

## HTF Grants Approved for 2006 – 17 Projects – \$1,077,856

On May 13, 2006, the Kansas Historic Sites Board of Review made its recommendations for the 2006 round of Heritage Trust Fund (HTF) grants. The Board recommended \$1,077,856 for seventeen projects distributed across the state. For 2006 the program received sixty-two eligible applications requesting a total of \$4,359,628 in funds.

As is usually the case, a large number of applications focused on roofing, repair of historic wood windows, building stabilization, and mortar repair. The HTF program for 2006 saw an unusually large number of excellent applications making the job of the review committee most difficult. An excellent starting point for many projects consists of or includes a condition assessment report. These reports analyze the condition of the building and include a structural report, cost estimates, and construction documents for future rehabilitation or preservation. One project, **the Robert Miller House** in Lawrence, Douglas County, will utilize a previous HTF funded condition assessment report. The owners, Mr. and Mrs. Dailey, will receive a grant of \$90,000 to repair the deteriorated northwest corner and west wall. The owners will oversee work that will include anchoring the wall to the floor framing, removing existing wall ties, reconstructing parts of the chimney and providing a new chimney foundation. Salvaged brick will be used as much as possible.

Another project combining a condition assessment and construction work is the **Nemaha County Jail and Sheriff's Residence** in Seneca. A grant of \$30,800 to the Nemaha County Historical Society, Inc. will be provided for a structural engineer to determine the cause of the failing porch support system. Following the recommendations of the report, the damaged portions of the porch and deck will be repaired or replaced. The consultant will also develop a long-range maintenance plan.

Several projects were funded that will bring previous projects to fruition. The Friends of the Fair Pavilion will receive \$45,600 to complete wood window installation in the octagonal section of the **Pottawatomie County Fair Pavilion** in Onaga. The **Marion Township Hall** in Baileyville, Nemaha County, will use a grant of \$25,200 to complete foundation repairs on the north and west foundation. The work will be identical to work previously completed on the south and east sides. The grant recipient is the Glacial Hills Resource Conservation and Development Region, Inc. A grant of \$40,000 will enable the **Republic County Courthouse** in Belleville to stabilize the marble "wing" units along with cleaning and restoring the building's character-defining Art Deco exterior light fixture.

As a result of an Historic Preservation Fund Grant in 2005, a number of historic schools and theaters were placed on the National Register of Historic Places making them eligible for HTF grants. The **Dream Theater** in Russell, Russell County, will utilize a grant of \$90,000 for repair of stones, delaminated stucco, brickwork and securing downspouts. The Russell Arts Council is the recipient of this grant. A grant of \$70,560 to the Syracuse-Hamilton Chamber of Commerce will provide for replacement of exterior doors, removal of replacement

windows and installation of furnaces and heat pumps for the **Northrup Theatre** in Syracuse, Hamilton County.

USD 275 Triplains will receive a grant of \$90,000 for the **Winona Consolidated School** in Logan County. The project includes removing the existing clay tile roof, replacing underlayment as needed, matching and replacing missing broken tiles, ridge caps, and hip shingles. Replacing deteriorated and missing gutters and downspouts is included. The limestone stadium and retaining wall will be repaired at the **Lane County Community High School** in Dighton with a grant of \$90,000. The buttress walls and stairways will be disassembled to grade line or sound footing and will be re-laid with the appropriate mortar. Stone surfaces will also be repaired and cleaned. The recipient for this grant is Dighton Unified School District #482.

The **Campbell Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church** in Atchison will receive \$28,062 for cleaning and repairing the stone foundation, exterior stucco, wood windows, cements steps and underground drainage system. **Grace Methodist Episcopal Church** in Winfield, Cowley County, will utilize a grant of \$76,234 to restore forty-two windows. The scope of work will include removal of deteriorated storm coverings, replacing and cleaning stained glass, installation of protective venting louvers and repairs to millwork. A grant of \$90,000 will be awarded to **St. Joseph Catholic Church** in Damar, Rooks County. The proposed scope of work includes repairs to scagliola (a marble alternative) for thirty interior columns and decorative artwork plaster on columns and along walls and ceiling.

An award of \$55,000 to Mr. and Mrs. Walden, the owners of the **Kerr House**, 2310 Washington Boulevard, Kansas City, Wyandotte County, will help fund a replacement of original slate tiles on roof and dormers with a new slate substitute approved by the Secretary of Interior's *Standards*. The project includes installing new copper flashing, rehabilitating tin hip and ridge caps and finials and repointing of chimneys. The **Edward Carroll House** in Leavenworth will receive a grant of \$28,800. Work proposed by the Leavenworth County Historical Society consists of installing felt underlayment and new 50-year shingles along with installation of matching hip and ridge roofing, replacement of flat roofing, guttering and repairing fascia and soffits.

The owners of the **Campbell Hotel and American Hotel** in Hutchinson, Reno County, Mr. and Mrs. Flores, will receive a grant of \$90,000 to repair a failed parapet that separated from the building in February of 2006. The work will begin with the most damaged and unsafe areas. Work to 126 South Main will include stabilizing the brick façade parapet and cornice by installing a structural steel frame, removing loose brick, replacing spalled limestone sills and repointing. Work to 128 South Main will include replacing the wood and sheet metal cornice to match original. Work to 120-122 South Main calls for removing the brick parapet, stabilizing the parapet and cornice with a structural steel frame and rebuilding the parapet to match the original.

The **Somer Hardware Building** in Wilson, Ellsworth County, will receive a grant of \$47,600. The Wilson Community Foundation's proposal includes removing the existing layers of roofing and rotted wood structural frames. It also includes construction of appropriate wood framing, new structural steel beams

and a column system for support along with installing a new rear-sloping roof system with new roof flashings.

With a grant of \$90,000 to the Jim Flanders Trust No. 2, the **Kuhrt Ranch Historic District** barn will receive needed repairs. The proposal includes rebuilding of cracked and shifting concrete footers/foundation extending to below frost depth and recovering with stucco to match. Additional work will include repairs to doors, wood trim, restoration of existing wood windows and cupola, replacement and repair of metal roof shingles and cracked historic siding.

A National Register of Historic Places or Register of Historic Kansas Places designation does not require a property to be open to the public. However, many of these historic buildings are available to the public or access is available by appointment.

The annual application deadline for the Heritage Trust Fund is March 1. For more information contact the Kansas Historic Preservation Office, Kansas State Historical Society, Heritage Trust Fund Grants Manager, 6425 S.W. Sixth Avenue, Topeka, Kansas 66615 or call (785) 272.8681 ext. 216 or visit our website at [www.kshs.org](http://www.kshs.org)