

Florida Preservation Stories

*FY2024 Historic Preservation
Special Category Grant Projects*

The Coalition for Florida's Historic Places

People and organizations from around the state have come together to support Florida's history and heritage and to protect its historic places.

The Coalition for Florida's Historic Places brings together eight nonprofit organizations and thousands of grassroots historic preservationists to advocate for the state's historic, archaeological and architectural heritage.

The Florida Anthropological Society, Florida Historical Society, Florida Association of Museums, Florida Archaeological Council, Inc., Florida Public Archaeology Network, Florida Historical Commission, Florida Trust for Historic Preservation and 1000 Friends of Florida support the full funding of the Special Category Grants Program, one of the most significant ways the state protects our irreplaceable historic places, strengthens communities and supports local economies.



About Historic Preservation Grants

The Florida Division of Historical Resources Historic Preservation Grant program is one of the most significant ways the state supports historic preservation to protect our irreplaceable historic places, strengthen communities and support local economies.

The program funds two types of grants:

- Small Matching Grants, which provide up to \$50,000 for projects that survey, plan, prepare National Register of Historic Places nominations, provide heritage education and create historical markers.
- Special Category Grants, which provide up to \$500,000 for development, archaeological research, museum exhibits and acquisition.

Those eligible to apply for grant funding include state agencies, state universities, nonprofit organizations, local government, cities, towns and counties.

Applications are competitively ranked. Funds for the program are allocated by the Legislature, and the program is managed by the Division of Historical Resources in the Florida Department of State.

Special Category Grants

This document shares the stories of the projects included in the FY2024 Special Category Grant ranked project list. The purpose of these grants is to provide funding to assist major local, regional and state-wide efforts to preserve significant historic and archaeological resources, to assist major archaeological excavations or research projects and assist in the development and fabrication of major museum exhibits that will promote knowledge and appreciation of the history of Florida.

The Florida Historical Commission reviews and ranks Special Category Grant applications to create the annual list, which is then approved by the Florida Secretary of State before being sent to the Legislature to determine funding.

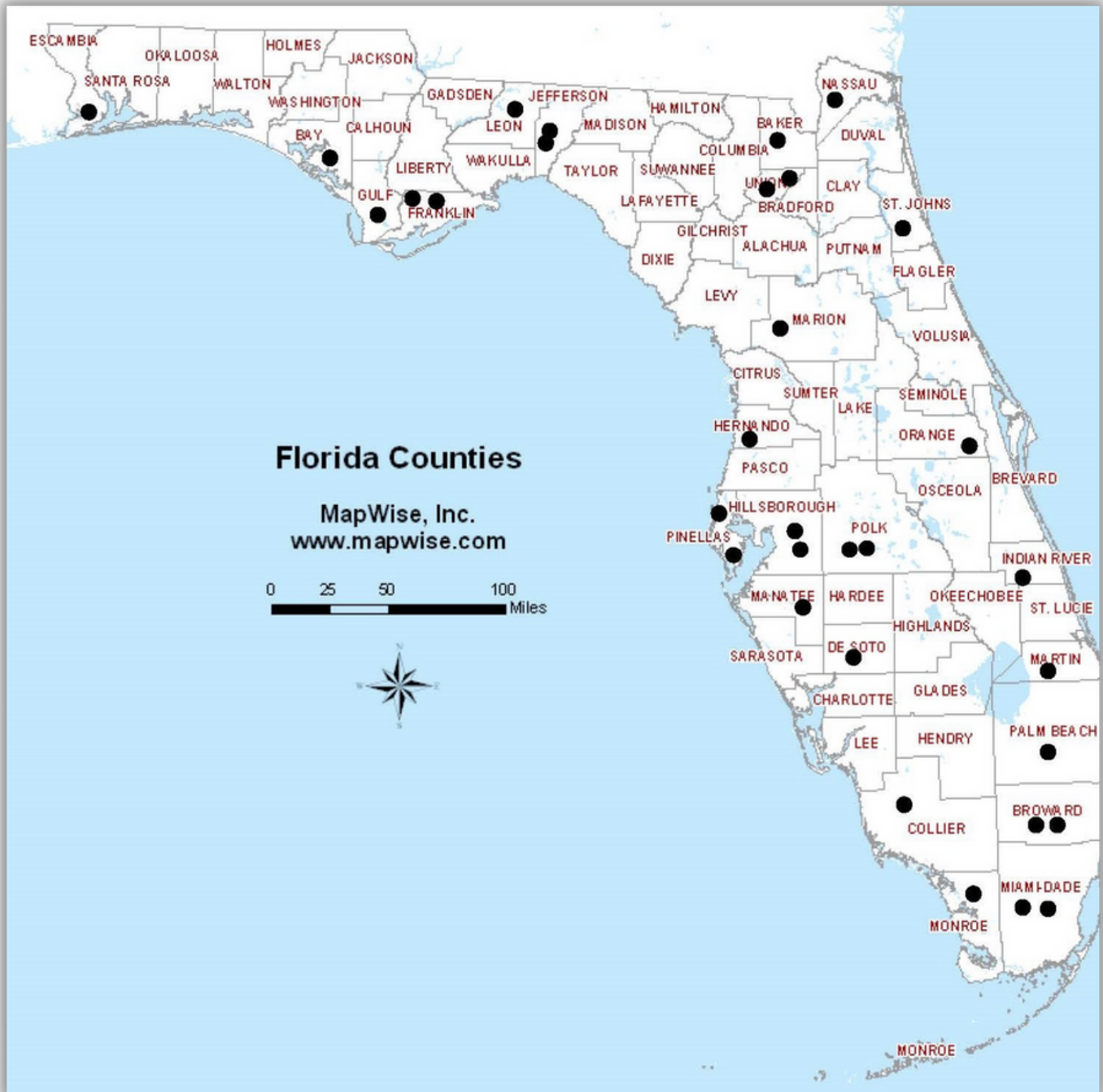
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Green Gables, Brevard County, a Special Category Grants project funded in FY2023.

Map of FY2024 Historic Preservation Special Category Grants by County



Special Category Historic Preservation Grants

FY2024 Final Ranking Project List

Applications recommended for funding are not guaranteed funds; funding is contingent on an annual appropriation by the Florida Legislature and Governor approval.

Rank	Applicant	Project Title	County	Grant Amount	Cumulative Grant Amount
1	Monticello Opera House, Inc.	Historic Monticello Opera House Restoration, Phase II	Jefferson	\$500,000	\$500,000
2	City of Tampa	Tampa Union Station Renovation	Hillsborough	\$408,806	\$908,806
3	Bok Tower Gardens, Inc.	Preserving and Restoring the Singing Tower at Bok Tower Gardens	Polk	\$500,000	\$1,408,806
4	Martin County Board of County Commissioners	Repair/Replacement of Windows and Doors at House of Refuge in Martin County, FL	Martin	\$44,389	\$1,453,195
5	Lighthouse Archaeological Maritime Program, Inc.	Archaeology of the African American Maritime Experience in Historic St. Augustine	St. Johns	\$379,424	\$1,832,619
6	City of Panama City	Historic St. Andrews School, Phase 1	Bay	\$500,000	\$2,332,619
7	Pensacola Lighthouse Association, Inc.	Design, Fabrication, and Installation of a U.S. Coast Guard Exhibit	Escambia	\$31,750	\$2,364,369
8	Timberly Trust, Inc.	Historic Preservation and Architectural Conservation of the Moseley Homestead	Hillsborough	\$249,500	\$2,613,869
9	City of Macclenny	Burned Block House Restoration	Baker	\$259,915	\$2,873,784
10	The Preservation Foundation of Palm Beach, Inc.	Resilient Little Red Schoolhouse	Palm Beach	\$442,195	\$3,315,979
11	Deerfield Beach Historical Society, Inc.	Deerfield Beach Historic Butler House, Phase 1 Rehabilitation - 100th Year	Broward	\$97,500	\$3,413,479

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12	Stetson University, Inc.	Stetson College of Law Fountains, Phase II	Pinellas	\$500,000	\$3,913,479
13	City of Homestead	Seminole Theater Restoration	Miami-Dade	\$107,500	\$4,020,979
14	Union County BOCC	Union County Courthouse Restoration Development Project	Union	\$374,996	\$4,395,975
15	Everglades Society of Historic Preservation	Bank of Everglades Building Accessibility	Collier	\$53,000	\$4,448,975
16	City of Apalachicola	City of Apalachicola City Hall Structural Repair	Franklin	\$395,000	\$4,843,975
17	City of Arcadia	Speer Center Rehabilitation	DeSoto	\$500,000	\$5,343,975
18	Christ Episcopal Church	Christ Episcopal Church	Jefferson	\$50,000	\$5,393,975
19	City of Palmetto	Palmetto Armory Historic Preservation and Restoration Project	Manatee	\$80,000	\$5,473,975
20	Coral Gables Congregational Church (United Church of Christ), Inc.	Coral Gables Congregational UCC: Restore Roof of Community-Centered Landmark	Miami-Dade	\$100,000	\$5,573,975
21	City of Fellsmere	Fellsmere Community Center	Indian River	\$144,107	\$5,718,082
22	New Zion Missionary Baptist Church	New Zion MBC Sanctuary Rehab, Phase II (Final)	Nassau	\$129,800	\$5,847,882

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23	Apalachicola Area Historic Society	Chestnut Street Cemetery Restoration, Phase I	Franklin	\$133,000	\$5,980,882
24	City of Frostproof	Frostproof City Hall Roof Replacement Project	Polk	\$225,000	\$6,205,882
25	The Orlando Philharmonic Plaza Foundation, Inc.	The Plaza Live Renovation, Phase II	Orange	\$500,000	\$6,705,882
26	Pigeon Key Foundation, Inc.	Pigeon Key Historic District Preservation & Accessibility Project	Monroe	\$218,425	\$6,924,307
27	City of Hollywood	Dowdy Armory Renovation	Broward	\$500,000	\$7,424,307
28	City of Lake Butler	Townsend Building Rehabilitation	Union	\$49,740	\$7,474,047
29	Dunedin Golf Club, Inc.	Dunedin Golf Club Historic Course Restoration	Pinellas	\$500,000	\$7,974,047
30	Brooksville Main Street, Inc.	Brooksville Bandshell Renovation	Hernando	\$49,000	\$8,023,047
31	First Presbyterian Church of Wewahitchka, Florida, Inc.	Restoring a Carpenter Gothic Panhandle Church	Gulf	\$28,600	\$8,051,647
32	Alachua Conservation Trust, Inc.	Orangle Lake Overlook Restoration, Phase II	Marion	\$156,632	\$8,208,279
33	Tallahassee Community Redevelopment Agency	Bond Community Heritage and Resource Center	Leon	\$250,000	\$8,458,279
Total				\$8,458,279	\$8,458,279



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C a t e g o r y P r o j e c t
D e s c r i p t i o n s

Project I: Historic Monticello Opera House Restoration, Phase II

Applicant: Monticello Opera House, Inc.

Jefferson County



Demonstrated Need

- Water intrusion
- Deterioration
- Structural stabilization
- Infrastructure upgrades

Project Scope

- Repair or replace walls, ceilings, floors, lighting and HVAC systems
- Repair, prime and paint interior plaster surfaces
- Install period-appropriate seating and ADA seats
- Install heat pump system, guard rail extensions, in-floor lighting and new ledger in mezzanines
- Seal crawlspace and hazardous materials abatement

Project 2: Tampa Union Station Renovation

Applicant: City of Tampa

Hillsborough County



Demonstrated Need

- Water intrusion
- Wood rot
- Deterioration
- Hazardous materials
- Wood-destroying organisms

Project Scope

- Termite mitigation
- Replace non-historic windows and doors
- Repair roof, decking and interior plaster and renovate restrooms
- Restore stained glass windows
- Hazardous materials abatement and exterior cleaning

Project 3: Preserving and Restoring the Singing Tower
at Bok Tower Gardens

Applicant: Bok Tower Gardens, Inc.

Polk County



Demonstrated Need

- Water intrusion
- Delayed maintenance

Project Scope

- Clean and seal marble sculpture and tower stone block
- Fully restore the moat pool surrounding tower
- Tuck-point tower stone block

Project 4: Repair of Windows and Doors at House of Refuge

Applicant: Martin County Board of County Commissioners

Martin County



Demonstrated Need

- Exposure to natural elements
- Exposure to natural disasters
- Water intrusion
- Wood rot

Project Scope

- Repair or replace windows, window siding and doors
- Paint and seal windows
- Paint doors

Project 5: Archaeology of the African American Maritime
Experience in Historic St. Augustine
Applicant: Lighthouse Archaeological Maritime Program, Inc.
St. Johns County



Demonstrated Need

- Erosion
- Sea level rise
- Exposure to natural elements
- Exposure to natural disasters

Project Scope

- Terrestrial, foreshore and underwater excavation
- GPS mapping, laser scanning, photogrammetry, remote sensing research
- Oral history interviews and historical research
- Conserving, preserving and analyzing artifacts

Project 6: Historic St. Andrews School, Phase 1

Applicant: City of Panama City

Bay County



Demonstrated Need

- Exposure to natural disasters
- Water intrusion
- Deterioration

Project Scope

- Replace roof
- Upgrade electrical and plumbing systems
- Install drywall, doors, fire alarm and suppression systems
- Repair interior frame and finish floor
- Paint

Project 7: Design, Fabrication and Installation
of a U.S. Coast Guard Exhibit

Applicant: Pensacola Lighthouse Association, Inc.
Escambia County



Demonstrated Need

- Outdated exhibits
- Limited exhibits

Project Scope

- Research and writing
- Design, fabricate and install exhibit including interactives, informational wall panels and other interpretive elements

Project 8: Historic Preservation and Architectural
Conservation of the Moseley Homestead

Applicant: Timberly Trust, Inc.

Hillsborough County



Demonstrated Need

- Deterioration
- Structural stabilization
- Development threat

Project Scope

- Repair siding, doors, barn structure, roof, windows, handrails, stairs, lighting fixtures and lattice work
- Re-stack brick around foundation and restore garden pool
- Restore, document and fabricate historic elements
- Conserve and document palmetto fiber wall
- Install security site lighting, fencing and monitored security system

Project 9: Burned Block House Restoration
Applicant: City of Macclenny
Baker County



Demonstrated Need

- Exposure to natural disasters
- Water intrusion
- Vandalism

Project Scope

- Repair or replace roof
- Repair or replace wooden porch
- Repair or replace support piers

Project 10: Resilient Little Red Schoolhouse

Applicant: The Preservation Foundation of Palm Beach, Inc.

Palm Beach County



Demonstrated Need

- Exposure to natural elements
- Exposure to natural disasters
- Deterioration

Project Scope

- Lift and transport schoolhouse
- Construct new foundation, re-grade and install drainage and utilities
- Repair or replace roof, wood siding, interior walls and floors
- Restore windows and doors
- ADA compliant upgrades

Project II: Deerfield Beach Historic Butler House Rehabilitation,
Phase I

Applicant: Deerfield Beach Historical Society, Inc.

Broward County



Demonstrated Need

- Water intrusion
- Deterioration

Project Scope

- Repair or replace roof
- Plumbing, electrical, HVAC and technology upgrades
- ADA compliance upgrades
- Interior finishes

Project 12: Stetson College of Law Fountains, Phase II

Applicant: Stetson University, Inc.

Pinellas County



Demonstrated Need

- Exposure to natural elements
- Exposure to natural disasters
- Water intrusion

Project Scope

- Clean, document, remove and reinstall historic tiles
- Remove tiles that cannot be preserved
- Repair or replace substructures
- Install fountain filtration lines, plaza pavers and pipe stand
- Grading

Project 13: Seminole Theatre Restoration

Applicant: City of Homestead

Miami-Dade County



Demonstrated Need

- Water intrusion
- Deterioration

Project Scope

- Clean, prep and apply Tuff Coat to exterior
- Replace damaged stucco and window sealants
- Seal control joints
- Patch and repair cracks and scratches on wall
- Prime and paint exterior structure

Project 14: Union County Courthouse Restoration

Applicant: Union County BOCC

Union County



Demonstrated Need

- Water intrusion
- Exposure to natural disasters

Project Scope

- Replace roof
- Repair or replace windows
- Restore exterior cornice, quoins and stonework
- Install ADA compliant features

Project 15: Bank of Everglades Building Accessibility

Applicant: Everglades Society for Historic Preservation

Collier County



Demonstrated Need

- Make historic building accessible

Project Scope

- Construct ADA compliant ramp
- Construct exterior ADA compliant elevator

Project 16: City of Apalachicola City Hall Structural Repair

Applicant: City of Apalachicola

Franklin County



Demonstrated Need

- Exposure to natural disasters
- Structural stabilization
- Deterioration

Project Scope

- Install interior steel frame and window shutters
- Repair or replace walls, ceilings and doors
- Remove non-historic components and replace non-historic windows with replicas
- Remove duct work
- Selective demolition

Project 17: Speer Center Rehabilitation
Applicant: City of Arcadia
DeSoto County



Demonstrated Need

- Water intrusion
- Deterioration

Project Scope

- Remove non-historic components
- Repair or replace ramp, roof, façade, doors, truss system, plaster, drywall, floors, ceiling and carpentry
- Repoint bricks, restore steel sash windows and paint
- Install or upgrade electrical, plumbing, mechanical, HVAC, fire alarm systems, floors, exterior railings and ADA compliant features

Project 18: Christ Episcopal Church
Applicant: Christ Episcopal Church
Jefferson County



Demonstrated Need

- Water intrusion
- Deterioration

Project Scope

- Repair brick foundation
- Repair or replace cap boards with masonry cap stone
- Repair or replace brick façade
- Repair or replace foundation footings
- Repair or replace rear wood steps

Project 19: Palmetto Armory Historic Preservation
and Restoration Project

Applicant: City of Palmetto
Manatee County



Demonstrated Need

- Exposure to natural elements
- Exposure to natural disasters
- Vandalism

Project Scope

- Restoration or replacement of historic windows

Project 20: Coral Gables Congregational UCC
Restore Roof of Community-Centered Landmark
Applicant: Coral Gables Congregational Church, Inc.
Miami-Dade County



Demonstrated Need

- Water intrusion
- Exposure to natural elements
- Infrastructure upgrades
- Roof failure

Project Scope

- Fully replace barrel tile roofs of the sanctuary, tower and cloister

Project 21: Fellsmere Community Center

Applicant: City of Fellsmere

Indian River County



Demonstrated Need

- Exposure to natural elements
- Exposure to natural disasters
- Deterioration

Project Scope

- Repair or replace windows
- Repair or replace doors and door hardware
- Repair or replace light fixtures
- Paint exterior

Project 22: New Zion MBC Sanctuary Rehab, Phase II (Final)

Applicant: New Zion Missionary Baptist Church

Nassau County



Demonstrated Need

- Exposure to natural elements
- Deterioration

Project Scope

- Replace wood shake siding at gable ends
- In-house construction consultant

Project 23: Chestnut Street Cemetery Restoration, Phase I

Applicant: Apalachicola Area Historic Society

Franklin County



Demonstrated Need

- Exposure to natural disasters
- Deterioration

Project Scope

- Repair monuments
- Repair or restore ornamental plot fencing
- Remove unstable and dead trees
- Prune trees
- Paint perimeter fence, gate and corner caps

Project 24: Frostproof City Hall Roof Replacement Project

Applicant: City of Frostproof

Polk County



Demonstrated Need

- Delayed maintenance
- Water intrusion

Project Scope

- Replace roof
- Install underlayment, roof vents, lead boots, eaves drip and galvanized metal sheeting
- Repair and repaint interior drywall
- Inspect decking
- Remove debris

Project 25: The Plaza Live Renovation, Phase II

Applicant: The Orlando Philharmonic Plaza Foundation, Inc.

Orange County



Demonstrated Need

- ADA accessibility upgrades
- Deterioration

Project Scope

- Assess structural stability and rotation hardware and supports of the Spire
- Assess roof stability around the Spire
- Repair or replace Spire steel work and sections of neon marquee sign
- Renovate Spire electrical and data connectivity
- Renovate Main Hall floor slope

Project 26: Pigeon Key Historic District Preservation
& Accessibility Project

Applicant: Pigeon Key Foundation, Inc.
Monroe County



Demonstrated Need

- Exposure to natural elements
- Exposure to natural disasters
- Deterioration
- Delayed maintenance
- Lack of resources

Project Scope

- Replace non-historic roof of Paint Foreman's Dorm
- Construct ADA ramps
- Repair/replace floors in the Assistant Bridge Tender's House

Project 27: Dowdy Armory Renovation

Applicant: City of Hollywood

Broward County



Demonstrated Need

- Deterioration

Project Scope

- Renovate roof and paint exterior
- Install gutters, downspouts, HVAC and fire suppression systems
- Repair, replace or restore windows, doors, original fans and impact glass
- Construct covered entry/canopy
- Reinforce masonry

Project 28: Townsend Building Rehabilitation

Applicant: City of Lake Butler

Union County



Demonstrated Need

- Deterioration
- Exposure to natural elements
- Exposure to natural disasters
- Water intrusion

Project Scope

- Replace roof
- Replace non-historic windows
- Replace flooring

Project 29: Dunedin Golf Club Historic Course Restoration
Applicant: Dunedin Golf Club, Inc.
Pinellas County



Demonstrated Need

- Exposure to natural elements

Project Scope

- Reconstruct bunker and greens
- Improve golf course drainage
- Renovate tee box, fairway/rough and irrigation system
- Repair and relocate cart path
- Layout, grading, shaping, landscaping improvements

Project 30: Brooksville Bandshell Renovation
Applicant: Brooksville Main Street, Inc.
Hernando County



Demonstrated Need

- Deterioration

Project Scope

- Remove modern upgrades
- Remove and replace non-historic shutters
- Install trim, awning and ADA compliant lift
- Paint exterior
- Renovate entryway

Project 31: Restoring a Carpenter Gothic Panhandle Church
Applicant: First Presbyterian Church of Wewahitchka, Florida, Inc.
Gulf County



Demonstrated Need

- Exposure to natural elements
- Deterioration
- Community need

Project Scope

- Repair or replace damaged siding
- Clean, caulk, prime and paint exterior of sanctuary and fellowship hall

Project 32: Orange Lake Overlook Restoration, Phase II

Applicant: Alachua Conservation Trust, Inc.

Marion County



Demonstrated Need

- Deterioration
- Water intrusion

Project Scope

- Repair or replace roof, windows, railing and stairs, walls, ceilings, doors
- Upgrade electrical and plumbing systems
- Install ADA compliant features, HVAC, fire exit signs, panic hardware, limited security lighting
- Paint interior and exterior
- Hazardous materials abatement

Project 33: Bond Community Heritage and Resource Center
Applicant: Tallahassee Community Redevelopment Agency
Leon County



Demonstrated Need

- Threat of redevelopment
- Structure stabilization
- Deterioration
- Community need

Project Scope

- Repair or replace roof, windows, doors, front porch, entry step, concrete foundation wall, sole plate and studs, sewage, water supply and drain lines
- Replace exhaust vents, deteriorated wood, lumber and other components
- Install attic insulation and ADA compliant features
- Rewire building