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Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE) Underground Railroad Educational and Cultural Program (CFDA 84.345A)

FY 2008 New Grant Awards

New-York Historical Society (New York) – P345A080001

Title: "Grant and Lee" & "Lincoln and New York"

The New-York Historical Society will catalogue artifacts, art, documents, and ephemera in conjunction with two exhibits and electronic resource offerings (including a Web site). These exhibits and Web resources are entitled, "Grant and Lee" (the physical exhibit will be open from October 17, 2008 through March 29, 2009) and "Lincoln and New York" (the physical exhibit will be open from October 2, 2008 through March 21, 2010). These site and electronic resources reflect the work of New-York Historical Society researchers and curators and also reflects contracted expertise from other institutions and organizations. As part of this project, the society will offer public and scholarly programming, on-site exhibitions, virtual exhibition tours, and special programming for colleges, universities, and elementary and secondary schools. The project will also develop and offer: podcasts (available online on YouTube, and on Beyond Campus sections of iTunes U); cell phone/iPod walking, driving and armchair tours; Web sites; school tours; teacher workshops; the development of educational materials for teachers and college faculty and lecture series; undergraduate courses and other college and graduate-level programming; and "P" credit courses for teachers who are pursuing low-cost courses that help them to secure salary differentials.

All funds will be matched at a 4:1 ratio, and the New-York Historical Society will also establish satellite centers at two or more of the following institutions/locations: American Library Association; Brooklyn Historical Society (Brooklyn, New York); Museum of the African Diaspora (San Francisco, California); South Country Library (Bellport, New York); St. George Library Center (Staten Island, New York); and Sandy Ground Historical Society (Staten Island, New York). Each selected satellite center will be required to provide an additional 4:1 match, or the New-York Historical Society will, in part or in full, provide that match on behalf of the satellite centers.

FY 2008 Award: \$944,335

Total Estimated Award (2 years): \$944,335

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National Underground Railroad Freedom Center (Ohio) – P345A080004

Title: Exhibits and Programming Related to the History of the Underground Railroad and Its Legacy

The National Underground Railroad Freedom Center will catalogue artifacts, art, documents, and ephemera in conjunction with a series of installed traveling exhibits, secured from other museums and historic organizations, new exhibits; public lecture/presentation series; public and teachers' workshops, series of family activities and dramatic readings, teacher institutes, standards-based thematic school tours; college and university programming and outreach efforts; and electronic resource offerings (including Web sites). In addition, the Freedom Center will designate and support the River Road African-American Museum, in Donaldsonville, Louisiana, and the John P. Parker House Museum, in Ripley, Ohio, as its satellite centers.

Here is a list of sample exhibits and Web resources: "Freedom's Struggle, the Underground Railroad Along the Ohio River in Kentucky and Indiana;" "Grass Roots: African Origins of an American Art;" "Textual Rhythms," and "The Enemy Within." These site and electronic resources reflect the work of the Freedom Center's researchers and curators and also reflects contracted expertise from other institutions and organizations. As part of this project, the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center will offer public and scholarly programming, on-site exhibitions, virtual exhibition tours, and special programming for colleges, universities, and elementary and secondary schools. Each satellite center will be required to provide an additional 4:1 match, or the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center will in part or in full provide that match on behalf of the satellite centers. The entire project will reflect 20 percent federal funding and 80 percent National Underground Railroad Freedom Center funding.

FY 2008 Award: \$1,000,000

Total Estimated Award (2 years): \$1,000,000

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