

Finding Funding

Funding for historic preservation comes from a variety of sources. The following information focuses on, but is not limited to, the rehabilitation of historic properties. Please note that many of these programs are competitive and require matching funds. Contact information and websites are subject to change.

State Level

Kansas State Historic Preservation Office

www.kshs.org/resource/buildings.htm

Kansas Historical Society
Cultural Resources Division
6425 SW 6th Avenue
Topeka, KS 66615-1099
(785) 272-8681 ext. 240

The **Heritage Trust Fund** grant program finances activities that preserve or restore historic properties. Competitive grants are available ranging from \$5,000 to \$90,000 for the rehabilitation of buildings that are listed on the Kansas or National Register. A minimum 20% match is required for non-profits or governmental entities, while for-profit corporations must match at least 50%. *See also:* www.kshs.org/resource/htfinfo.htm

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The **Historic Preservation Fund** finances local preservation activities that will contribute to planning for the preservation of the built environment and archeological resources. Up to 60% percent of the cost of eligible activities can be funded through this program. Eligible products include preservation plans, surveys, National Register nominations, design-review guidelines, and brochures. *See also:* www.kshs.org/resource/hpinfo.htm

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The State Historic Preservation Office administers the **Federal 20% Rehabilitation Tax Credit** program in partnership with the National Park Service and the Internal Revenue Service. The federal income tax credit is equal to 20% of rehabilitation expenses for income-producing buildings that are listed or determined eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. *See also:* www.kshs.org/resource/taxcredits.htm

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Federal Tax Credit Coordinator
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The State Historic Preservation Office administers **State 25% Rehabilitation Tax Credit** program in partnership with the Kansas Department of Revenue. The state income tax credit is equal to 25% of rehabilitation expenses for buildings that are income-producing or non-income producing. Eligible properties include those listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the Register of Historic Kansas Places, or those that have been deemed "contributors" to a National or State Register Historic District. Projects that qualify for the 20% Federal Tax Credit will also qualify for the Kansas State Tax Credit. Property owners that are certified as 501c3 organizations by the IRS will receive state tax credits equal to 30% of their qualifying expenses rather than the typical 25%. *See also:* www.kshs.org/resource/taxcredits.htm

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State Tax Credit Coordinator
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kjohnston@kshs.org

A contribution tax credit program known as the **Partnership Historic Sites** program allows qualifying historic sites owned or operated by a 501c3 organization, where the mission of the site is to promote history, to request state tax credits to offer to potential donors and contributors. The donors receive a state tax credit equal to 50% of their donation to the site. Historic sites must be listed on the National Register of Historic Places or the Register of Historic Kansas Places to apply. Applications are made available in the spring with deadlines in June. See also: www.kshs.org/resource/partnership/

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Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC)
[http://www.kcc.state.ks.us/energy/links.htm - tax](http://www.kcc.state.ks.us/energy/links.htm-tax)
1500 SW Arrowhead Road
Topeka, KS 66604-4027
(785) 271-3100
public.affairs@kcc.ks.gov

This site provides links to energy efficiency tax programs including tax incentives for commercial buildings, consumer energy tax incentives, and the Tax Incentives Assistant Project (TIAP).

Kansas Preservation Alliance, Inc. (KPA)
www.kpalliance.org
12120 State Line Road, Suite 128
Leawood, KS 66209
(785) 979-8398
info@kpalliance.org

The KPA **revolving fund** is a pool of capital created and used for historic preservation, with the restriction that the monies are returned to the fund to be reused for similar activities. Acquisition/resale funds are used to buy properties and resell them to a sympathetic buyer with protective covenants or easements. The fund will assist properties listed or eligible for listing in the National Register or deemed significant by other objective measurements.

KPA **preservation easements** allow a private owner to protect the visual and architectural integrity of a property through a legal agreement even after the property is sold. KPA accepts easements on historic properties.

Kansas Department of Transportation
www.ksdot.org
Eisenhower State Office Building
700 S.W. Harrison Street
Topeka, KS 66603-3754
(785) 296-3566
publicinfo@ksdot.org

The Kansas Department of Transportation administers the **Transportation Enhancement reimbursement grant program** in partnership with the State Historic Preservation Office. This program is a major source of funding for rehabilitating historic transportation-related structures such as depots, bridges, and brick streets. This federal reimbursement program requires a minimum 20% local match.

Contact: Kaye Jordan-Cain
KDOT TE Program Coordinator
(785) 296-0280 or kaye@ksdot.org

Kansas Department of Commerce
www.kansascommerce.com
Kansas Department of Commerce
1000 S.W. Jackson Street, Suite 100
Topeka, Kansas 66612-1354
(785) 296-3481

Attraction Development grants provide assistance in the development of new tourist attractions or the enhancement of existing attractions within Kansas. Grant funds may be used for a wide variety of activities including (but not limited to) strategic planning, infrastructure, technology, and marketing activities. The grant may fund up to 40% of an approved project. The applicant must secure at least 60% of eligible project expenditures. The maximum amount of funds available for one project is \$45,000 for public and not-for-profit entities, and \$15,000 for private entities.

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Tourism Marketing grants assist organizations in creating innovative advertising and marketing. The monies are disbursed on a first-come-first-served basis based on projects that fit within the grant guidelines. This is a reimbursement grant program that provides up to 40% of the total costs of a project not to exceed \$3,500 for a single project.

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KDOC distributes federal funds through **Community Development Block Grants** to Kansas communities looking to improve their infrastructure. Qualifying projects must meet low- to moderate-income level requirements.

Water/Sewer Grants and Community Facilities
Contact: Debbie M. Beck
(785) 296-7092
dbeck@kansascommerce.com

Housing Rehabilitation Grants
Contact: Linda Hunsicker
(785) 625-0073
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The **Small Communities Improvement Program** sets aside \$500,000 each year for small communities that are undertaking improvement projects through sweat equity and volunteerism. The program is designed to assist communities with populations of 5,000 or less that are not eligible for other Department of Commerce assistance and might not have the capacity to provide matching funds. The maximum award for a single project is \$125,000.

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The **Kansas Community Service Tax Credit Program** gives non-profit organizations a way to improve their ability to undertake major capital fund-raising drives for various projects. Specially selected non-profit organizations can offer Kansas tax credits for contributions made to approved projects. Projects eligible for tax

credit awards include community service, crime prevention, and health care.

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Funding through **Incentives Without Walls** is available to designated Kansas Main Street downtown areas for a variety of business needs. The Kansas Main Street program, which started in 1985, provides management training, consultation visits, local program evaluation design assistance, business enhancement strategies, incentive dollars, and on-going training. Kansas Main Street is a self-help program. Staff provides technical assistance, but the responsibility and credit for success rests with the community leaders who offer time, expertise, and enthusiasm to revitalizing downtown. Funding maximum is \$20,000 per community, per grant/loan round. Loans are encouraged over grants.

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Community Assistance Services Mgr
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The **Kansas Downtown Redevelopment Act** encourages entrepreneurs to locate their businesses and invest in central business districts, as well as distressed neighborhoods, by offering property tax relief in areas designated by local governments, which are subsequently reviewed and approved by KDOC.

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Kansas League of Municipalities

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The **Neighborhood Revitalization Act** enables cities to designate neighborhood revitalization areas, and therein, to provide tax rebates to

property owners. The rebates are the amounts of incremental increases in property taxes resulting from improvements made to properties. A neighborhood revitalization area is defined by: (1) buildings which, by reason of age, history, architecture or significance, should be preserved or restored; (2) deteriorating structures, inadequate streets, or incompatible land uses which impair growth of the city; and (3) dilapidated structures outside the area. A nonprofit organization may rehabilitate abandoned properties in the area.

Contact: Your Local Government or
League of Kansas Municipalities
(785) 354-9565

Kansas Humanities Council

www.kansashumanities.org
112 SW 6th Ave, Suite 210
Topeka KS 66603-3895
(785) 357-0359
info@kansashumanities.org

Humanities Grants are intended to support projects that engage the out-of-school, general public with the humanities. Past grants have included lecture series, forums for public issues, book and film discussions, museum exhibitions, and media projects.

Contact: Dan Carey-Whalen
Director of Programs
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Heritage Grants are intended to encourage the preservation and study of local and regional cultural resources. Past grants include oral history projects, care of collections, basic research, cataloging, and indexing. Grant awards are up to \$3,500.

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Kansas Arts Commission

<http://arts.ks.gov/>
700 SW Jackson, Suite 1004
Topeka, KS 66603
(785) 296-3335
kac@arts.ks.gov

Multiple grant opportunities are available from the Kansas Arts Commission including **Kansas Arts on Tour, Arts-in-Education, and Operational Support for Arts and Cultural Organizations**. See the web at http://arts.ks.gov/grants_fy10/index.shtml for more information and for other grant opportunities.

Kansas Museums Association

www.ksmuseums.org
PO Box 1946
Salina, KS 67402-1946
(785) 840-8984
info@ksmuseums.org

The **Institutional Project Grant** was created in 1996 to advance Kansas museums. The grant provides funding to conduct small projects that improve the quality of a museum's operations. Applicants must be Institutional members of KMA.

Kansas Green Schools Grant Program

www.kansasgreenschools.org/Kansas-green-schools-grant-program

Kansas Green Schools Grants are intended for projects that improve the environment and save money through reduced use of resources. Grant projects must address air quality, climate change, solid waste reduction and recycling, and water management. All school-based program initiatives must include direct environmental benefits and education as components. Grants are available to any private or public k-12 school in Kansas that is registered on the Kansas Green Schools Network. Preference is given to projects that can reasonably be completed within one year. The maximum grant is \$4,500 per school.

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Kansas Energy Office

www.kcc.state.ks.us/energy/index.htm

1500 SW Arrowhead Road

Topeka, KS 66604-4027

785-271-3100

public.affairs@kcc.ks.gov

The Kansas Energy Office sponsors many programs that may assist property owners. The **Facility Conservation Improvement Program**, for example, allows divisions of state and local government as well as non-profits to finance projects that promote energy efficiency. Projects that would normally take multiple years can be done all at once so that energy savings are realized sooner.

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Kansas Housing Resources Corporation

www.kshousingcorp.org/programs.shtml

611 S. Kansas Avenue, Suite 300

Topeka, KS 66603-3803

(785) 296-5865

info@kshousingcorp.org

This site includes links to two programs that may be helpful to owners of historic residences.

The Homeowner Rehabilitation Program

assists communities with repairing and rehabilitating owner-occupied homes. Local Kansas communities (except Kansas City, Johnson County, Lawrence, Topeka, and Wichita) may apply for program funds up to \$300,000 for administering a homeowner rehabilitation program. Grant funds pass through the State recipient on a reimbursement basis, and assistance is to be provided to the homeowner in the form of a loan.

The Emergency Repair Program (ERP) assists homeowners with emergency repairs of existing owner-occupied properties to enable residents to maintain a safe environment in their home. Examples of emergency repairs are an inoperable or faulty furnace, leaking roof, unsafe electrical wiring and plumbing, hazardous structural conditions, etc.

National Level

National Trust for Historic Preservation

www.nationaltrust.org/funding

NTHP Mountain-Plains Regional Office

535 16th Street, Suite 750

Denver, CO 80202

(303) 623-1504

mpro@nthp.org

The **Johanna Favrot Fund** provides nonprofit organizations and public agencies grants ranging from \$2,500 to \$10,000 for projects that contribute to the preservation or the recapture of an authentic sense of place. Individuals and for-profit businesses may apply only if the project for which funding is requested involves a National Historic Landmark. Funds may be used for professional advice, conferences, workshops and education programs.

The **Cynthia Woods Mitchell Fund** provides nonprofit organizations and public agencies grants ranging from \$2,500 to \$10,000 to assist in the preservation, restoration, and interpretation of historic interiors. Individuals and for-profit businesses may apply only if the project for which funding is requested involves a National Historic Landmark. Funds may be used for professional expertise, print and video communications materials, and education programs.

The **National Trust Preservation Funds** provides nonprofit organizations and public agencies matching grants from \$500 to \$5,000 (typically from \$1,000 to \$1,500) for preservation planning and education efforts. Funds may be used to obtain professional expertise in areas such as architecture, archeology, engineering, preservation planning, land-use planning, fund raising, organizational development and law as well as preservation education activities to educate the public. This fund also provides intervention funds for preservation emergencies.

The **Restore America grant program** is a partnership between the National Trust for Historic Preservation and Home & Garden Television. The program changes yearly.

The **National Trust Loan Fund** is flexible in terms of project criteria and provides funding for a variety of preservation projects. These may include establishing or expanding local and statewide preservation revolving funds, acquiring and/or rehabilitating historic buildings, sites, structures and districts, and preserving National Historic Landmarks. Eligible applicants are tax-exempt nonprofit organizations; local, state, or regional governments; and for-profit organizations. Preference will be given to nonprofit and public sector organizations.

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National Park Service

<http://www.nps.gov/history/grants.htm>

National Park Service
Midwest Regional Office
1709 Jackson Street
Omaha, NE 68102
(402) 221-3456

Save America's Treasures grants are available for preservation and/or conservation work on **National Historic Landmarks** or National Register-listed structures and sites that are deemed nationally significant. Historic structures and sites include historic districts, sites, buildings, structures, and objects. This is a highly competitive application process. *See also:* www.cr.nps.gov/hps/treasures/

The **Preserve America** matching-grant program provides funding to designated Preserve America Communities to support preservation efforts through heritage tourism, education and historic preservation planning. The grant program changes yearly. *See also:* www.cr.nps.gov/hps/hpg/PreserveAmerica/index.htm and www.preserveamerica.gov/index.html

National Trust Community Investment Corp.

www.ntcicfunds.com
1785 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20036
(202) 588-6001
ntcic_mail@ntcicfunds.com

works with a wide variety of property owners including for profit developers, nonprofit organizations and local governments. Its focus is on projects that stimulate the economic revitalization of the surrounding community. The **National Trust Community Investment Fund** (formerly the Bank of America Historic Tax Credit) provides equity to historic properties that can serve as a catalyst for the economic revitalization of commercial districts and residential neighborhoods.

The **National Trust Small Deal Fund** provides a unique service within the historic tax credit industry by investing in small historic tax credit projects.

The **New Market Tax Credit** enables lending institutions and community development groups to finance or assist a wider variety of projects. A tax credit is available to institutions that invest in commercial projects in qualifying districts. The National Trust for Historic Preservation is a certified as a Community Development Entity for purposes of this federal program.

Environmental Protection Agency (Region 7)

www.epa.gov/region7/economics/r7_grant_opportunities.htm

US EPA
901 N. 5th Street
Kansas City, KS 66101
(913) 551-7003 or (800) 223-0425
r7actionline@epa.gov

This site lists various grants available through the EPA for our region. While these grants are not strictly preservation related, they can be used by historic sites to fund environmental improvements.

Housing & Urban Development

www.hud.gov/local/index.cfm?state=ks
Kansas City Regional Office
400 State Avenue
Kansas City, KS 66101
(913) 551-5644
kswebmanager@hud.gov

The **203(k) Rehabilitation Loan Program** can be used to accomplish rehabilitation and/or improvement of an existing one-to-four unit dwelling. *See also:*

www.hud.gov/offices/hsg/sfh/203k/203kabou.cfm

The **Brownfields Economic Development Initiative** assists cities with the redevelopment of abandoned, idled, and underused industrial and commercial facilities with expansion and redevelopment of environmental contamination.

See also:

www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/economicdevelopment/programs/bedi/index.cfm

The **Community Development Block Grant Program** may help some owners of historic residences. In order to be eligible a project must, over a 1, 2, or 3-year period, as selected by the grantee, use no less than 70 percent of CDBG funds for activities that benefit low- and moderate-income persons. In addition, each project must meet one of the following national objectives for the program: benefit low- and moderate-income persons, prevention or elimination of slums or blight, or address community development needs having a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community for which other funding is not available.

See also:

www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/communitydevelopment/programs/

Americans with Disabilities Act

www.ada.gov

U.S. Department of Justice

950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW

Civil Rights Division

Disability Rights Section - NYAV

Washington, D.C. 20530

(800) 514-0301

Two tax incentives for required ADA improvements are available to businesses to help cover the cost of making access improvements. The first is a tax credit that can be used for architectural adaptations, equipment acquisitions, and services such as sign language interpreters. The second is a tax deduction that can be used for architectural or transportation

adaptations. Call a tax advisor and request IRS Publications 535 and 334 or Form 8826 to claim your tax credit.

US Department of Energy

<http://www.energy.gov/>

1000 Independence Ave., SW

Washington, DC 20585

(800) 342-5363

The.Secretary@hq.doe.gov

The Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program (EECBG)

provides grants to local governments to fund programs and projects that reduce energy use and fossil fuel emissions and improve energy efficiency. Generally, a city or county must have a population over 35,000 to qualify for this grant. Although the grant program was authorized by law in 2007, this year (2009) is the first year it has been funded. It was funded by ARRA.

See also:

www.eecbg.energy.gov/default.html

Grant Guides

Kansas Non Profit Association

www.mainstreaminc.net/knpa/

P.O. Box 47054

Topeka, KS 66647

(800) 582-1428 or (785) 266-6422

knpa@mainstreaminc.net

The directory is \$80 for KNPA members and \$100 for non-members, or may be available at your local library or through community foundations.

Grants.gov

www.grants.gov

200 Independence Avenue, SW

HHH Building

Washington, DC 20201

(800) 518-4726

Grants.gov allows organizations to electronically find and apply for more than \$400 billion in federal grants. Grants.gov is THE single access point for over 1000 grant programs offered by all federal grant-making agencies.

The Foundation Finder

<http://fdncenter.org/>
79 Fifth Avenue/16th Street
New York, NY 10003-3076
(800) 424-9836 or (212) 620-4230

The Foundation Finder website allows you to search through more than 65,000 private and community foundations in the United States.

The Grantsmanship Center

<http://www.tgci.com/funding.shtml>

The Grantsmanship Center is a helpful resource for anyone working on a grant application or administering a current grant. The site also features a Funding Sources finder with a list of the top funding organizations in each state.

Helpful Organizations & Links

League of Historic American Theaters

www.lhat.org
334 N. Charles Street, 2nd Floor
Baltimore, MD 21201
(877) 627-0833 or (410) 659-9533
info@lhat.org

The League of Historic American Theatres (LHAT) is an international not-for-profit membership association. LHAT is a network of people who appreciate the cultural and architectural heritage of historic theatres and who work locally and nationally to rehabilitate them. Members of the League collaborate with one another, share their expertise and provide inspiration, information and a broad perspective to those working in the field of historic preservation.

Reconnecting America -- Great American Station Foundation

www.reconnectingamerica.org/public/about
(510) 268-8602
info@reconnectingamerica.org

Reconnecting America is a national organization that grew out of the work of the Great American Station Foundation, which was formed in 1995 to assist communities with the revitalization of historic rail stations as a key to both improving

transportation services and bringing life back to downtown areas. The above link provides information to dozens of funding incentives for the rehabilitation of transportation stations.

This is the only national, non-sectarian, non-

Partners for Sacred Places

www.sacredplaces.org
1700 Sansom Street, 10th Floor
Philadelphia, PA 19103
(215) 567-3234
partners@sacredplaces.org

profit organization devoted to helping congregations and their communities sustain and actively use older historic sacred places.

Institute of Museum and Library Services

www.imls.gov/
1800 M Street NW, 9th Floor
Washington, DC 20036-5802
(202) 653-4657
imlsinfo@imls.gov

The Institute of Museum and Library Services is the primary source of federal support for the nation's 122,000 libraries and 17,500 museums. Through its grant making and research and publications, the Institute empowers museums and libraries nationwide to provide leadership and services to enhance and increase civic participation. Projects include collection management, programming, conservation, digital collection, professional development, and research.

TradWeb: Custom Building & Restoration Services

<http://restorationandbuildingservices.com>

This website is a comprehensive guide to the people, products, and services that restore, rehabilitate, and preserve America's historic buildings and environments.

Traditional Building

www.traditional-building.com

Traditional Building provides resources for commercial, civic, institutional, and religious building projects.

Preservation Directory.com

www.preservationdirectory.com

This website provides research tools and marketing resources for historic preservation.

Preservation Techniques

www.kshs.org/resource/prestechnique.htm

This website provides technical information regarding historic preservation including the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation and step-by-step technical guidelines.

Save Our History Grant Program

www.history.com/content/saveourhistory

history@cegny.com

This grant is provided by HISTORY (as in the television channel). Museums, historic sites, historical societies, preservation organizations, libraries, and archives must partner with a local school or youth group to apply for funding. The grant is often used to fund the creation of exhibits, however, if the grantee is creative, funds can be used for preservation as long as a school or youth group is involved.