

2025 Historic Theater Restoration Matching Grant

Introduction

The North Dakota Department of Commerce is accepting proposals for the Historic Theater Restoration Grant. The department has been appropriated funds available in the amount of \$500,000 to eligible organizations.

Timeframe

Grants shall be available during the current biennium: July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2027.

Eligible Applicants

Must be a historic (constructed prior to 1930) theater located in North Dakota that is currently operational and offering events for the public.

Application Process

Eligible organizations shall submit a concise application letter to the Department of Commerce. Applications shall identify the applicant, point of contact and associated contact information, amount requested, intended uses for the funds requested, current and future events, and desired outcomes.

Applications shall be **submitted electronically by September 1, 2025**, to the Grant Administrator of the Department of Commerce's Tourism & Marketing division:

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Review Process

The Department of Commerce will evaluate applications submitted to the Historic Theater Restoration Grant. Upon completion of the review process, the Department of Commerce shall notify applicants of funding decisions and issue award funds to a successful applicant.

Intended Use of Award Funds

The Historic Theater Restoration Grant is to support needed infrastructure improvements to allow the continued operation or enhance the visitor experience. The department of commerce may spend only to the extent the awarded organization has secured one dollar of matching funds from nonstate sources for every one dollar provided by the department of commerce. Funds must be used to improve the physical infrastructure improvements and are not intended to be used for administrative costs.

Funds Distribution Process

Grantee will submit invoices for work within the project scope which will be reimbursed at 50% to ensure the 1:1 match has been secured. Matching funds must be secured from nonstate sources.

Accountability

Successful applicants must track all expenditures of award funds and retain documentation that is readily accessible for auditing purposes. Successful applicants must fulfill reporting requirements by providing a written report to the Department of Commerce, **every 6 months**, to fulfill legislative reporting requirements (format provided by the Department of Commerce).

Successful applicants must submit a written report using the provided format to the Department of Commerce by June 30, 2027, that summarizes how award funds were spent and describing progress toward the desired outcomes identified in their respective applications. The written reports shall also identify any unspent award funds and provide any photo and video assets documenting the results of the grant. The report shall be submitted to the Grants Division of the Department of Commerce's Tourism & Marketing Division.