

# WHAT IS THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION TAX CREDIT PROGRAM?

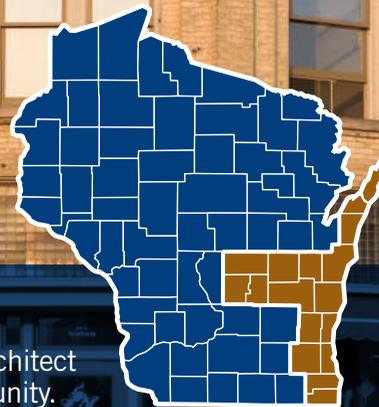
Commercial property owners who invest in the preservation of their buildings may be eligible for state and federal tax credits. Approved costs of 20% for state tax credits and another 20% for federal tax credits may be available for up to a total of 40% eligible tax credits.

## ANNUAL STATE-WIDE AVERAGE

- \$283.7M** ▶ IN TOTAL PROJECT COSTS
- \$56.7M** ▶ IN STATE TAX CREDITS
- \$56.7M** ▶ IN FEDERAL TAX CREDIT



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Contact the preservation architect for your community.

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**TAX CREDITS**

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## DOES MY PROPERTY QUALIFY?

- 1 Property must be a “certified historic structure”
- 2 Listed on the State or National Register of Historic Places
- 3 Project must meet a minimum investment
- 4 Work must be approved in advance and meet historic preservation standards

### What should I do first?

Prior to submitting your application contact the preservation architect assigned to your county to discuss your project and answer your questions.

### Have a question about how to care for a commercial building?

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## WHY SHOULD I PRESERVE MY PROPERTY?

Historic Preservation is intrinsically important for its ability to enhance community pride and to create a sense of rootedness and belonging. Through a connection with history, preservation can improve the quality of life and livability of communities. It also stimulates reinvestment and contributes to our economy, creating jobs in construction, architecture, interior design, engineering, real estate, accounting, tourism and more.

## WHAT QUALIFIES FOR TAX CREDITS?

### WHAT COSTS ARE ELIGIBLE?

All work inside and outside the building except movable equipment

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- Landscaping
- Paving
- New additions



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