

# WHY PRESERVE?

When we connect emotionally with our history, we create stronger, more resilient communities. Here's why:

- Old buildings bring timeless beauty through unique craftsmanship and detail.
- Historic districts tell our story, drawing visitors and boosting local business through heritage tourism.
- Preservation strengthens economies by creating jobs and supporting skilled trades.
- Preserving history builds pride, inspiring community involvement and local leadership.

That's why we invest time, effort, and resources in historic preservation — to keep our communities vibrant, proud, and thriving.

# What We Do

The Nebraska Main Street Network partners with communities to transform and revitalize their business districts through educational programming and technical assistance. Fostering entrepreneurs, promoting environmental sustainability while ensuring equity and diversity, we help communities preserve local history and their treasured architecture. We're making history from history!

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# Contact Us

<https://nebraskamainstreet.org/>



# Historic Property Benefits & Assistance Programs



**Making History From History.**

# Funding

## *Federal*

Historic Tax Credits

## *State*

Nebraska Historic Tax Credit (HTC)  
Valuation Incentive Programs (VIP)  
Certified Local Governments (CLG)

## *Grants*

SHPO Bricks & Mortar Grant  
Paul Bruhn Grant  
Save America's Treasures Grant

***Dedicated to  
Nebraska's  
Downtowns.***

# Organizations

## *Federal*

National Parks Service (NPS)  
National Register of Historic Places  
National Trust for Historic Preservation  
Main Street America (MSA)

## *State*

State Historic Preservation Office (NeSHPO)  
Certified Local Governments (CLG)  
Nebraska Main Street Network (NMSN)

## *Historic Preservation Resources*

NMSN Design Education Service  
NeSHPO Directory of Craftspeople  
NeSHPO Historic Preservation Digital  
Resources  
NPS Trainings

## *Our Historic Preservation Partners*

Historic Resources Group, Inc. (HRG. Inc.)

- Planning, Documenting, and Processing  
Historic Projects



# NEXT STEPS

## ***Start Your Preservation Project!***

1. Develop a vision for your building or project idea.
2. Consult with an architect who specializes in historic preservation to refine your plans. (In many cases, your architect will also handle steps 3 and 4.)
3. Find qualified craftspeople to perform the tasks needed using the SHPO Directory of Craftspeople.
4. Collaborate with SHPO and/or HRG. Inc. to apply for and secure Historic Tax Credits for your project.