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### About the federal Historic Preservation Fund

State Historic Preservation Offices (SHPOs) are a key component of implementing the national historic preservation program at the state and local levels, and adequate funding is needed to continue the current level of service to Kentucky constituents. We are asking for your support to:

- **Reauthorize the Historic Preservation Fund (HPF)** and maintain funding for SHPO offices. The fund **does not use taxpayer dollars**, and it goes toward allocating, protecting and utilizing historic resources
- **Support the federal Historic Tax Credit (HTC)**
- **Support state Main Street programs**, which drive economic growth and community revitalization as well as encourage local entrepreneurship

Kentucky Heritage Council staff **review more than \$1 BILLION worth of investment** in projects across the state EACH YEAR

The Kentucky Heritage Council makes it a priority to **streamline the federal process** to enhance the delivery of projects for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, and companies seeking to invest in our state

**Our work** supports infrastructure development

**Our agency** is not funded by federal taxpayer dollars

**Our service** to the Commonwealth is a testament to our small staff

Please support the HPF to provide basic funding to our agency.  
**We deliver so investment can be made throughout the Commonwealth!**

### Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credits

In 2018, Kentucky ranked 13<sup>th</sup> nationally utilizing the **Federal Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit**, with 27 successfully completed projects **generating investment of \$56,891,561**. This tax credit can often be utilized in tandem with the **Kentucky Historic Preservation Tax Credit**, a key provision that strengthens use and effectiveness of both programs.

In 2018, this agency received 115 applications for the Kentucky preservation tax credit from 20 counties; 111 of these were approved pending completion of the work. These approved projects represent \$106,128,944 in proposed private investment in rehabilitation. Since the state credit was implemented in 2005, **transition goes here:**

- 891 buildings rehabilitated
- \$517 million of private funds invested in historic buildings, leveraged through \$39.7 million in credits
- 17,475 jobs created

### Kentucky Main Street Program

Kentucky Main Street supports preservation and reuse of architecturally and historically significant buildings by providing structure for a community-driven approach, encouraging and benefiting independently-owned small businesses.

In 2017, 37 participating programs cumulatively reported **\$156,725,716 of total investment** in these communities, including \$118,519,143 of private investment matched by \$36,761,324 in public improvements. This total was up significantly from the \$110 million of cumulative investment reported in 2016, and \$76 million in 2015. Statewide, the program also generated 1,886 new jobs in Main Street districts and the creation of 223 new businesses.

Since the program's inception in 1979, Kentucky Main Street can document **more than \$4.5 billion of public-private investment** throughout the state!

**The federal HPF also supports:**

**Site Identification:** The Kentucky Historic Resources Inventory is the written and photographic record of all known historic buildings, structures and sites in all 120 counties. In 2016, the database surpassed 100,000 sites.

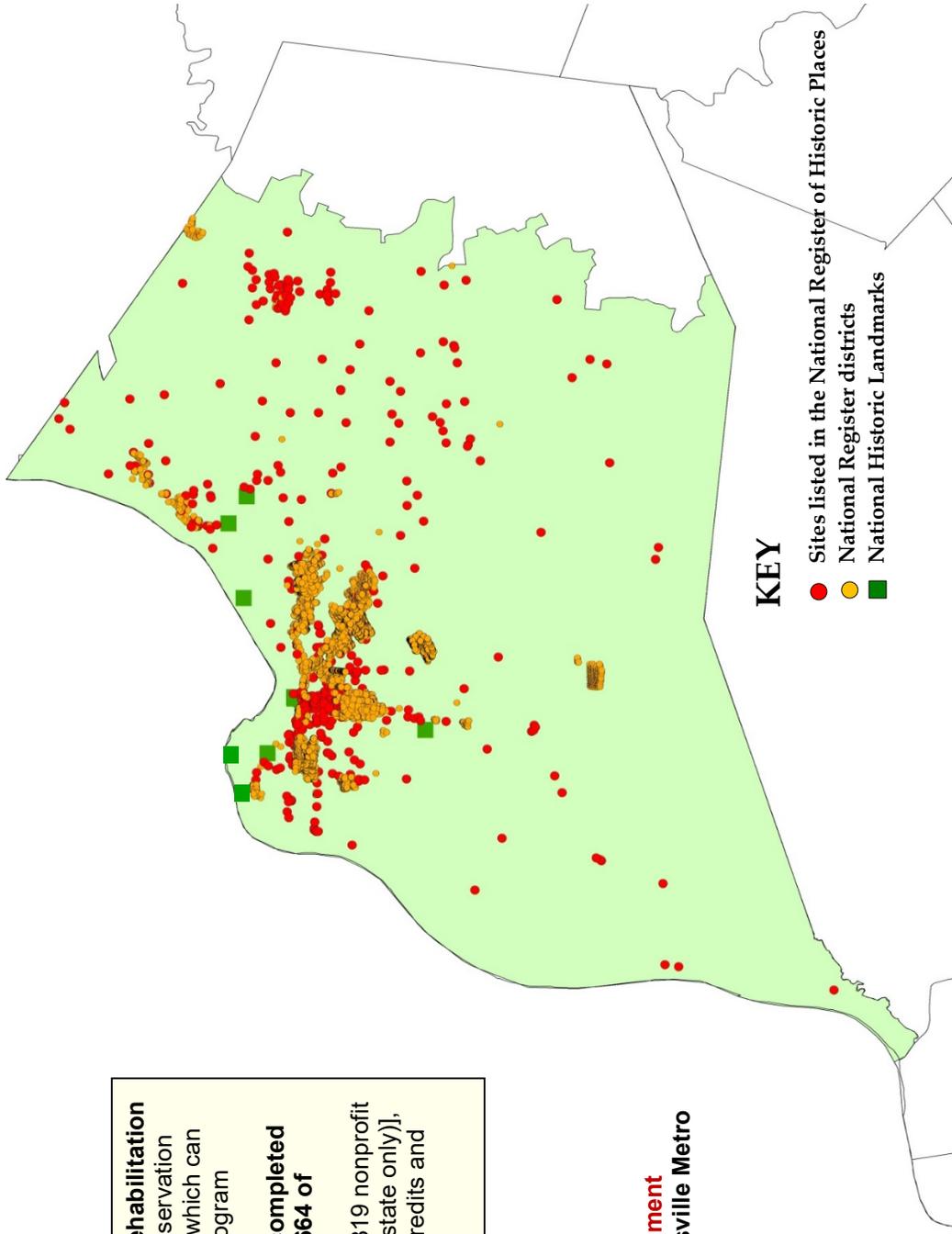
**National Register of Historic Places:** Kentucky ranks 4th among states in the number of listings, with 3,400+ districts, sites and structures encompassing more than 42,000 historic features. National Register-listed sites qualify for federal and state historic rehabilitation tax credits.

**Certified Local Governments:** Designates city and county governments that enact local historic preservation ordinances. Kentucky currently has 23 CLG communities.

In addition to the **Federal Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit**, the Kentucky Historic Preservation Tax credit was implemented in 2005, which can be used in tandem with the federal program

**In the 3rd District**, since 2005, **270 completed projects have generated \$307,789,664 of investment** in rehabilitation projects [\$203,097,497 commercial, \$31,806,319 nonprofit (state only), \$13,727,205 residential (state only)], representing \$40,619,499 in federal credits and \$17,528,665 in state

**3rd District Certified Local Government** communities are **Anchorage, Louisville Metro Government and Middletown**



*An agency of the Kentucky Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet, KHC is responsible for the identification, protection and preservation of prehistoric resources and historic buildings, sites and cultural resources. In partnership with the federal government, KHC carries out the primary functions of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA). These include finding and documenting America's historic places, making nominations to the National Register of Historic Places, administering federal and state historic rehabilitation tax credit programs, reviewing impacts of federal projects as mandated through Section 106 of the NHPA, working with local governments and preservation commissions, and conducting preservation education and planning.*