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Grants Available to Support Historic Preservation and Education Projects

Dubuque, Iowa- January 18, 2017—The Dubuque Old House Enthusiasts (OHE) is pleased to announce its 2017 Grant Program. OHE is a charitable organization, a 501(c)(3), promoting historic preservation, conservation, education and awareness.

This funding opportunity is open to area nonprofits. Historic preservation efforts must conform to city and federal guidelines for the structure. If the structure is in a historic district or a locally designated landmark, work must be approved by the city of Dubuque Historic Preservation Commission. If it is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, work must comply with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Historic Preservation. Eligible projects can include bricks and mortar restoration, consultant fees, educational projects, and exhibits relating to historic preservation. The project should start no earlier than the award date. Project time lines shall not exceed 18 months.

The grant project must be located within the city of Dubuque. Applications and grant guidelines are available January 18, 2017 or online at <u>dbqohe.org</u>. Applications have a postmark deadline or email deadline of Wednesday, March 15, 2017 and grant winners will be notified by April 30. For more information, contact Chris Happ Olson at <u>DbqOHE.grants@gmail.com</u>.

Last year's grant program provided two grants. The first was support for the Loemker Slide restoration and exhibition by the Center for Dubuque History. A second grant supported restoration of historic stained glass windows at Steeple Square, and the training of community members in the art of restoration.

After 30 years of annual tours and events, the OHE members are taking a well-deserved sabbatical for 2017, while planning for 2018. For more information on the grant program or membership, please visit <u>our website</u>.