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AMELIA EARHART BRIDGE MITIGATION FUND PROJECTS NAMED

Five projects selected totaling \$299,971

TOPEKA, KS— The Kansas Historical Society announced five projects selected to receive \$299,971 in reimbursements from the Amelia Earhart Bridge Mitigation Fund. This fund was established as partial mitigation for the planned demolition of the National Register-eligible Amelia Earhart Memorial Bridge that will be replaced by a new four-lane bridge. The purpose of the fund is to foster and support the preservation, rehabilitation, restoration, and interpretation of historic resources within Atchison. Applicants were required to commit to a 10% match.

The selected projects and the amount awarded to each follow:

- Atchison Bridge Tender's Office: \$61,290 to relocate the building and restore/rehabilitate the exterior and interior for adaptive reuse.
- Atchison Santa Fe Freight Depot: \$100,000 to repair the brick and mortar on the southwest corner of the structure and re-pointing as needed on the exterior.
- Blish Mize & Stillman Hardware Company Building: \$100,000 to remove the white paint and restore the original appearance on the exterior east facade; repair the brick facades on the north exterior face; repair the deteriorated concrete beams and columns supporting the roof structure; and restore and repair the brick roof parapet.
- Historic Bridge Foundation Workshop: \$12,960 to conduct a one-day historic bridge preservation workshop during the annual Kansas Department of Transportation conference to be held in April 2010 and another one-day workshop during the State Historic Preservation Conference in 2010.
- Trinity Episcopal Church: \$25,721 to repair/restore 19 stained-glass windows.

The fund application review committee made these selections at its June 29, 2009 meeting. The members of the committee are: Margaret Wood, representing the Historic Sites Board of Review; Kate Werring, representing the Atchison Preservation Alliance; and Katrina Ringler, representing the Kansas Historical Society. The committee reviewed seven applications requesting a total of \$411,971 in grant funds. The review criteria includes the level of historic significance, condition of the property, urgency of the work proposed, employment of proper preservation treatments, feasibility of the project, capability of the applicant to carry out the project, potential benefit to the community, ineligibility of the project for other funds, and long range plans for the property.

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