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City of Sedalia Awarded \$750,000 Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization Grant

The City of Sedalia is honored to have been selected as a 2022 recipient of a National Park Service - Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization Grant.

The National Park Service (NPS) has announced \$7.275 million in Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization Grants to 11 recipients in 10 states to support economic development through the preservation of historic buildings in rural communities across the country.

This grant provides City of Sedalia with \$750,000 to support rehabilitation of contributing structures within the Sedalia Commercial Historic District. This grant builds upon the years of programs and efforts to revitalize our downtown and will greatly accelerate progress. These programs include the façade grant program, engineering surveys, the Missouri Main Street PEP Grant and individual and organizational investment in renovation projects throughout the district.

This program is designed to assist property owners in the district to achieve building stabilization and rehabilitation goals while creating opportunities for new commercial and residential spaces. We anticipate that this grant will help fund several restoration projects while generating significant private investment above the \$750,000 grant funding. This investment will create exponentially positive effects on the entire area.

Mayor Dawson expressed his excitement on the news as, *“being able to fund several projects at once when overlaid on the momentum already built, will benefit the entire district and City”*. He went on to say, *“this kind of boost completely changes the possibilities and outlook”*.

The grant agreement is expected to be finalized with the National Park Service in late June with program application and guideline materials being readied for release to interested owners of contributing buildings in the Sedalia Commercial Historic District in late July/early August.

“The Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization Grants program fosters economic development in rural communities through the rehabilitation of historic buildings,” said **NPS Director Chuck Sams**. “With these funds, our state, Tribal, local government, and non-profit partners can develop subgrant programs and select individual projects that will support the economic development goals and needs in their communities.”

Congress appropriates funding for the program through the [Historic Preservation Fund](#) (HPF). The HPF, authorized through 2023, uses revenue from federal oil and gas leases on the Outer Continental Shelf, providing assistance for a broad range of preservation projects without expending tax dollars. This project is supported through the Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization Grant Program funded by the Historic Preservation Fund as administered by the National Park Service, Department of Interior. Learn more about the [Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization Grants program](#) on NPS.gov.