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# National Park Service Announces \$5 Million in Grants to Support Preservation in Rural Communities

WASHINGTON – The National Park Service (NPS) today announced \$5 million in Historic Revitalization Subgrant Program (HRSP) grants to nine projects to support the preservation of historic buildings in rural communities across the country.

These grants mark the first year of funding for the HRSP. State and Tribal Historic Preservation Offices, Certified Local Governments, and non-profits were eligible to apply for funding to support a subgrant program to fund multiple preservation projects in their rural jurisdictions.

“Historic preservation projects have consistently proven to foster economic growth,” National Park Service Deputy Director P. Daniel Smith said. “Through the support of the National Park Service, rural communities are able to preserve their historic resources, shining a light on their unique local history, and bolster economic development.”

Projects receiving grants through this first year of funding include:

- Revitalizing commercial structures in Louisiana's Main Street districts
- Rehabilitating Oregon's historic theaters
- Providing rural community resources in communities of 7,500 or less in Vermont

Funding for this competitive program is provided by the 2018 Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) which comes from revenue from Federal oil leases on the Outer Continental Shelf, providing assistance for a broad range of preservation projects without expending tax dollars.

A [full list of grant recipients](#) is available on NPS.gov.

For more information about the grants and the Historic Revitalization Subgrant Program please visit, [go.nps.gov/revitalization](http://go.nps.gov/revitalization). To confirm rural eligibility visit, [www.census.gov/quickfacts/](http://www.census.gov/quickfacts/). An additional \$5 million will be available in FY2019 funding in the winter of 2020.

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