

Historical Resource Development Program

Purpose:

The Historical Resource Development Program (HRDP) provides grants to preserve, conserve, interpret and educate the public about the historical resources of the state.

Background:

- Funded through the Resource Enhancement and Protection Act (REAP)
- Other state agency programs REAP supports are County Conservation, DNR Open Space, Soil and Water Enhancement, City Parks and Open Space, Department of Natural Resources (DNR) State Land Management, and Roadside Vegetation. All programs are directly aimed at preserving and enhancing Iowa's natural and cultural resources
- People from all over the state, with a variety of interests, benefit from these programs
- HRDP receives 5% of REAP funds each year.

Grant Categories

- Documentary Collections
- Historic Preservation
- Museums

Eligible Applicants:

- Non-profit corporations
- Governmental units
- Traditional tribal societies and governments of recognized resident American Indian tribes in Iowa
- Individuals
- Private corporations and businesses

Eligible Projects:

- Acquisition and development of historical resources
- Preservation and conservation of historical resources
- Interpretation of historical resources
- Professional training and educational programs on the acquisition, development, preservation, conservation, and interpretation of historical resources
- If a project proposes work on real property, and is submitted in the historic preservation category, then the property must already be listed on the National Register of Historic Places.
- All HRDP projects require matching funds. The match ratio varies depending upon the type of applicant.

Application and Award Process:

- Grant applications will be posted on-line in January.
- Grant applications shall be submitted on-line by the end of the application deadline day in late April.
- Applications are reviewed by peer panels and funding recommendations are made to the State Historical Society of Iowa Board of Trustees. The Administrator of the Society makes the final determination of grant awards.
- Notification of funding decisions will be made by letter by the first week of July each year.

For more information and the link to the application, go to: <https://iowahistory.slideroom.com>.