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National Trust for Historic Preservation Awards Keokuk Union Depot Foundation a Preservation Grant *Towards its Roof Restoration Project*

Keokuk, Iowa (May 1, 2017)—Keokuk Union Depot Foundation was awarded a \$5,000 grant by the [National Trust for Historic Preservation](#) from the Landes Fund for Iowa of the National Trust for Historic Preservation. These grant funds will be used to pay historic preservation consultant fees for the 2017 phase of the Depot's roof restoration project. Keokuk native Neal Vogel of Restoric, LLC based in Chicago is the Depot's historic preservation consultant.

Keokuk Union Depot Foundation is embarking upon the third and final phase of restoring the roof of the 1891 Burnham & Root Keokuk Union Depot. KUDF expects to complete the installation of Summer Rose clay tiles on the upriver and downriver roofs in 2017. In 2015, the chimney was restored to its original height, along with structural reinforcement and restoration of the eaves, soffits and brackets on the upriver end. In 2016, the central tower was raised to its original height by hoisting a newly constructed apex onto the structurally reinforced central tower base. The central tower's dormers and turrets were then restored, Summer Rose clay tiles were installed on the entire central tower, to which decorative copper finials and ridge hips replicating the original 1891 design were added. The remaining eaves, soffits and brackets around the entire building were also reinforced and restored.

"Organizations like Keokuk Union Depot Foundation help to ensure that communities and towns all across America retain their unique sense of place," said Stephanie Meeks, president of the National Trust for Historic Preservation. "We are honored to provide a grant to Keokuk Union Depot Foundation, which will use the funds to help preserve an important piece of our shared national heritage."

Grants from the National Trust Preservation Funds range from \$2,500 to \$5,000 and have provided over \$15 million since 2003. These matching grants are awarded to nonprofit organizations and public agencies across the country to support wide-ranging activities including consultant services for rehabilitating buildings, technical assistance for tourism that promotes historic resources, and the development of materials for education and outreach campaigns.

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About Keokuk Union Depot Foundation

Keokuk Union Depot Foundation's mission is to develop funding to support the preservation of the Keokuk Union Depot. Erected in 1891, the Depot is architecturally significant as one of the final projects of John Root, of the eminent Chicago firm of Burnham and Root. The building is also historically significant as the center of regional rail transportation during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, and as a hub of community life during that era. Preservation activities the Foundation will support include the rehabilitation and restoration of the building's exterior and interior, and the adaptive reuse of the structure as a community resource in a manner consistent with its architectural and historical value. KUDF has received grants for its roof restoration project from other historic preservation entities, including the Jeffris Family Foundation and State Historical Society of Iowa, Historical Resource Development Program.

About the National Trust for Historic Preservation

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