

# TEXAS PRESERVATION TRUST FUND GRANT PROGRAM



## National Hotel Artist Lofts/E.S. Levy Building Galveston • Galveston County • Texas • 1870

### History

The historic E.S. Levy Building, currently operating as the National Hotel Artist Lofts, was built in 1870 as an opera house. By 1895, the building was converted to office use. In 2001, the building was redeveloped to serve a mixed-use function, including 27 live/work studio spaces and multiple ground-floor commercial units.

### FY 2020 Development Grant.

The building was awarded an Architecture – Development grant for the costs associated with the rehabilitation of over 40 historic wood windows on the second and third floors. Due to its location near Galveston Bay, the windows have endured harsh weather and environmental conditions over the years, even withstanding the 1900 Galveston hurricane. The age and deteriorated conditions of the windows and weatherstripping allowed wind-driven rain, particularly during emergency storm events, to enter the building. Rehabilitation of the windows was imperative for the residents' quality of life, and continued protection of this historic resource.

### DESIGNATION:

Recorded Texas Historic Landmark  
and National Register of Historic  
Places

HISTORIC USE: Opera House

CURRENT USE: Residences, artists  
lofts, and commercial spaces

PROJECT COST: \$208,750

TPTF GRANT AMOUNT: \$30,000

DATE OF APPROVED  
TPTF COMPLETION REPORT:  
July 2021

### For more info

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