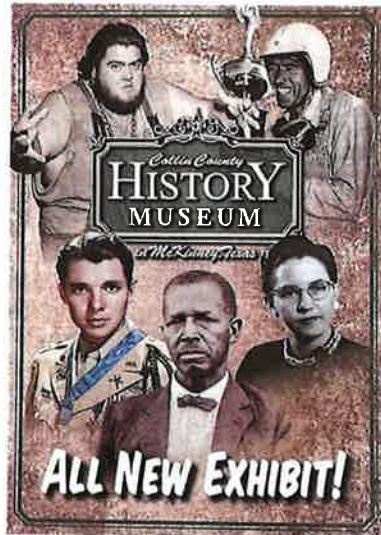


## MCDC Project Grant Final Report - *Created in Collin County* exhibit

The Collin County Historical Society was awarded a project grant from MCDC to purchase equipment and materials necessary for the production, layout, printing, and construction of the Collin County History Museum's (CCHM) 2023 *Created in Collin County* exhibit.



The new exhibit has remembrances of all things wonderful and important that were created in Collin County. Stories, historic photos, artifacts, and set designs tell the stories of the famous people, innovation, diverse businesses and products, and entertainment that have come from Collin County.



At 13 years old, Dickie Jones, who was born in McKinney, became the well-known voice of Disney's Pinocchio. The television series *Barney* and

*Wishbone* were filmed in Collin County with local talent, and the 1970's feature film *Benji* was filmed in McKinney. WWII hero and actor Audie Murphy was from Collin County and often visited McKinney.



Carrol Shelby, racecar driver and automobile designer had two businesses in McKinney: a chili factory and a wheel factory. The exhibit highlights the countless successful athletes of note who have called Collin County home. In a clever variation on our theme, our new exhibit also features educators who “created” the environment that grew our most prominent citizens. Many have had schools named for them. The *Created in Collin County* exhibit will feature, among others: Edward Doty, Ruth Dowell, Carrie Lovejoy, Leonard Evans, and Beth Stapleton. Innovator Maria Luisa Vega created the first bilingual school in the United States right here in McKinney.



The money from this project grant was used for construction and for a “re-facing” of our existing set facades that were reused in the new exhibit. The

grant was also used for the construction of two new electrified modules on casters for the center of the museum gallery that will feature lit panels and smart monitors to run custom video programming and can also be rolled out of the way to facilitate live programs.



The tall expanse of our gallery is encircled by a collage mural of the diverse faces, logos, and products that were *Created in Collin County*, coordinating with the stories and artifacts in the exhibit. At eye level, display boards tell the story of Collin County through the accomplishments of our residents. The CCHM's existing display cases were retrofitted with new acrylic armatures for artifact display, highlighting previously unseen historic items from our permanent collection. The CCHM is known for innovative technology, and the *Created in Collin County* exhibit does not disappoint. A custom digital exhibit on the iPad offers patrons multifaceted interactive technology that complements the physical exhibit, and includes four digital

tour guides. A multi-screen experience featuring Carroll Shelby will be soon available in 2024.

McKinney Community Development Corporation  
 Created In Collin County Exhibit - Project Grant Reimbursement  
 Collin County Historical Society

	Grant Awarded	Reimbursement	Reimbursement	Reimbursement	Reimbursement	Final Reimbursement	Remaining
Movable Exhibit Modules	7,300.00	8,995.18					-1,695.18
Video Display Panels	700.00			238.13		1,891.80	-1,429.93
Lit Panels	320.00				320.00		0.00
Entrance Title Boards	750.00	800.00					-50.00
Story Boards Layout	6,840.00		400.00	3,300.00	2,475.00		665.00
Story Boards Printing	1,520.00		100.46	149.20	1,500.00		-229.66
Story Boards Fasteners	350.00			342.90	76.20		-69.10
iPads, Patron Interpretation	4,120.00				1,621.30		2,498.70
Digital Content/Description (Glogster discontinued)	400.00				106.34	2,446.39	-2,152.73
Portrait Mural Printing	3,600.00				3,600.00		0.00
Artifact Display/Cases	3,275.00	638.95	473.67	676.97		391.26	1,094.15
Reface Sets - Supplies	3,200.00	768.19	304.58	465.31	84.65		1,577.27
3D Tour Guides	3,000.00	1,000.00			2,208.52		-208.52
	35,375.00	12,202.32	1,278.71	5,172.51	11,992.01	4,729.45	0.00
				Light control curtains		177.20	
				Sound control carpet		214.06	
				Cables/battery		207.80	
				Monitors		1,573.94	
				Monitor brackets		110.06	
				Digital display computer		719.86	
				Digital production/Install		1,726.53	*bill/paid \$1750
						4,729.45	