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Grant to fund updates for Mission Mill homes

The Willamette Heritage Center will launch a major effort next week to update and provide new exhibits for its three early-settlement houses: The Lee House, The Parsonage and The Boon House.

"It's probably the largest project we've done since the opening of the mill," said Keni Sturgeon, curator and museum director. "It's a challenge. It's very interesting."

The work is being funded by a three-year, \$137,730 Museums for America grant from the Institute for Museum and Library Services. The heritage center must raise its \$139,344 match through donations and grants.

Once the buildings are renovated, they will tell a broader story of pre-history and history of the Mid-Valley. Exhibits will explain how the Kalapuya tribe lived, the role of women at the Methodist mission, and the lives of children in pioneer days, among other topics.

The Lee House will be first in line for the work. After Saturday, it will close for several months.

Information: www.willametteheritage.org

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