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PRESS RELEASE

**The Bailey Building, in Chillicothe, MO Awarded \$46,700.00 from Missouri Main Street Connection's Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization Subgrant Program**

Chillicothe, MO. – The Bailey Building is one of thirteen properties in Missouri to receive a Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization Subgrant from Missouri Main Street Connection (MMSA) and the National Park Service.

Tomie Walker was awarded \$46,700.00 to save this contributing building from penetrative water from its roof and back-alley wall. In addition, to the \$46,700.00 provided by this grant, Tomie Walker will invest a minimum of ten percent of the grant amount toward the final project as a match.

In its current state, the Bailey Building stands unused due to the years of accumulated damage and deterioration from neglect. The rehabilitation project that was approved by MMSA is one part of a multi-phase project, in which the grant is assisting in the repair of the roof and brick tuckpointing. Tomie shares the meaning of this project as,

“Repairing the Bailey Building is not just about bricks and mortar; it's about building a stronger community. By creating ground-floor retail spaces, this project provides a platform for local entrepreneurs to thrive, fostering a vibrant marketplace that attracts visitors and locals alike. This infusion of entrepreneurial energy stimulates economic activity. It instills a sense of pride and ownership within the community as residents witness growth.”

Upon completion of work on the Bailey Building, the building will enter a new era of prosperity for the Kelly Poling Arts District and Chillicothe's Downtown. In addition, Tomie Walker is excited about how this project will synergize with the work other property owners are accomplishing, “Other projects near this location include tuckpointing at 455 Locust, expansion at 415 Locust, and total renovation of 447 Locust Street. This magnifies rehabilitation projects in a concentrated one-block area.”

If you are a banking institution who would like to partner with MMSA 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 MMSA'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](https://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 and Instagram @MOmainstreet.

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