

# News Release



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## **Summit County Executive’s Office Awards Grant to the Summit County Historical Society**

Earlier this month, the Summit County Executive’s office awarded a grant totaling \$51,000 to the Summit County Historical Society. The grant money will be used for the purpose of continuing historical preservation as well as educational and community events.

“The Summit County Historical Society is a valuable resource that works to preserve the historical record of our community,” said County Executive Ilene Shapiro. “The grant will assist not only with that vital preservation, but also in providing Summit residents with opportunities to learn about our past.”

The Summit County Historical Society is involved with many educational programs such as grade school outreach, interactive programs for all ages, and field trips. The Society also maintains historic properties including the Perkins Stone Mansion, John Brown House, and Old Stone School, which will reopen for tours beginning in April of 2018. Artifacts and exhibitions maintained by the Historical Society can be found throughout many buildings such as the Summit County Courthouse and the Akron-Summit County Public Library.

“Funding from Summit County government underwrites the Society’s mission of preserving Summit County’s rich past, and sharing it through educational programs, tours, publications and exhibits,” said Summit County Historical Society Board Chair Dave Lieberth. “This funding assists us in maintaining the historic homes of the County’s founder, Col. Simon Perkins and

abolitionist John Brown, and supports the maintenance of our collections of over 30,000 documents, photos and artifacts that tell the story of Summit County's social and industrial history.”

To learn more please visit: <http://www.summithistory.org/>

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