HISTORIC PRESERVATION FUND

Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization Grants

The Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization Grants Program provides competitive grants to revive historic properties in rural communities across America. Based upon the highly successful Vermont Village Revitalization Initiative, Congress created the new grant program in FY 2018 with an initial appropriation of $5 million. The program, formerly known as the Historic Revitalization Subgrant Program, was renamed in honor of Paul Bruhn, the late executive director of the Preservation Trust of Vermont.

Background

The Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization Grants are designed to foster economic development while preserving the history of rural communities by awarding grants to rehabilitate historic properties of significance in areas defined as rural by the U.S. Census (population less than 50,000). Under the program, states, Tribes, Certified Local Governments, or non-profits can receive funds that are then sub-granted to eligible properties for preservation projects at National Register Historic Sites. All of the awarded projects are bricks and mortar, job-creating projects, including architectural and engineering services and physical building preservation.

FY 2023 Appropriations Request

Please support $12 million for the Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization Grant Program in the FY 2023 Interior Appropriations bill.

APPROPRIATIONS BILL: Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies
AGENCY: National Park Service
ACCOUNT: Historic Preservation Fund
ACTIVITY: Historic Revitalization Grants

Recent Funding History:
FY 2020 Enacted Funding: $7.5 million
FY 2021 Enacted Funding: $7.5 million
FY 2022 Enacted Funding: $10.0 million
FY 2023 President’s Budget Request: $10.0 million
FY 2023 NTHP Recommendation: $12.0 million

JUSTIFICATION: Historic revitalization grants invest in preserving the unique cultures of the nation’s rural communities, fostering economic development and creating jobs.
**Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization Grant Program**

In its first three years of funding, the Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization Grant Program provided $17 million in grants to 28 organizations that support the preservation of historic buildings in rural communities across the United States.

**ALASKA**  
**Historic Rehabilitation of National Register Properties in Sitka**  
FY 2018 $238,033

**FLORIDA**  
**Revitalization of Historic Houses on the Campus of the Florida Chautauqua**  
FY 2020 $217,000

**IOWA**  
**Iowa's Rural Heritage Revitalization Project**  
FY 2019 $600,000

**KANSAS**  
**Kansas Rural Preservation Grants**  
FY 2019 $500,000

**LOUISIANA**  
**Rehabilitation of Commercial Structures in Louisiana's Main Street District**  
FY 2018 $662,000  
FY 2020 $749,000

**MICHIGAN**  
**Resilient Lakeshore Heritage Subgrant Program**  
FY 2020 $750,000

**MAINE**  
**REvitalizeME**  
FY 2018 $750,000  
FY 2020 $750,000

**NEW YORK**  
**Genesee Valley Rural Revitalization Grant Program**  
FY 2019 $750,000

**NORTH CAROLINA**  
**Downtown Salisbury Historic Revitalization Incentive Grants**  
FY 2019 $543,185

**OHIO**  
**Historic Revitalization Grant Program for Rural Ohio Main Street Communities**  
FY 2019 $556,327  
**Appalachian Region Historic Revitalization Subgrant Program**  
FY 2020 $750,000

**TEXAS**  
**Texas Rural African-American Heritage Grants Program**  
FY 2020 $750,000

**UTAH**  
**Utah Rural Main Street Revitalization Program**  
FY 2020 $675,000

**VERMONT**  
**Historic Restoration Subgrant Program of Vermont**  
FY 2018 $747,000  
**Bruhn Village Revitalization Grant Program of Vermont**  
FY 2019 $745,000  
FY 2020 $659,000

**WASHINGTON**  
**The Third Places Matter Fund**  
FY 2019 $750,000  
FY 2020 $550,000

**WEST VIRGINIA**  
**West Virginia Historic Revitalization Subgrant Program**  
FY 2018 $350,000  
**Wheeling Historic Revitalization Subgrant Program**  
FY 2020 $750,000

**WYOMING**  
**State of Wyoming Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization Subgrant Program**  
FY 2019 $355,488

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