

NRHS RAILWAY HERITAGE GRANTS ANNOUNCED – TOTALING \$125,000.

For 2024 the NRHS is awarding this year's grant awards in the memory of Carl S. Jensen a long – time member of the National Railway Historical Society and the Heritage Grants Committee who passed away in March. His years of service to both the NRHS and the rail industry have proven invaluable in the analysis of grant applications for many years. The NRHS is grateful for the knowledge, experience and dedication that Carl shared with the NRHS and specifically the Heritage Grants Committee.

At its board conference Sunday, May 5 in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, The National Railway Historical Society, Inc., (NRHS) announced the award of 28 National Railway Heritage Grants to applicant nonprofit organizations located in 17 states. The NRHS grant program supports preservation and restoration of historic railroad structures, locomotives, railcars, photos, and archival documents. The Railway Heritage Grant awards in 2024 total \$125,000, specified as follows:

1. \$5,000. - to Lafayette County Historical and Genealogy Society, Darlington WI – to restore a 1937 Magor Car Corp. caboose, built as Missouri Pacific 11020, for exhibit at the former Milwaukee Road Darlington depot.
2. \$4,500. – to Iron Mountain Railway, Jackson MO, to repaint two 1926 Pullman-built electrified multiple-unit trailer commuter coaches IC 1345 and 1365, to original Illinois Central colors.
3. \$5,000. – to Hinsdale County Historical Society, Lake City CO, to restore floor of 1881 Jackson & Sharp 3-foot narrow-gauge wooden baggage-coach combination car D&RGW 211.
4. \$4,500. -- to South Park Rail Society, Longmont CO, for lighting and electrical system upgrade of stone roundhouse at Como, Colo., of 3-ft. gauge Denver, South Park & Pacific Railroad.
5. \$2,500. — to Western Museum of Mining and Industry, Colorado Springs CO, to restore two wooden D&RGW 3-foot narrow gauge freight cars – a gondola and a bottom dump car.
6. \$4,200. - to Lackawanna & Wyoming Valley Chapter NRHS, Scranton, PA, to upgrade exterior lighting on DL&W passenger station platform and freight station at Moscow PA
7. \$1,500. – to Tri-States Railway Preservation Society, Port Jervis NY, to install HVAC system equipment in the “Big Red Boxcar” a 1973 FGE 70-ft. insulated boxcar, SCL 499025, to protect archived railroad documents on exhibit near the former ERIE Railroad, Port Jervis turntable.
8. \$2,000. – to Western Railway Preservation Society, Portland OR – to transport 1942 PC&F (Renton WA) WP&Y 664 narrow-gauge side dump car, from Sumpter Valley Railroad Restoration, McEwen OR to Antique Powerland Museum Assoc, at Brooks OR, for restoration.
9. \$5,000. – to West Gadsden Historical Society, Greensboro FL, to restore Clinchfield Railroad caboose CRR 1075 to Apalachicola Northern Railroad (AN) appearance for AN lineside exhibit.
10. \$5,000. - to Oregon Coast Scenic Railroad, Tillamook OR, for telegraph office restoration at replica Southern Pacific Garibaldi depot.

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11. \$2,500. – to Southeastern Railway Museum, Duluth GA, for cosmetic and mechanical restoration of US Army Transportation Corps locomotive crane C-271, American Hoist & Derrick 1953.
12. \$4,550. – to Waldwick Historical Society, Waldwick NJ – for exterior spot repairs to 1890 ERIE Railroad “WC” wooden Interlocking Tower.
13. \$5,000. – to Corry Rail and Industrial Legacy Society and Museum, Corry PA – to improve shop building, housing reconstruction of 1903 narrow-gauge, wood-frame, T-boiler, box cab Climax geared locomotive, serial A-313, from Wild Goose gold mining Railroad, Nome, Alaska.
14. \$5,000. – to DuPont Historical Society, DuPont WA – to restore a narrow-gauge boxcar from the “dynamite train,” a powder plant railroad down to a Puget Sound ocean wharf.
15. \$5,000. – to Wiscasset, Waterville & Farmington Railway Museum, Alna ME; for materials to install Eames Automatic Continuous Vacuum Brake system on three 2-foot gauge cars, B&SR 34 flatcar (1881), WW&F 8 combine (1985), and WW&F 320 caboose (1901).
16. \$5,000. – to National Capital Trolley Museum, Colesville MD. Restore trucks under original Capital Transit PCC Streetcar 1101 (Washington DC).
17. \$3,750. – to Baltimore Streetcar Museum, Baltimore MD – to Conduct feasibility study for long term lease of former Maryland & Pennsylvania Railroad 1910 stone roundhouse in Baltimore.
18. \$5,000. – to Lake States Railway Historical Association, Baraboo WI – to upgrade computer system to support C&NW, CB&Q, MILW and related railroad research.
19. \$2,000. – to Sacramento Valley Historical Railways, Woodland CA, for exterior repairs and painting of Southern Pacific cupola caboose 1156 (Built SP Los Angeles 1942).
20. \$5,000. – to Central Vermont Railway Historical Society, St. Albans VT – prepare detailed professional inventory of over 300 linear feet of Society’s railroad archives plus several dozen file cabinets, including entire CV corporate, engineering, operations, and related railroad records dating from 1840’s to 1990’s.
21. \$3,000. – to National Museum of Transportation, St. Louis MO. - Cosmetically restore WAB 2847 cupola caboose, built 1952, Wabash Railroad company shops, Decatur IL.
22. \$5,000. – to Branford Electric Railway Assoc. – East Haven CT – to restore 10 Rattan seats on Connecticut Co. street car 775 at Shore Line Trolley Museum.
23. \$5,000. – to Tri-State Chapter NRHS, Boonton NJ – Purchase high speed scanner to initially digitize some 60,000 slides and photos from extensive collection of the late Mike Del Vecchio collection, covering DL&W, New Jersey commuter railroads and multiple freight car file photos.

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24. \$5,000. – to Maine Narrow Gauge Railroad Company and Museum, Portland ME – for structural lumber for operating restoration of 2-foot gauge Bridgton & Harrison coach “Mount Pleasant,” built 1882 by Laconia Car Co. in New Hampshire.
25. \$10,000 – to Western Forest Industries Museum – Elbe WA – to complete running gear rebuild on 1924 Porter 2-8-2 steam locomotive MRSR No. 5 of Mt. Rainier Scenic Railroad.
26. \$5,000. – to Danbury Railway Museum, Danbury CT – Initial cosmetic preservation of two New York Central electric locomotives, 1904 ALCo/GE model S-1, NYC 100; and 1926 ALCo/GE model T-3a, NYC 278, both built for Harmon-Grand Central service.
27. \$5,000. – United Railway Historical of New Jersey, Boonton NJ – contract labor to service and restart prime mover within 1971 GE model U34CH diesel locomotive Erie-Lackawanna 3372, for operational restoration. This locomotive model in New Jersey commuter service, inaugurated the 480 Volt AC Head End Power concept, replacing steam heat and axle generators for passenger trains in the United States.
28. \$5,000. – to Rushford Area Historical Society, Rushford MN, to refurbish visitors center and museum in former MILW/Southern Minnesota Railroad depot.

Total NRHS 2024 awards - \$125,000.

Since 1991, the 3900-member National Railway Historical Society has provided over \$1,253,000 dollars in funds to NRHS Chapters and other organizations in support of railroad historical preservation efforts. Awards are made annually with an application period usually closing in January each year. For more information, contact Grants@nrhs.com, or visit the NRHS website at: <https://nrhs.com/programs/heritage-grants/>