

Our History, Our Community fund to benefit historic preservation in Jefferson County

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Charles Town, WV – The Jefferson County Historic Landmarks Commission (JCHLC) voted in December 2016 to establish an endowment fund at the Eastern West Virginia Community Foundation (EWVCF). JCHLC created the fund and will embark on a capital campaign to better assist residents and programs benefiting historic preservation in Jefferson County. The Landmarks Commission set a capital campaign goal of \$100,000 to be reached by end of 2017.

With a limited budget, generated through revenues from Jefferson County's hotel and motel tax, JCHLC has an annual operating budget of less than \$20,000 a year. Currently, the Landmarks Commission owns three historic properties in the County which require maintenance and upkeep. This, combined with educational and interpretive materials and programs, leaves little for the organization to support other historic preservation projects in the County. Once the goal is reached JCHLC will be developing a grant application process which will allow for financial support to historic preservation projects.

JCHLC approached the Community Foundation in the fall of 2016 to explore the possibility of establishing an agency endowed fund at EWVCF. Upon research and consideration of the program, JCHLC voted to move forward and established the fund. EWVCF will be able to receive contributions, ensuring sound financial investing and support.

Tax deductible contributions to the fund can be made online at www.JeffersonCountyHLC.org or by direct mail to: Jefferson County Historic Landmarks Commission, PO Box 23, Charles Town, WV 25414 or directly to EWVCF noting JCHLC's Our History, Our Community fund.