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Emmett Till Interpretive Center Receives Grants from National Park Foundation to Support the Emmett Till & Mamie Till-Mobley National Monument

Dear *{{Informal Name}}* ,

The Emmett Till Interpretive Center (ETIC) is pleased to announce the receipt of a grant from the National Park Foundation (NPF) in support of the newly created Emmett Till and Mamie Till-Mobley

National Monument. The grants will fund the renovation of a building to replace the Tallahatchie County Second District Courthouse, which hosted the infamous “trial of the century” of J.W. Milam and Roy Bryant in September 1955 for the murder of Emmett Till, and will build the capacity of the ETIC to support the new National Monument.

The new construction will allow the historic courthouse to become a dedicated, full-time National Park Service site, with all county offices, records, and court proceedings relocating to the renovated building. The support from NPF will further ETIC's mission to preserve and interpret these sites, educate the public on this vital history, and create space for reconciliation.

"We are deeply grateful for the National Park Foundation's support and partnership," said Patrick Weems, Executive Director of the Emmett Till Interpretive Center. "Their support and funding continues our efforts to bring resources to help save these historic sites connected to the Till legacies, and to ensure that Mamie's desire to make sure Emmett's story will not be forgotten."

The grant funds will also aid the Emmett Till Interpretive Center in transitioning into its role as a philanthropic partner of the new National Monument, helping ETIC raise resources to establish and provide ongoing support for the new park.

"Making the new national park site ready for visitors to experience requires tremendous partnership, and community involvement," said Ruth Hernandez Prescott, National Park Foundation Chief of Staff. "NPF is honored to support the Emmett Till Interpretive Center's emerging role as a new park partner and to contribute to the organization's capacity to accelerate the development of high-quality interpretive programming for visitors."

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