



Working with SHPO

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About Us

Kansas Historical Society

Cultural Resources Division

State Historic Preservation Office
(SHPO)

- Register of Historic Kansas Places
- Funding programs
- State preservation review

Department of the Interior

National Park Service

National Preservation Act

- National Register of Historic Places
- Funding programs
- Section 106 – federal preservation review

Every state and territory in the US has a State Historic Preservation Office. Each one is a little different, but under federal regulations our main task is to implement the National Historic Preservation Act which includes the National Register of Historic Places, administration of federal grants and historic tax incentive programs, and consultation with federal agencies through a program called Section 106.

Kansas State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO)



IDENTIFY HISTORIC
PROPERTIES



PROTECT HISTORIC
PROPERTIES.



PROVIDE FUNDING
RESOURCES

Historic Preservation Fund

Grant funds for local governments, non-profits, and universities



Established in 1977



Funding from the National Park Service



Supported by Outer Continental Shelf oil lease revenues, not tax dollars

Purpose of grant: To assist communities in planning for the preservation of their historic resources

Generally not funding for physical repair of historic properties. Used for identification, documentation, education, etc.

Applications due in the spring and awarded in summer. Use funding within 2 years.

Around \$150,000 to \$200,000 available each year.

What activities can HPF fund?

- HPF grants must result in a tangible product or measurable result.
- Must pertain to the preservation programs outlined in the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended.
- Must be carried out in accordance with the Secretary of the Interior's *Standards for Archeology and Historic Preservation* and National Register program guidelines
- Must be matched 60/40 by subgrantees.



More about eligible projects on the next slide.

Match can be 'in-kind' – meaning staff time and volunteer time, donated services...count as match.

The most common grant-funded activities...

- Survey of cultural resources
- National Register nominations
- Conferences / Training seminars
- Educational programs for students
- Brochures / websites / apps to promote resources
- Archeological survey
- Preservation of archeological sites
- Design review guidelines
- Preservation planning documents
- Disaster Plans



But really, HPF can fund anything that is focused on identification, documentation, or preservation of historic structures, sites, and places.

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Some things we have funded...miscellaneous

Top left – Downtown Survey

Bottom left - Cemetery workshop

Top right – City of Arkansas City utilized survey of their downtown historic district to produce a story map / walking tour mobile app

Bottom right – Bob Yapp presentation on how to repair windows

Middle - City of Newton did a coloring and activity book featuring local historic sites and stories geared toward elementary school kids, currently working on a summer history day camp with the local library.

Certified Local Governments (CLGs) are local governments that have demonstrated a commitment to preservation by: • passing local preservation ordinances • designating local landmarks • appointing a preservation commission, and • complying with the Kansas preservation law.	• Abilene • Arkansas City • Dodge City • Doniphan County • Douglas County • Fort Scott • Garden City • Hutchinson • Independence	• Lawrence • Leavenworth • Manhattan • Newton • Olathe • Salina • Topeka • Unified Government/KCK • Wichita
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SHPO must pass through at least 10% of our allocation to CLGs - they get priority consideration during the competitive grant round.
 We work closely with these 18 communities to support their local preservation projects.

Current list of CLGs - <https://www.kansashistory.gov/14605>

Other local governments, non-profits, and universities are eligible to apply, but applications from these communities are prioritized.

Funding from the SHPO



Heritage Trust Fund grant

- Reimburses 80%
- Up to \$100,000
- Property must be Register-listed
- One annual grant round / very competitive

Historic Tax Credits

- \$5,000 minimum investment
- 20% federal / 25% to 40% state
- Property must be Register-listed
- Apply before the work begins!

For physical work on historic properties, these programs are available.



Heritage Trust Fund grant

Who can apply? The owner of any register-listed historic property, including contributors to a register-listed district.

When? Applications come out in late summer and are due November 1st. Awards in February.

Where? <https://www.kansashistory.gov/14617>

Contact: Darbee.Chard@ks.gov 785-272-8681 x226

- Applicant must be the property owner because there is a requirement to maintain ownership of the property for 5 years following the grant.
- For-profit corporations may apply and receive a 50% reimbursement grant, but they must also show in their application that the project truly needs the grant and that the grant funds won't just make the project more profitable for the corporation.



Example projects:

White Cloud
 Emporia
 Council Grove
 Marion

Project with an urgent preservation need (roof, walls, windows, doors, foundation) tend to be more attractive to the grant committee. Those with a public benefit also tend to get more consideration.

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Historic Tax Credits



Percentage of investment returned as income tax credits.



Separate Federal and State programs. Both apps come to SHPO.



Property must be listed in State or National Register.



Projects must meet the Secretary's *Standards*.



Federal Historic Tax Credits

- 20% of qualified expenses
- Federal income tax credits
- National Register listed or eligible
- Building must be income-producing
- Rehabilitation must be substantial per IRS
- Must retain ownership for 5 years
- Can be combined with the state tax credit program

Some restrictions on type of income taxes that are eligible and how to claim the federal credits.

Owners should always check with their tax advisors.

Can apply before the building is Register-listed and/or before the physical work begins, but do so at some risk!



Kansas Historic Tax Credits

- State income tax credits
- All state or National Register-listed buildings qualify.
- Transferable = Allows private residences, non-profits, governments, schools to participate in program.
- Credit amount = 25%-40% – based on project & community size
- Certified 501(c)3 organizations are eligible for 40%.
- Always apply before work begins.

Project over \$50,000 in any community = 40%

Project under \$50,000 in community under 50,000 population = 25%

501c3 organizations always get 40%

Tax Credit Info

<https://www.kansashistory.gov/14673>

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Other SHPO Review

State and Federal laws require SHPO review for projects with government involvement.

kansashistory.gov/14658

- Federal funding / permits
- State funding / permits
- Local permits
- Actions undertaken by any government agency

No government involvement? No review

If the project is privately funded and there are no permitting requirements, then SHPO review is not required even if the building is designated as historic. We are always available though to offer technical assistance.



Need a letter from the SHPO? Click the button above to access the Kansas Review & Compliance online submission system.

Create a new account or login to access the system. Contact SHPO staff members; 785-272-8681, ext. 240; kshs.shpo@ks.gov

Get a letter from the SHPO?

review.kansashistory.gov

Our job:

- ☐ Are there historic properties involved?

We need to know the location and see photos of any structures.

- ☐ Will the project harm the historic property?

We need a description of the project including products being used and how they will be applied.

We need to know where the project is happening and what the project scope will involve.

We are checking to see:

1. If the project involves any historic buildings. Federal and state laws are slightly different, but any building or structure over 50 years old may be subject to review.
 - a. Ground disturbing work may also require review for buried archeological resources.
2. If there is a historic property involved, will the proposed work have an adverse effect on it? We need to know about the work planned and the materials being used to figure that out.



What to upload?

- Photos of all areas where work is happening
- Description of the project including existing conditions and proposed new materials.
 - How will those new materials be installed?
 - How will the brick be cleaned?
 - Where will the new HVAC ducts be routed?
- Drawings if they are available
- Cut sheets from manufacturers, websites, etc.

The more information SHPO has about the existing conditions and the proposed new work, the quicker they can complete the review.

Example:

- Restore missing bell tower based on a photo from the building's dedication.
 - Include the photo!
- Remove non-historic standing seam metal roof and replace with asphalt shingles that mimic the original shake shingles seen in a photo from 1906.
 - Include the photo and product information about the new shingles.
- Install a handicapped accessible ramp on the back entrance
 - Upload plans and drawings showing what the ramp will look like, where it will be installed, and what materials it will be made from.

Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehab

- 1. Choose a use that requires minimal building changes
- 2. Retain historic character, avoid removal of historic features
- 3. Do not create a false sense of history
- 4. Consider historic changes as potentially significant
- 5. Preserve distinctive features, finishes, and construction techniques
- 6. Whenever possible, repair historic elements rather than replacing
- 7. Avoid destructive treatments
- 8. Protect archaeological resources
- 9. Design additions to be clearly differentiated from the original building and compatible with its massing, size, scale, and architectural features
- 10. Design additions to be reversible

The Standards will be applied taking into consideration the economic and technical feasibility of each project.

See the full Standards at <https://www.nps.gov/articles/000/treatment-standards-rehabilitation.htm>



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