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PRESS RELEASE

The 311 S. Thompson Property in Excelsior Springs, MO awarded \$50,000.00 from Missouri Main Street Connection's Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization Subgrant Program

Excelsior Springs, MO. – The 311. S. Thompson Property is one of thirteen properties in Missouri to receive a Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization Subgrant from Missouri Main Street Connection (MMSC) and the National Park Service.

Marcus McCreary was awarded \$50,000.00 to facilitate the repair of an underutilized, contributing property. In addition, to the \$50,000.00 provided by this grant, Marcus McCreary will invest a minimum of ten percent of the grant amount toward the final project as a match.

In its current state, this 1913 building is in disrepair with a laundry list of issues including windows, stucco, and masonry. The rehabilitation project that was approved by MMSC will allow the property owner to work on the buildings interior and exterior and will stop and repair the degradation of this building that persistent maintenance has only been able to slow down but not stop.

Upon completion of work at the 311. S. Thompson Property this once vibrant building that housed a grocer, Western Auto Store, local paint shop, and many other small businesses over the decades can once again be used to its fullest. Marcus shared that through this grant,

“We will be able to ensure that the repairs are completed quickly and correctly to preserve a building that has been a part of our community for more than 100 years. The funds would also expedite the opening of a business in the space that is currently severely underutilized.”

If you are a banking institution who would like to partner with MMSC to provide construction, commercial, and/or bridge loans for this project and/or any of the projects that have been awarded see what this looks like with MMSC's [information sheet](#).

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About National Park Service

Since 1916, the National Park Service (NPS) has directed the management and implementation of programming for the national parks across the country.

For over 100 years they have led the preservation of America's natural and cultural resources for current and future generations. The NPS in partnership and cooperation with partners has taken care of the national parks and helping Americans take care of their communities. One way that this is accomplished is through appropriations authorized by Congress for the Historic Preservation Fund (HPF). The HPF, authorized through 2023, uses revenue from federal oil and gas leases on the Outer Continental Shelf, providing assistance for a broad range of preservation projects without expending tax dollars.

These grants mark the fifth year of funding for the program honoring the late Paul Bruhn, executive director of the Preservation Trust of Vermont for nearly 40 years. For more information about the grants and the Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization Grants program, please visit nps.gov.

About Missouri Main Street Connection

Missouri Main Street Connection is the leading statewide nonprofit organization devoted to preservation-based economic development. Through the Main Street America™ movement and our partners, we empower community revitalization by celebrating, supporting, and sustaining Missouri historic commercial districts in both rural and urban settings. Since 2005, Missouri Main Street communities have seen \$1 billion in public and private investment and MMSC has worked in over 180 communities. These Missouri Main Street communities and districts are thriving and vibrant by engaging the community members in revitalization strategies to create experiences that preserve their history and culture. Follow Missouri Main Street Connection on Facebook [@MissouriMainStreetConnection](https://www.facebook.com/MissouriMainStreetConnection) and Instagram [@MOmainstreet](https://www.instagram.com/MOmainstreet).

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