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## **State Historical Society Awards Deadwood Fund Grants**

PIERRE, S.D. -- Historic preservation projects in Custer, Dell Rapids, Hot Springs, Pierre, Sioux Falls and Yankton recently received matching grants from the South Dakota State Historical Society, as announced by Jay D. Vogt, director of the society.

“This is the 17th year for this historic preservation grants program,” Vogt said. “In 2014 we awarded over \$121,900 between 11 projects which will result in a total public-private investment of over \$452,750. This program is designed to encourage restoration or rehabilitation of historic properties and is one more way we can promote and protect our history and culture.”

The grants are awarded through the State Historical Society’s Deadwood Fund grant program. Funding for the program is from Deadwood gaming revenue earmarked by state law for historic preservation projects throughout the state. The program is administered by the State Historic Preservation Office at the Cultural Heritage Center in Pierre.

The following projects were the most recent to receive grants:

- Custer: 1881 Custer Courthouse, built in 1881, \$13,000 to repair parts of the fascia, eaves, soffit, brackets, columns and other elements original to the building for protection against water infiltration;
- Dell Rapids: Odd Fellows Home, built in 1910, \$10,000 to replace the main roof, repair fascia and drainage systems, and replace damaged windows;
- Hot Springs: Pioneer Museum (old Hot Springs School), built in 1894, \$9,850 to repoint the sandstone building;
- Pierre: Hyde Block, built in 1906, \$6,000 for cornice replacement;
- Sioux Falls: Harrison DeLong House, built in 1889, \$5,100 to undertake important masonry repairs to the foundation of the house and replace deteriorated wood shingle siding;
- Yankton: Milwaukee Road Depot, built in 1905, \$15,000 to replace the roof materials and repair stepped wood fascia.

This represents a total award amount of \$58,950 and public-private matching funds of \$256,158 in the most recent grants.

Deadwood Fund grants are awarded twice a year with grant application deadlines of Feb. 1 and Oct. 1. They are reviewed at the spring and winter meetings of the State Historical Society’s board of trustees. For more information on the Deadwood Fund grant program, contact the State Historic Preservation Office at the Cultural Heritage Center, 900 Governors Drive, Pierre, SD 57501-2217; telephone (605) 773-3458; or website [history.sd.gov/Preservation](http://history.sd.gov/Preservation).

*The South Dakota State Historical Society is a division of the Department of Tourism. The Department of Tourism is comprised of Tourism, the South Dakota Arts Council and the State Historical Society. The Department is led by Secretary James D. Hagen. The State Historical Society, an Affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution, is headquartered at the South Dakota*

*Cultural Heritage Center in Pierre. The center houses the society's world-class museum, the archives, and the historic preservation, publishing and administrative/development offices. Call (605) 773-3458 or visit [history.sd.gov](http://history.sd.gov) for more information. The society also has an archaeology office in Rapid City; call (605) 394-1936 for more information.*