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### **State Historical Society awards historic preservation grants**

PIERRE, S.D. --Historic preservation projects in Dell Rapids, Ipswich, Lead and Mitchell recently received matching grants from the South Dakota State Historical Society.

"This is the 18th year for this historic preservation grants program," said Jay D. Vogt, director of the State Historical Society. "In 2015, we awarded \$113,744 between eight projects which will result in a total public-private investment of \$297,162. 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 to supplement their work:

- Dell Rapids: Warming House, built circa 1919; \$10,000 for riverbank stabilization; replace damaged roof, missing doors and windows; and repoint stone around building
- Ipswich: Marcus P. Beebe Memorial Library, built in 1931; \$16,200 to restore windows and replace storm windows
- Lead: Glover House, built in 1899; \$15,000 to repoint stone foundation
- Mitchell: Mitchell National Bank, built in 1907; \$17,454 to repoint limestone on façade and replace missing corner block of classical pediment

These recipients represent a total award amount of \$58,654 which, with their matching funds, makes the total of public-private funds \$106,854.

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).

***About the South Dakota State Historical Society***

*The South Dakota State Historical Society is a division of the Department of Education. 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 [www.history.sd.gov](http://www.history.sd.gov) for more information. The society also has an archaeology office in Rapid City; call (605) 394-1936 for more information.*