

Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, Kansas



**Administration & Humans Services Standing
Committee**

Fifth Floor Conference Room
701 N. 7th Street Trafficway, Kansas City, KS 66101

Chair Melissa Bynum

*Commissioner Mike Kane, Commissioner Christian Ramirez,
Commissioner Andrew Davis, Commissioner Evelyn Hill*

AGENDA

Monday, April 21, 2025

5:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Minutes (No minutes available)
4. Committee Agenda
 - 4.1. RESOLUTION: KANSAS STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE
HISTORIC PRESERVATION FUND GRANT
Synopsis: Approve the resolution to apply for the no-match, Historic Preservation Fund Grant.

It is requested that this item be fast tracked to the April 24, 2025 Board of Commissioners meeting.
Tracking #: 21283
5. Public Agenda
6. Adjourn

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Report to Board of Commission

MEETING DATE	PRESENTER	DEPARTMENT
	Gunnar Hand, Director ghand@wycokck.org 5751	Planning and Urban Design
AGENDA ITEM #4.1.		
RESOLUTION: KANSAS STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE HISTORIC PRESERVATION FUND GRANT		
BACKGROUND		
- Each year the Kansas State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) releases a grant to fund preservation-focused projects in Kansas cities. This year Planning + Urban Design would like to apply for \$50,000 (no-match required) to create Design Guidelines for our Downtown Kansas City, Kansas Historic District to highlight how to protect and enhance important historic architectural features. - These guidelines will make it easier for building owners to create a design that will rehabilitate their building while meeting the required standards set by the Secretary of the Interiors Standards for Historic Preservation. Rehabilitation Plans that meet these standards qualify for letters of exemption under our ordinance and allow building owners to begin their projects with less review from the Unified Government. - This will also help to ensure that buildings retain their historic status, which enables building owners to apply for Historic Tax Credits to help offset the costs of repairs. - These Design Guidelines are the continuation of the last five years of Historic Preservation work focused on Downtown Kansas City, Kansas with the creation of the Historic District, the Main Street program and the Kansas City, Kansas Historic Preservation plan.		
RECOMMENDATION		
Fast Track Approve Approve the resolution to apply for the no-match, Historic Preservation Fund Grant and fast track to the April 24, 2025 Board of Commissioners agenda. <i>It is requested that this item be fast tracked to the (date) full commission meeting.</i>		
BUDGET IMPACTS / FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS		
This grant does not require a match.		
LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS		
There are no legal considerations.		
ATTACHMENTS		

Approved by Administrator to add to agenda.

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION directing the Department of Planning and Urban Design to apply for a Kansas State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) preservation grant for hiring a consultant to create the Downtown Kansas City, Kansas Historic District Design Guidelines.

WHEREAS, the Downtown Kansas City, Kansas Historic District was added to the Register of Historic Kansas Places by the Kansas State Historic Sites Board of Review on February 3, 2024, representing a culmination of years of effort towards historic preservation and revitalization of downtown Kansas City, which also includes the adoption of the Main Street America and Kansas Main Street programs and the PlanKCK Citywide Historic Preservation Plan;

WHEREAS, the Downtown Kansas City, Kansas Historic District does not yet have Design Guidelines to highlight important historic architectural features in the District and to instruct the proper methods for protecting and enhancing said features;

WHEREAS, the benefits of Design Guidelines accompanying the Downtown Kansas City, Kansas Historic District include allowing building owners to create an appropriate rehabilitation plan that properly preserves the historic building, making the historic rehabilitation process more efficient, keeping historic buildings eligible for historic tax credits, and providing a template for infill development to fit the aesthetic of the Downtown Kansas City, Kansas Historic District without creating a false sense of historic significance;

WHEREAS, the Kansas State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) annually releases a grant to fund preservation-focused projects in Kansas cities; therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE UNIFIED GOVERNMENT
WYANDOTTE COUNTY/KANSAS CITY, KANSAS:**

Section 1. The Board of Commissioners directs the Department of Planning and Urban Design to apply for a preservation grant from SHPO for the 2025-2026 grant year in order to hire a consultant to create the Downtown Kansas City, Kansas Historic District Design Guidelines. The Department shall apply for a grant of no less than \$50,000 in order to sufficiently accomplish this goal.

Section 2. This Resolution shall take effect and be in full force immediately upon its adoption.

**ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE UNIFIED
GOVERNMENT OF WYANDOTTE COUNTY/KANSAS CITY, KANSAS, THIS ____
DAY OF ____, 2025.**

Approved:

Tyrone A. Garner, Mayor/CEO

Attest:

Unified Government Clerk

Approved as to Form:

Acting Chief Counsel

APRIL 21, 2025

Grant Application: Historic Preservation Fund Grant

RANDY GREEVES, HISTORIC PRESERVATIONIST
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING + URBAN DESIGN



APRIL 21, 2025

Background

DOWNTOWN HISTORIC DISTRICT

On **February 3, 2024**, the Kansas State Historic Sites Board of Review added the **Downtown Kansas City, Kansas Historic District** to the **Register of Kansas Historic Places**.

This represented a culmination of years of effort towards historic preservation and revitalization of downtown Kansas City, Kansas (KCK), which also includes the adoption of:

- Main Street America
- Kansas Main Street Programs
- Citywide Historic Preservation Plan

This opened up significant funding opportunities for redevelopment of downtown buildings.



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Background

Historic Preservation Fund Grant

Each year the Kansas State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) releases a grant to fund preservation focused projects in Kansas cities.

This year we are applying for **\$50,000** to create **Design Guidelines** for our Downtown Kansas City, Kansas Historic District.

The Design Guidelines will highlight how to protect and enhance important historic architectural features of the Downtown Kansas City, Kansas Historic District.

This document will make it easier for building owners to create a design that will rehabilitate their building while meeting the requirements set by the Secretary of the Interiors Standards for Historic Preservation.



NO MATCH



PRESERVE OUR HISTORY



INCREASE ACCESS TO HISTORIC TAX CREDITS FOR REDEVELOPMENT



PROVIDE CLEAR GUIDELINES FOR REHABILITATION



APRIL 21, 2025

Background

Historic Preservation Fund Grant

Grant Submission Deadline: April 30, 2025

Grant Request: \$50,000

Grant Match: None



Ask

- ☐ Approve resolution to apply for the Historic Preservation Fund Grant
- ☐ Expedite the resolution to the April 24, 2025 Board of Commissioners Planning Agenda



QUESTIONS OR ADDITIONAL FEEDBACK?

Reach out to Randy Greeves
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