



Federal Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit – Administered jointly between the National Park Service, the Internal Revenue Service, and State Historic Preservation Offices, the Federal Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit offers a 20% income tax credit on the qualified expenditures associated with the substantial

rehabilitation of a certified historic structure. The credit is available for income-producing properties such as those rehabilitated for commercial, industrial, agricultural, or rental residential purposes, but is not available for properties used exclusively as the owner's private residence. For more information contact the South Dakota State Historic Preservation Office at (605) 773-3458 or visit <http://history.sd.gov/Preservation/FundingOpps/FundingOpportunities.aspx>

State Property Tax Moratorium

- An 8-year moratorium on the property tax assessment of certified improvements completed within the calendar year. For National or State Register listed properties. The application deadline is November 1st each year. For more information contact the South Dakota State Historic Preservation Office at (605) 773-3458 or visit <http://history.sd.gov/Preservation/FundingOpps/FundingOpportunities.aspx>



National Trust Preservation Funds – Grants from the National Trust Preservation Funds (NTPF) are intended to encourage preservation at the local level by providing seed money for preservation projects. These grants help stimulate public discussion, enable local groups to gain the technical expertise needed for particular projects, introduce the public to preservation concepts and techniques, and encourage financial participation by the private sector. NTPF competitive matching grants generally start at \$2,500 and range up to \$5,000. Application deadlines are February 1st, June 1st, and October 1st each year. For more information visit the National Trust for Historic Preservation website: <http://www.preservationnation.org/resources/find-funding/preservation-funds-guidelines-eligibility.html#.Us2KhvRDt4U>

Facade Grant Program – Administered by the Aberdeen Downtown Association, the program is designed to enhance historic building renovation projects by providing resources to assist in restoring the original exterior appearance of the buildings. For more information visit: <http://www.aberdeendowntown.org/index.aspx?NID=92>. Contact the Aberdeen Downtown Association at Heidi@aberdeendowntown.org or at (605) 226-3441.

Historic Preservation Laws

Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) of 1966 (as amended) requires Federal agencies to take into account the effects of their undertakings on historic properties. In general, an undertaking is any project or activity that is federally funded, permitted, licensed, or receives federal approval. The role of the Office of the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) in the Section 106 process is to advise and assist federal agencies in carrying out their Section 106 responsibilities.

South Dakota Codified Law 1-19A-11.1 stipulates that the state or any political subdivision of the state, or any instrumentality thereof, may not undertake any project which will encroach upon, damage or destroy any historic property included in the national register of historic places or the state register of historic places until the South Dakota State Historic Preservation Office has been given notice and an opportunity to investigate and comment on the proposed project.

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ABERDEEN/BROWN COUNTY LANDMARKS COMMISSION



Aberdeen has three historic districts listed on the National Register of Historic Places. In addition, over 40 properties are individually listed on the National Register throughout Aberdeen and Brown

County. Examples include historic houses, churches, commercial buildings, municipal buildings and farmsteads.

Aberdeen Commercial Historic District

The Aberdeen Commercial Historic District includes 49 contributing and 33 non-contributing commercial buildings found on the first six blocks of south Main Street. The



district is dominated by simplified geometric ornamentation typical of early twentieth-century modern commercial styles, but also contains notable examples of Classical Revival detail.

Aberdeen Highlands Historic District



The Highlands Historic District is located on north Main Street between 12th and 15th avenues. Sixteen houses and eight garages built between 1907 and 1952 contribute to the district's architectural significance. The area was first given the lofty title of Highlands, because it rose three feet higher than the commercial district, which was located in a slough.

Hagerty and Lloyd Historic District

The Hagerty and Lloyd Historic District, also known as Aberdeen Historic District, is a historic residential area within the City of Aberdeen. It extends, roughly, from Third Avenue SE to Sixth Avenue SE and Arch Street to Jay Street. The district contains 62 contributing houses and secondary buildings and 26 non-contributing structures. The Hagerty and Lloyd Addition was platted in 1882.



Preserving the Area's Architectural & Historical Heritage



The Aberdeen/Brown County Landmarks Commission promotes and supports the preservation of historic properties and cultural heritage within Brown County. Historic preservation creates a sense of community pride and a positive

self-image. Among some of the specific benefits of historic preservation are:

- Environmental – the most environmentally “green” building is the one that has already been built.
- Economics – Historic preservation is proven to be a leading model of economic development. Furthermore, historic preservation can serve as a catalyst for local businesses, positively affect real estate values, provide housing options, serve as a community marketing tool, and be a factor in attracting investors and new residents to a community.
- Tourism – Communities that promote historic preservation tend to attract visitors who stay longer.



Survival Through Alternative Means



In Aberdeen and Brown County some historic buildings have been lost due to fire, neglect, loss of functional usefulness, and consequent demolition. However, many have survived through alternative uses enhancing their economic and social value. Many more can be saved if properly maintained. It is the Landmarks' purpose to increase awareness of our historic buildings and the need to preserve and protect them. There are numerous examples in Aberdeen of historic buildings that have found alternative uses. Among these are former railroad depots, school buildings, churches, and commercial buildings that now house offices, businesses, condominiums, museums, and apartments.



Aberdeen/Brown County Landmarks Commission

123 S. Lincoln St. Aberdeen, SD 57401

Website: <http://www.aberdeen.sd.us/index.aspx?NID=81>

The purpose of the Aberdeen/Brown County Landmarks Commission is to promote a comprehensive program of historic preservation in Brown County and Aberdeen and to advance the use and conservation of historic properties as well as the cultural heritage of the area. This includes, but is not restricted to, the following:

- Research and nomination of historic districts, structures, archaeological sites, paleontological sites, and such other sites as may be eligible for the National Register of Historic Places, in the Department of the Interior, National Park Service.
- Assistance in the preservation of such districts, sites, and structures.
- Maintenance of adequate records on historic properties.
- Dissemination of educational materials on such historic properties to the public, and provision of publicity on the program and goals of the Landmarks Commission. These goals include the preservation and use of historic properties for the education, inspiration, pleasure, and enrichment of all those who live in or visit the state.

National Register of Historic Places National Park Service, Department of the Interior

The National Register of Historic Places is the official list of the Nation's historic places worthy of preservation. Authorized by the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, the National Park Service's National Register of Historic Places is part of a national program to coordinate and support public and private efforts to identify, evaluate, and protect America's historic and archeological resources.



Historically significant properties that are at least fifty years old and are associated with historic events or people, represent distinctive architecture or construction, or provide important



information on prehistory or history may qualify for either or both the State and National Registers of Historic Places. The eligibility of properties for the State and National Registers of Historic Places is governed by broad guidelines and rules.

State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) South Dakota State Historical Society

The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) manages the National Register of Historic Places program of the National Park Service in South Dakota.

The program surveys, inventories, and registers historical properties; monitors state, federal, and local government activities which affect cultural and historic resources; provides advice on preservation methods; promotes public education on historical properties; and supports municipal and county historic preservation commissions to advance the state's economic, social, and educational objectives.

Phone: (605) 773-3458

Website: <http://history.sd.gov/Preservation/>



Historic Preservation Funding and Incentives

A recent study on the “Economic Impacts of Historic Preservation in South Dakota” found that historic preservation creates jobs, contributes to state, local, and federal tax revenue, and is a major part of South Dakota's tourism industry. As a result, there are several programs that are designed to support historic preservation.



Deadwood Fund Grant – This competitive matching grant program is administered by the South Dakota State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and provides funds to assist with the preservation, restoration, or rehabilitation of historic properties listed on or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places in South Dakota. Grants are funded by a portion of the gambling revenue generated in Deadwood, South Dakota. Application deadlines are February 1st and October 1st each year. For more information contact the South Dakota State Historic Preservation Office at (605) 773-3458 or visit <http://history.sd.gov/Preservation/FundingOpps/FundingOpportunities.aspx>