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Bath Township Awarded the Trillium Local Activity Grant for Heritage Related Events Commemorating America's 250th Anniversary.

SUMMIT COUNTY, OHIO – Bath Township— In the lead up to America's 250th anniversary, Bath Township announced it received a Trillium Local Activity Grant from the America 250-Ohio Commission. This grant, in the amount of \$4,800, will support community projects and heritage themed events which are planned for 2024 and will be coordinated by the Heritage Corridors of Bath Committee.

Bath Township was one of 23 recipients chosen from more than 70 statewide applications during the grant program's fall 2023 funding cycle. The America 250-Ohio Commission grants program will work with Ohio Humanities to distribute the grants by June 30, 2024, and the program is designed to showcase the achievements, struggles, honors, innovations, and significance of all people in Ohio since before its founding to the present day. The Trillium Local Activity Grants offer up to \$5,000 for projects with a local or community-wide impact.

This application was submitted with the intent to highlight the township's rich heritage represented by the many barns in the community. Sharon Troike, Bath Township Trustee, stated, "It is clear the committee has worked hard to focus their efforts on our heritage and community events. They have had our support from the start, but it is great to receive a positive affirmation for the project from the state."

With the support of the Bath Township Trustees, the Discover Bath Barns, a sub-committee of the Heritage Corridors of Bath Committee, submitted the application. James McClellan, Chair, Discover Bath Barns, stated, "Our goals are to preserve our heritage represented by the barns while finding ways to enhance the experience when travels on the byways in the township. This grant will enable us to celebrate that heritage through events open to the entire community."

Specifically, the grant funds will be used to support a series of events that commemorate this rich heritage, through the lens of our community's barns. These events are planned to be held in various venues in the township, and the program is designed for all citizens of our community to participate.

The events include the Commemorative Barn Social at the Bath Township Historic Town Hall, an exhibit on our agricultural heritage which includes displays at the historic Bath Township Museum, a traditional Road Rally, a ribbon cutting on a new portion of the existing scenic byway which will be called the Heritage Barns of Bath Trail, and a Heritage Barns of Bath Trolley Tour of the township's historic sites.

In the coming weeks and months, look for additional information on these events on the Bath Township website and Facebook Page.