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**Local Attraction Receives Grant for Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial
Commemoration**

Frankfort, KY (February 4, 2008) – The Kentucky Historical Society has awarded the Belle of Louisville a Kentucky Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial grant for \$4,400 to commemorate the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial.

“This grant from the Kentucky Historical Society will allow the community to celebrate our native son during the bicentennial commemoration,” says Kent Whitworth, executive director of the Kentucky Historical Society, which administers the Kentucky Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission. “The project this grant funds helps Kentuckians discover Lincoln’s many connections to the state, which gives them perspective on the present and inspiration for the future.”

The grant will fund the program entitled “One Man’s Lincoln,” a biographical play performed on board the historic steamboat Belle of Louisville. For more information, contact LaDonna Miller at 502-574-2992 or ladonna.miller@louisvilleky.gov.

The Kentucky Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial grants will be used to support a variety of themes related to Lincoln and Kentucky, including slavery, nineteenth-century political culture, the Civil War, and Lincoln’s legacy. Projects include educational programs, exhibits, public art, community celebrations, speakers, classroom tools, and more. Grants are available to museums, historical organizations, educational institutions, city and county governments, and other nonprofit organizations.

For more information on Kentucky’s Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial commemoration, [visit the official Web site](#). For more information about how the Kentucky Historical Society will share Kentucky’s Abraham Lincoln experience throughout the commonwealth, [visit the Web site](#).

An agency of the Kentucky Commerce Cabinet, the Kentucky Historical Society, since 1836, has provided connections to the past, perspective on the present, and inspiration for the future. KHS operates the Old State Capitol, the Kentucky Military History Museum, and its headquarters, the Thomas D. Clark Center for Kentucky History. Since 1999, the thirty-million-dollar Center has welcomed more than one million visitors. For more information about the Kentucky Historical Society and its programs, visit the Web site at www.history.ky.gov.