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The Colonial Hotel in Excelsior Springs, MO Awarded \$45,000.00 from Missouri Main Street Connection's Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization Subgrant Program

Excelsior Springs, MO. – The Colonial Hotel 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.

Susan Blaser was awarded \$45,000.00 to secure the exterior of this individually listed building to prevent further interior damage from water infiltration and other damage due to the elements and time. In addition, to the \$45,000.00 provided by this grant, Susan Blaser will invest a minimum of ten percent of the grant amount toward the final project as a match.

This 1924 hotel carries significant value to the community and local tourism as a landmark building and part of Excelsior Springs history of catering to visitors over the ages, which in the past revolved around the healing mineral waters. Unfortunately, the building has been closed since 1979. The restoration project that was approved by MMSC will get the building closer to once again contributing to the local economy by restoring the roof, reconstructing the patio, and securing its 78 historic windows. Susan described her request as not coming from herself but from this historic, charming, authentic 12-room hotel,

“The Colonial Hotel speaks for itself: a roof to stop water infiltration, patio reconstruction to secure the front structure and columns, and storm windows to protect the weather from destroying the cold rolled glass windows. To save a piece of history that much wants to be saved.”

Upon completion of work The Colonial Hotel will once again welcome people to stay inside in its 12 rooms. This is anticipated to increase jobs, tourism, and revenue. On top of the financial gain the community will also retain a piece of its historic architecture and heritage in a community who has gone through periods of great loss of historic buildings in the 1900's.

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](https://www.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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