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**ANDREW JACKSON'S HERMITAGE AWARDED \$262,000 GRANT FROM NATIONAL
ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES**

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (June 30, 2020) – The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) has awarded \$262,572 to Andrew Jackson's Hermitage as part of its [CARES Act Grant](#). In the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, the NEH CARES Act was launched to support essential operations at more than 300 cultural institutions across the country.

"We are grateful to NEH for this grant to Andrew Jackson's Hermitage, to the U.S. Congress for making this funding available, and their support for our programs," said Howard J. Kittell, President and CEO of the Andrew Jackson Foundation. "As has been the case with many historic locations, we have been closed for the past three months due to COVID-19, and our visitor revenue was nonexistent. We are grateful to begin welcoming guests back on the grounds to learn more about our nation's history."

With the grant funds, The Hermitage will be able to continue implementing its three-phased reopening approach with proper health and safety guidelines as recommended by the CDC. Additionally, the grant will help The Hermitage digitize its historic records of photographs and postcards into an online catalog for the public. The grant will also allow The Hermitage to research and develop new interpretive tours, including a seasonal garden tour expected to launch this summer.

As part of its phased reopening, The Hermitage is now offering the [In Their Footsteps tour](#), a VIP tour of the mansion, and a Grounds Pass. The 1,120-acre National Historic Landmark will remain open to the public Thursday through Sunday from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. with the last ticket sold at 4 p.m. Social distancing measures, including caps on the number of guests per tour, will remain in place. Guests will be required to wear masks.

For more information about Andrew Jackson's Hermitage, visit thehermitage.com or follow Andrew Jackson's Hermitage on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) (@7thpresident) and [Twitter](#) (@7thpresident).

ABOUT ANDREW JACKSON'S HERMITAGE

Andrew Jackson's Hermitage: Home of the People's President is one of the largest, most well-preserved and most visited presidential homes in the United States. Opened to the public in 1889, The Hermitage is one of America's first presidential museums. Today, The Hermitage is a 1,120-acre National Historic Landmark with more than 20 historic buildings, including Jackson's mansion and tomb, restored slave cabins, a church and gardens. In recent years, new interpretive initiatives and educational programs such as the history of slavery have enhanced the experience of more than 230,000 annual visitors. For more information, visit www.thehermitage.com.

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