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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Brazos Valley African American Museum

Bryan, TX, July 1, 2021 - It gives us great pleasure to announce that the Brazos Valley African American Museum has been selected to receive a FY2021 Museum Grants for African American History and Culture award for application MH-249902-OMS-21, from the Institute of Museums and Library Services. Over the proposed two-year period the \$50,000 grant will be used to develop a new catalog management system and complete an "Artifact Cataloging Project." This project will fulfill the goal of the Museum Grants for African American History and Culture (AAHC) program by improving the care of collections through preserving the Brazos Valley African American history treasures, within "The Artifact Cataloging Project." This will allow the Museum to document and inventory these additional materials. The Project will also address the development of professional management goals of the AAHC program, thereby providing increased knowledge and skills to the BVAAM staff, interns, and volunteers in the collections and museum management through professional training at conferences, short courses, and visits to other museums. The grant will support equipment and training for museum staff, interns and volunteers through cataloging and digitizing training. The system will include the physical catalog sheets and digitized records. A project narrative, which is a short snapshot of the project has been attached.

This news release is also available online at [www.bvaam.org](http://www.bvaam.org). Don't miss a moment. Follow us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter at OfficialBVAAM.

**ABOUT THE BRAZOS VALLEY AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM**

The Brazos Valley African American Museum was built on the site of one of the original Black Schools in the Brazos Valley. It was the brainchild of retired educator, Mrs. Mell Pruitt, and became officially recognized in 1999. The Brazos Valley African American Museum is the first establishment of its kind to promote the history of African American citizens in the Brazos Valley. The mission of the museum is to explore, develop, preserve, and present the cultural history and heritage of African Americans.

Admission Hours: Tuesday through Friday from 10 AM to 5PM. Saturday from 10AM to 4PM.

Admission Fees: Adults \$5; Senior Citizens \$4; Students \$2; Children 5 and under are Free; Groups of 8 or more \$3

For more information about the Brazos Valley African American Museum please visit [www.bvaam.org](http://www.bvaam.org)  
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