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Megan Brown - Chief of State, Tribal, Local, Plans & Grants Division
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Dear Megan Brown:

The City of Winona has long supported investments of historic properties and Winona understands the importance of preserving our historic properties through our own efforts of rehabilitating the City owned Masonic Temple and assisting with the historic rehabilitation of many buildings in downtown Winona. The City realizes it is often challenging and costly for owners of historic properties to preserve a building's integrity. But knowing it is essential in sustaining the culture, character and history of Winona, the City of Winona fully supports the application to secure funds to establish a Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization Grant Program.

Due to our strong sense of community and the active involvement of the City, Port Authority, Chamber of Commerce, and Main Street with downtown property owners, there will be a high demand to utilize The Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization Grant Program to rehabilitate properties that will not only create new jobs and businesses, but also provide housing options, and improve the tax base, along with being a destination point for people to gather, as Downtowns were historically intended to be.

Through the investment provided through the Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization Grant Program, the City of Winona envisions a revitalized downtown with pristine historic properties that will encourage ongoing redevelopment throughout the community for both residents and tourists to enjoy for years to come.

Thank you for your stewardship in protecting our historical properties.

Sincerely,

Scott D. Sherman
Mayor