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2018-2019 Louisiana Main Street Restoration Grant Recipients

1. Gulf Coast Housing Program (Weiss Building)

Main Street Community: O.C. Haley Boulevard, New Orleans

Restoration Grant Amount: \$10,000

Summary: The overall project will be a complete restoration of the abandoned Weiss building. Our grant will be for the installation of historically appropriate wood windows for the second story front façade. This is also a Tax Credits project.

2. Claudia Morgan & Courtland Porter (Bazus Building)

Main Street Community: New Iberia

Restoration Grant Amount: \$10,000

Summary: Restoration of the front façade to the original, early 1900s, façade. This will expose and restore the original transom and a canopy will be constructed to match the canopy that was original to the building. The interior will also be restored.

3. Vera Warren –Williams (Community Book Center)

Main Street Community: North Broad Street, New Orleans

Restoration Grant Amount: \$10,000

Summary: Restoration of historic front façade. The Community Book Center is a vital part of African-American culture on Bayou Road in New Orleans.

4. Jules, Armond and Barbara Schwing (Old Post Office)

Main Street Community: New Iberia

Restoration Grant Amount: \$10,000

Summary: Complete restoration of the building's cupola, which is a major contributing element of the building.

5. Donaldsonville Area Foundation (Mistretta Store)

Main Street Community: Donaldsonville

Restoration Grant Amount: \$10,000

Summary: Stabilization of damaged wood on interior walls including; beadboard, lathe, staircase spinals and strip and stain spinals. This is one of the oldest wood buildings in Donaldsonville and has a long and interesting history. When the project is finished, it will be the home of the Chef John Folsie General Store and Museum.

6. Shannon Hardware Store

Main Street Community: Morgan City

Restoration Grant Amount: \$10,000

Summary: Complete façade restoration to match existing 1940s façade, which is crumbling. Shannon Hardware has been in business for 145 years.

7. Natalie Noel, White Owl Properties

Main Street Community: Donaldsonville

Restoration Grant Amount: \$10,000

Summary: Installation of a fire suppression system to help bring the 1890 building up to code. This is the first phase of a large restoration project. The vacant building will be put back into commerce as a microbrewery.

8. Annette's House of Décor

Main Street Community: Slidell

Grant Amount: \$2,500

Summary: Painting façade, replacing awning, and adding a gate to the alley.

9. Georgia Morel (Circa Event Center)

Main Street Community: New Roads

Grant Amount: \$10,000

Summary: New awnings over all windows and doors, parapet repair, clean, waterproof and paint the exterior of the building, paint the building, clean, waterproof and paint interior.

10. Vera Nagy (Old Bodemuller Building)

Main Street Community: Opelousas

Grant Amount: \$10,000

Summary: Replace the canopy, remove interior suspended ceiling, and new roof.

11. Schepis Museum Foundation

Main Street Community: Columbia

Grant Amount: \$2,500

Summary: Due to a water leak from the roof, which has been repaired, one room needs to be restored. The ceiling and three sections of the interior walls needs to be replaced. Also, a section of the subfloor needs to be replaced and all the carpet in the room needs to be replaced.

12. Johnathan R. Schmidt Law Offices

Main Street Community: Hammond

Grant Amount: \$2,500

Summary: Repair a section of a damaged garden wall, which is part of the front façade, and extend the wall to the property line.

13. Paul E. Brown

Main Street Community: Eunice

Grant Amount: \$2,500

Summary: Remove slipcover and restore façade.

To learn more about the Louisiana Main Street program or Restoration Grants, visit <https://www.crt.state.la.us/cultural-development/historic-preservation/main-street/>.