; the immediate stabilization of a root cellar that incarcerated used to store fruit and vegetables that they raised at Heart Mountain, Wyoming; and the creation of an online archive that will include more than 1,300 digitally scanned documents and photographs related to the former Rohwer incarceration site in Arkansas.

The grant amounts range from \$16,000 awarded to the Friends of the Texas Historical Commission, Inc., to research and document a 70-year-old mural that was painted by an internee at the Seagoville Internment Camp (INS Detention Station) in Dallas County, Texas, to \$400,000 for New York’s public media station WNET to create “Prisoner in My Homeland,” a series of free online educational video games to engage middle school-age students with the history of Japanese American incarceration during World War II.

-More-

The Japanese American Confinement Sites Grant Program, now in its seventh year, will support projects in eight states and the District of Columbia. The grants announced today total \$2,845,000 and bring the program’s total awards to more than \$18 million since Congress established the grant program in 2006. A total of \$38 million in grant funds was authorized for the life of the program.

Grants from the Japanese American Confinement Sites Grant Program can go to the 10 War Relocation Authority centers established in 1942 or to more than 40 other confinement sites. The goal of the program is to teach present and future generations about the injustice of the World War II confinement history and inspire a commitment to equal justice under the law. Successful proposals are chosen through a competitive process that requires applicants to match the grant award with \$1 in non-federal funds or “in-kind” contributions for every \$2 they receive in federal money.

A list of the winning projects follows. For more details about these projects, visit:

<http://www.nps.gov/JACS/>.

Grantee <i>Project Title</i> Project Site	Grant Award Amount
Asian CineVision, Inc., New York, N.Y. <i>“The Orange Story: A Cinematic Digital History Project”</i> Multiple Sites, including Merced Assembly Center, Merced County, Calif; Granada Relocation Center (Amache), Prowers County, Colo.	\$159,548
California State University, Dominguez Hills, Carson, Calif. <i>“California State University Japanese American Digitization Project”</i> Multiple Sites	\$321,554
Densho, Seattle, Wash. <i>“Confinement Sites Encyclopedia Enhanced for Education”</i> Multiple Sites	\$236,777
Densho, Seattle, Wash. <i>“Making Connections with the Japanese American Incarceration”</i> Multiple Sites	\$131,574
Friends of the Texas Historical Commission, Inc., Austin, Texas <i>“Seagoville Internment Camp: Detainee Mural and “Japanese Colony” Study</i> Seagoville Internment Camp (INS Detention Station), Dallas County, Texas	\$16,000

<p>Friends of Waipahu Cultural Garden Park (aka Hawaii’s Plantation Village), Waipahu, Hawaii <i>“Phase Two, Administration Building Construction Documents, Student Participation, and Exhibit”</i> Honouliuli Internment Site, Honolulu County, Hawaii</p>	<p>\$112,000</p>
<p>Heart Mountain, Wyoming Foundation, Powell, Wyo. <i>“Heart Mountain Root Cellar, Phase II: Emergency Stabilization”</i> Heart Mountain Relocation Center, Park County, Wyo.</p>	<p>\$90,500</p>
<p>Heart Mountain, Wyoming Foundation, Powell, Wyo. <i>“Japanese American Confinement Sites Consortium”</i> Multiple Sites</p>	<p>\$28,639</p>
<p>Heyday, Berkeley, Calif. <i>“Journeys from Manzanar”, A Published Book Project</i> Manzanar Relocation Center, Inyo County, Calif.</p>	<p>\$100,000</p>
<p>Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii, Honolulu, Hawaii <i>“Hawaii Japanese American Internment: Short Documentaries on the Hawaii Confinement Sites in the Counties of Kauai, Oahu, Hawaii, and Maui”</i> 17 internment sites on the islands of Hawaii, Kauai, Oahu, Maui, Molokai, and Lanai</p>	<p>\$215,502</p>
<p>Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii, Honolulu, Hawaii <i>“The Power of Place: The Archaeology of Hawaii’s Internment Sites”</i> Honouliuli Internment Camp, Honolulu County; Haiku Camp, Maui County; Kalaheo Stockade, Kauai County; and other internment sites in Hawaii</p>	<p>\$38,600</p>
<p>National Japanese American Historical Society, San Francisco, Calif. <i>“Camp Digital Archives”</i> Multiple Sites</p>	<p>\$83,875</p>
<p>National Trust for Historic Preservation, District of Columbia <i>“Left Behind: Documenting the Japanese American Collections at Seattle’s Panama Hotel”</i> Minidoka Relocation Center, Jerome County, Idaho</p>	<p>\$137,178</p>
<p>The Regents of the University of California, c/o UC Berkeley Sponsored Projects Office, Berkeley, Calif. <i>“Japanese American Internment Sites: A Digital Archive”</i> Multiple Sites, including Colorado River Relocation Center (Poston), La Paz County, Ariz.; Tule Lake Segregation Center, Modoc County, Calif; Gila River Relocation Center, Pinal County, Ariz.; Manzanar Relocation Center, Inyo County, Calif.</p>	<p>\$296,347</p>

San Fernando Valley Japanese American Community Center, Pacoima, Calif. <i>“Only the Oaks Remain: The Tuna Canyon Detention Station Traveling Exhibit”</i> Tuna Canyon Detention Station, Los Angeles County, Calif.	\$102,190
Special Service for Groups, Los Angeles, Calif. <i>“A Flicker in Eternity Interactive Curriculum: Teaching Stories of Confinement”</i> Heart Mountain Relocation Center, Park County, Wyo.; Manzanar Relocation Center, Inyo County, Calif.	\$20,000
University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Ark. <i>“Rohwer Reconstructed II: Making Connections Through Time and Space”</i> Jerome Relocation Center, Chicot and Drew Counties, Ark.; Rohwer Relocation Center, Desha County, Ark.	\$254,606
University of Central Arkansas, Conway, Ark. <i>“A Season of Remembrance: Rohwer and Jerome at 70”</i> Jerome Relocation Center, Chicot and Drew Counties, Ark.; Rohwer Relocation Center, Desha County, Ark.	\$75,908
University of Colorado, Denver, Denver, Colo. <i>“Amache 3D Digital Documentation”</i> Granada Relocation Center (Amache), Prowers County, Colo.	\$24,202
WNET, New York, N.Y. <i>“Mission US: ‘Prisoner in My Homeland’”</i> Bainbridge Island, Kitsap County, Wash.; Manzanar Relocation Center, Inyo County, Calif.; Minidoka Relocation Center, Jerome County, Idaho	\$400,000
Total	\$2,845,000

www.nps.gov

About the National Park Service. More than 20,000 National Park Service employees care for America's 407 national parks and work with communities across the nation to help preserve local history and create close-to-home recreational opportunities. Visit us at www.nps.gov, on Facebook www.facebook.com/nationalparkservice, Twitter www.twitter.com/natlparkservice, and YouTube www.youtube.com/nationalparkservice.