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Applications for historic preservation and country school grants due April 30 *REAP-funded programs help Iowans preserve historical resources*

DES MOINES – The State Historical Society of Iowa's (SHSI) is reminding Iowans the next application deadline for its FY2016 historic preservation and country school grant programs is April 30, 2015. SHSI is a division of the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA).

Applications for SHSI's Historical Resource Development Program (HRDP) and Country School grants must be submitted on-line at www.iowagrants.gov/index.do. Where required, hard copies of application materials must be postmarked by April 30, 2015, or received in the SHSI grants office at 600 E. Locust Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50319 by 4:30 p.m., April 30, 2015. More information is available at www.iowahistory.org or 515-281-4228.

HRDP provides grants to preserve, conserve, interpret and educate the public about historical resources in three different categories – Documentary Collections, Historic Preservation and Museums – related to historic preservation of the built environment, museum collections and documentary materials such as diaries, letters, photographs and newspapers.

The Country School program provides grants for the preservation and maintenance of Iowa's one and two-room country schools. The funds also may be used for interpreting the history of country schools or for educational activities taking place in a country school.

HRDP and Country School grants are funded by the Resource Enhancement and Protection Act (REAP), passed by the Iowa General Assembly in 1989. Local government units, nonprofit corporations, individuals, businesses and American Indian tribes are eligible to submit applications. Projects funded in this grant cycle will begin July 1, 2015, and must be completed by Nov. 30, 2017.

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The Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs is responsible for developing the state's interest in the areas of the arts, history and other cultural matters with the advice and assistance from its three divisions: the State Historical Society of Iowa, the Iowa Arts Council, and Produce Iowa – State Office of Media Production. DCA preserves, researches, interprets and promotes an awareness and understanding of local, state and regional history and stimulates and encourages the study and presentation of the performing and fine arts and public interest and participation in them. It implements tourism-related art and history projects as directed by the General Assembly and designs a comprehensive, statewide, long-range plan with the assistance of the Iowa Arts Council to develop the arts in Iowa. More information about DCA is available at www.culturalaffairs.org.