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CCCRA Receives Covington Grant

Clay County Communities Revitalization Association received \$20,000 from the Marion Stedman Covington Foundation recently to help with the preservation of the Historic Clay County Courthouse. The funds will be used to help pay for interior and exterior doors which are being constructed to meet historical and Fire, Health and Safety specifications.

Marion Stedman Covington's overwhelming desire was to enrich the lives of others, and it was this desire which led her to establish the Marion Stedman Covington Foundation in 1986. Mrs. Covington had a long history of volunteerism and philanthropy. Her lifelong passion was North Carolina historic preservation and she was a leader of the movement for over 15 years. In 1993, Preservation North Carolina recognized Mrs. Covington's contributions by naming her Honorary Life President.

One of Mrs. Covington's most significant contributions was the establishment of the Stedman Incentive Grant, given in memory of her father. This grant has been presented annually since 1976 by Preservation North Carolina to assist nonprofit organizations in their preservation efforts. CCCRA was the recipient of this grant in 2016, because of our efforts to preserve the historic Clay County Courthouse.

With the help of these grants, the commitment of Hayesville High School graduate Ron Beal, community donations and the leadership provided by CCCRA, we can all look forward to the reopening of the Historic Clay County Courthouse/Beal Center this summer.

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