



NHS Grant Applications Submitted September-November 2025

1. Planning Grant - \$74,500
 - Would support development of a permanent exhibition entitled *We the People: Naperville Military Service Personnel and the American Story*. The project will create a permanent exhibition that will interpret the lives of Naperville heroes from the Revolutionary War through today, situating their experiences within the broader currents of American history and the enduring ideals of the nation's founding.
2. Planning Grant - \$66,000
 - Would support development of a permanent exhibition titled *Suburban Nation: Naperville, Innovation, and the American Dream*. This project will explore how suburban growth, technological innovation, and free-market enterprise made Naperville a microcosm of the American Dream, connecting directly to themes of economic freedom, entrepreneurship, and civic prosperity.
3. Digitizing Hidden Collections - \$299,045
 - Partnership with the Alive Center to digitize 134 protest boards from the 2020 demonstrations in downtown Naperville.
4. FFA Partnership - \$3,350
 - Partnership with Naperville North High School's Future Farmers of America (FFA) chapter to develop and implement a student-led agriculture education initiative.
5. Chapel Roof - \$91,300
 - Matching grant to support the replacement of the roof of the Century Memorial Chapel in Spring 2026.
6. Archival Projects - \$83,625
 - Processing, rehousing, and digitizing 50 linear feet of manuscript and visual materials at the item level from collections related to midwestern German immigrants and their descendants.



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