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Gov. Tom Corbett today announced a Pennsylvania Economic Growth Initiative Grant of \$2 million to the Army Heritage Center Foundation to facilitate expansion of the Visitor and Education Center at the U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center in Carlisle.

The Economic Growth Initiative Grant is intended to support construction activities only toward an additional 37,00 square feet for visitation and programs. The vision for expansion includes an exhibit and interpretative gallery to highlight soldier art; two multi-purpose rooms to host more complex educational programs; and improved conferencing capabilities to accommodate larger veterans' reunions and special events. The estimated cost of the expansion project is \$8.4 million.

“This expansion helps USAHEC better educate the Army public about the service and sacrifice of our Soldiers and furthers the U.S. Army War College support of the Army’s strategic outreach initiatives” said retired Maj. Gen. Robert Scales, Chair of the Army Heritage Center Foundation.

the Army Heritage Center Foundation is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization that directs donated support to fund the construction of the public components of the U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center—the Visitor and Education Center (VEC) and the Army Heritage Center. As the phased construction program is completed, the Foundation transfers these facilities to the Army to operate, staff, and maintain as part of the Center.

The grant proposal for the expansion project was developed with the support of the Cumberland County Industrial Development Authority and the Cumberland Area Economic Development Corporation as a means to improve the local economy and promote tourism. The federal government's construction of the Conservation Facility on USAHEC's campus served as a match for the Foundation's grant request. The Economic Growth Initiative Grant will support construction activities only; the Foundation is responsible for meeting qualifying requirements and all other costs associated with the project.

Learn more about the Foundation at www.armyheritage.org .

The U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center makes available contemporary and historical materials related to strategic leadership, the global application of Landpower, and U.S. Army Heritage to inform research, educate an international audience, and honor Soldiers, past and present.

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