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National Underground Railroad Educational and Cultural Program FY 2006 Project Abstracts

National Underground Railroad Freedom Center (OH) Cincinnati, Ohio

Through its exhibits, story theatres, and public programs, the Center is framing the Underground Railroad in concrete human terms. It will uncover, preserve, and disseminate the legends and lessons of the Railroad. This award will support education and Freedom Station activities including a public access Web site, archival digitization, and regional and national outreach conferences.

Funding (two years): \$1,428,950

Friends of the First Living Museum (MI) Detroit, Michigan

The project is designed to capture, through living history exhibits, the full story of the Underground Railroad for researchers, educators and the general public. The Living Museum will research, collect and interpret artifacts and materials. The museum will enhance its own exhibitions and disseminate information to postsecondary institutions and civic and non-profit organizations. The innovative aspects of the museum are the interactive quality of the exhibits and its emphasis on providing barrier-free access.

Funding (three years): \$499,992

New York Historical Society (NY) New York, New York

The grant will support initial planning for the Society's next major exhibit that will build upon the landmark exhibitions *Slavery in New York* and *New York Divided: Slavery and the Civil War*. The new exhibit, *Revolution!*, examines the unique role of the American Revolution in redefining notions of freedom, equality and human rights and in establishing the "contagion of freedom" that motivated enslaved (and formerly enslaved) people -- from Toussaint L'Ouverture to the leaders of the Underground Movement -- to claim a universal human right to liberty. It will enable visitors to trace the nascent development of the Underground Railroad.

Funding (one year): \$48,458