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WEST VIRGINIA DEPT. OF CULTURE AND HISTORY RECEIVES TWO FEDERAL GRANTS

WASHINGTON, DC - The State of West Virginia's Department of Culture and History has received two grants from the U.S. Department of the Interior to aid in historic preservation, according to U.S. Rep. Nick Rahall (D-W.Va.).

One grant totals \$402,366 and is to maintain a staff and office to fulfill requirements of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 and to identify and register significant historic sites in West Virginia.

The second grant-in-aid may be used for a broad range of activities including historic property inventories, resource protection planning and project inspections. In November 1986, West Virginia was appropriated \$263,732 for the above mentioned activities and the recent allotment of \$13,453 brings the fiscal year total to \$277,185 granted by the U.S. Department of Interior to aid in historical preservation in the Mountain State.

"Preservation of our history is one way to teach the youth of our culture and values," Rahall said. "By declaring buildings historic landmarks and preserving government and public documents, we can show the people of tomorrow what we did yesterday."

Both awards were made from the Historic Preservation Fund under Public Law 99-500.

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