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HISTORIC PRESERVATION FUND GRANTS AWARDED

TOPEKA, KS— The Kansas Historical Society announced that \$102,000 in Historic Preservation Fund Grants will be distributed to 11 projects across Kansas in federal fiscal year 2009. A total of 16 requests were received, totaling \$226,244. Eric Engstrom, Dan Sabatini, and Jim Sherow of the Historic Preservation Fund Grants Review Committee reviewed the applications. They then made recommendations to the Historic Sites Review Board, who made the final determination February 21, 2009.

Each year the National Park Service provides the Kansas State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) with funds that finance, in part, its operations and salaries. A portion of these funds is passed through the SHPO to Certified Local Governments (CLG) and other organizations to pay for historic preservation activities at the local level. These pass-through grants help finance activities that will contribute to planning for the preservation of our cultural resources including the built environment and archeological resources. Up to sixty percent of the cost of eligible activities may be funded through this program. Activities include the identification and evaluation of properties that may be eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places or the Register of Historic Kansas Places through surveys. These activities further help communities assess their historic properties and develop preservation plans and/or nominations to the registers. Listing of properties in the registers provides formal recognition of their historical significance and qualifies them for financial incentives such as state and federal rehabilitation tax credits and the Kansas Heritage Trust Fund grant.

The Historic Sites Review Board approved funding for the following projects as listed in alphabetical order:

- City of Abilene (CLG), Ike's Abilene 1890-1910, \$1,000
- City of Burlingame, Burlingame Downtown Survey, \$5,730
- City of Hutchinson (CLG), Tax Credit Workshop, \$5,389
- City of Lawrence (CLG), North of Stadium Historic Resources Survey, \$18,000
- City of Lawrence (CLG), Historic Preservation Planning Intern, \$14,400
- City of Newton (CLG), 2010 Kansas State Historic Preservation Conference, \$24,000

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- City of Wichita (CLG), African-American Historic and Architectural Resources in Wichita, Kansas, Multiple Property Document, \$20,000
- Kansas State University, Archaeological Survey of Wildcat Creek, Riley County & Lincoln Creek, Clay County, \$1,410 for travel and mileage
- Norton City / County Economic Development, Downtown Norton Historic Survey, \$7,221
- Overland Park Historical Society, National Register Historic District: 1950s Ranch Houses in the Broadmoor & Southmoor Subdivisions, \$2,400
- University of Kansas Center for Research, Inc., Evaluation of Early Paleoindian Activity Areas & Components at 14SN106: Continuing Research at the Kanorado Locality, \$2,754 for radiocarbon dating

More information about the Historic Preservation Fund grant program can be found at kshs.org/resource/hpinfo.htm or contact the Cultural Resources Division of the Kansas Historical Society at 785-272-8681, ext. 240, or cultural_resources@kshs.org.

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