

# Heritage Trust Fund Grant Program



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The Kansas Legislature created the Heritage Trust Fund grant program in 1990 to aid with the preservation of historic properties in Kansas. Approximately \$1 million is awarded annually through a competitive application process.

## What properties are eligible for funding?

To be eligible for funding, a property must be listed in the Register of Historic Kansas Places and/or the National Register of Historic Places. If the property is within a National or State Register-listed historic district, the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) staff must identify the property as “contributing property” to that district for the property to be eligible.

## Who is eligible to apply?

The grant applicant must own the property. If the property has more than one owner, the applicant must provide proof of agreement of all parties included with the application. Property owners may not be the State or Federal governments.

## How much can an applicant receive for one project?

An applicant can receive between \$5,000 and \$100,000. For-profit corporations must provide a dollar-for-dollar (50/50) match and other grant recipients shall provide 20 percent of the cost of eligible project activities as match. In-kind services and indirect costs are not accepted as a matching share. Please note that the applicant’s cash match is eligible for rehabilitation tax credits – provided the match amount exceeds \$5,000.

## What work items are eligible for funding?

All work must comply with the Secretary of the Interior’s *Standards for Rehabilitation*. Eligible activities include professional services (architect and engineering fees), and projects involving the preservation, rehabilitation, or restoration of an historic property. Repairs involving building components such as walls, partitions, floors, ceilings, doors, windows, stairs, chimneys, roofing, and fire escapes are eligible activities. While eligible work can include building and mechanical systems such as electrical wiring, central air and heating, plumbing, and elevators, these items typically are not seen as “high priority” or “urgent”, and may not compete well with other proposed projects. Please contact the SHPO staff to learn about past projects and what work items are most competitive.

## What are the grant deadlines?

The application is due November 1st each year. Please contact the SHPO staff to verify deadlines.

## Grant Workshops

The SHPO staff offers HTF grant-writing workshops each year in the summer. Staff will discuss the application process, approaches to writing the application, and answers questions concerning the program. Contact the SHPO staff to learn dates, times, and locations of these meetings.

***Applications and detailed program information are available upon request.***