Individuals check the box on their Kentucky income tax returns to designate a portion of their refunds to Kentucky’s Local History Trust Fund and indicate how much they want to give.

Donations go into a grant pool.

History-minded organizations apply for grant funding each fall. The Kentucky Historical Society administers the grant application process.

Grants support such projects as artifact conservation, UV protection; digitization of photo collections; organizational strategic planning; exhibit planning and implementation; educational program planning and implementation; and more.

Planning grants range from $290 to $1,000; implementation grants range from $290 to $2,500. Eligible organizations include those with 501c3 status, government agencies, museums, libraries and other history-minded organizations. For-profit entities and individuals are not eligible to apply for funding from Kentucky’s Local History Trust Fund.

More information: history.ky.gov/get-involved/support-local-history or call 502-564-1792