

2014 Heritage Tourism Improvement Grant Awards Project Summary

All projects were recommended by the Historic Tourism Committee and approved by the Transient Guest Tax Committee on April 11, 2014.

Recipient: Shawnee County Historical Society

Amount Awarded: \$22,726

Approved Work Program: 1) Construction of an exit ramp onto the east face of the John Ritchie House that wraps around the north façade, and returns west to the front façade. 2) Installation of ground-based lights to illuminate the John Ritchie House at night, thus adding security to the building, and enhancing its visibility to drive-by tourists.

Current Status: Completed construction of the exit ramp. Partially completed installation of exterior lighting.



Recipient: Topeka High School Historical Society

Amount Awarded: \$32,972

Approved Work Program: Repairs of water damage to the, floors, walls, and ceiling of the Topeka High School Historical Society Museum.

Current Status: Improvements approved by USD 501; Ceiling repairs completed.

Recipient: Friends of the Free State Capitol

Amount Awarded: \$131,600

Approved Work Program: Strengthening floor joists; strengthening roof joists; construction of external staircase.

Current Status: Project design completed and preliminary bids on the first phases are in review; strengthening roof joists in progress.

Recipient: Central Congregational Church

Amount Awarded: \$34,572

Approved Work Program: Replacement of exterior protective covering over the Sanctuary's stained glass windows; minor restoration of windows, as necessary.

Current Status: Project Complete.



2014 Heritage Tourism Planning & Marketing Grant Awards Project Summary

All projects were recommended by the Historic Tourism Committee and approved by the Transient Guest Tax Committee on April 11, 2014.

Recipient: City of Topeka Planning Department

Amount Awarded: \$5,000

External Award Leverage: \$20,000

Approved Work Program: Two Downtown Topeka National Historic District Nominations

Current Status: Two public meetings held to discuss the scope of the project; Nomination has been completed and submitted to the Kansas State Historical Society for review and comment prior to its submission to the Kansas State Historic Sites Board of Review; Consideration by the KSHSBR is anticipated in May, 2015.

Recipient: City of Topeka Planning Department

Amount Awarded: \$7,500

External Award Leverage: \$12,000

Approved Work Program: Intensive Level Historic Resources Survey of portions of the College Hill Neighborhood.

Current Status: Field survey complete; Property research ongoing; Project completion anticipated in February, 2015