

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION

See reverse side for additional information.

For more info, check out "Funding Opportunities" on <http://history.sd.gov/Preservation/>

Federal Tax Incentive

The program offers a 20% tax credit on the qualified expenditures of a substantial rehabilitation of a certified historic structure. The tax credit applies to the building owner's federal income tax for the year in which the project is completed and approved.



State Property Tax Moratorium

SDCL 1-19A-20 provides an 8-year moratorium on the property tax assessment of certified improvements. The State Property Tax Moratorium may be utilized by the owner of any certified historic structure, including private residences. Available only to properties listed on the National or State Register of Historic Places.

Deadwood Fund Grant

Funded by a portion of the gambling revenue generated in Deadwood, SD. Grants ranging from \$1,000 to \$25,000 given to projects that retain, restore, or rehabilitate historic buildings, structures, and archaeology sites in South Dakota for commercial, residential, or public purposes.



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Federal Tax Incentive

See also <http://www.nps.gov/history/tax.htm>

A “**certified historic structure**” is a building that is listed on the National Register of Historic Places either individually or as a contributing resource in a listed historic district. The building must be income-producing, and the rehabilitation must meet the Secretary of the Interior’s *Standards for Rehabilitation*.

Before and after photographs are highly encouraged for evaluation of the project. The rehabilitation must be certified by completing an application and submitting it to the SHPO for review and transmittal to the NPS for final review and approval. It is **strongly recommended that owners contact the SHPO and submit an application prior to beginning any work.**

To be considered a “**substantial rehabilitation**,” the rehabilitation expenditures must exceed either the “adjusted basis” of the building or \$5,000, whichever is greater. “Adjusted basis” is calculated as the purchase price minus the value of the land minus any depreciation already taken by the current owner plus any capital improvements already made.

State Property Tax Moratorium

To be eligible, the property must be:

1. Listed on the State or National Register of Historic Places individually or as a contributing resource in a historic district;
2. Rehabilitated according to the Secretary of the Interior's *Standards for Rehabilitation*;
3. Certified for tax exemption by the South Dakota State Historical Society Board of Trustees;
4. Have a preservation covenant attached to the deed of the property for the life of the moratorium guaranteeing the continued maintenance and protection of the building's historic features.

It is **strongly suggested that owners submit plans and specifications for a proposed project to the SHPO prior to beginning work.** The Restoration Specialist can review the proposed rehabilitation and assist owners to interpret the Standards. Applications should be **submitted no later than November 1** to allow sufficient time for the application to be reviewed prior to the Board meeting. **Before and after photographs are highly encouraged for evaluation of the project.**

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All projects must meet The Secretary of the Interior’s *Standards for Rehabilitation*. The application needs to be specific and thorough on how the work will preserve the resource and support historic preservation in South Dakota. Professional guidance by someone skilled in the retention, rehabilitation, and restoration of historic properties may be needed in order to successfully plan, implement, and complete the project. **Evaluation criteria that will be used as guidelines for reviewing the applications are available by contacting the State Historic Preservation Office directly or on the website listed above.**

There are two opportunities to apply for funding annually. **The first deadline is February 1 and the second is October 1.** Projects may not start until after an award is granted. Generally, the grant amount requires a dollar-for-dollar match from non-federal and non-state sources. Nonprofit organizations according to state law may receive grants without match; however, match is highly encouraged. Payment of the grant award will be made on a reimbursement basis upon receipt of a paid invoice at the completion of the work.