

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**January 11, 2013**

**THE REDDICK MANSION ASSOCIATION RECEIVES GRANT FOR PARTIAL  
FUNDING OF HISTORIC STRUCTURE REPORT**

**Reddick Mansion Association  
Ottawa, IL**

**Contact Person: Diane Sanders, President, Reddick Mansion Association  
815-252-4639  
815-433-6100**

The Reddick Mansion Association is very pleased and excited to announce it has received a grant from the Jeffris Heartland Fund to help fund a Historic Structure Report for the Mansion. The Historic Structure Report will provide written documentation about the Mansion's history and existing conditions. Broadly acknowledged as an effective tool in preservation planning, a historic structure report (HSR) also addresses goals for the use or re-use of the building.

According to Diane Sanders, president of the Reddick Mansion Association, "This report should be the basis for all future decision-making regarding design, programming and space usage and is the next logical step in the preservation and restoration of the Mansion."

For more than fifteen years, the Jeffris Family Foundation, based in Janesville, WI, has served as a catalyst for community support for historic preservation by making capital challenge grants tap community-based projects throughout the Midwest. The Jeffris Heartland Fund supports quality planning for restoration projects leading to capital campaigns for restoration work throughout the region. The grant from the Jeffris Heartland Fund will pay for half the cost of the HSR; the Reddick Mansion Association will fund the other half.

After several conversations with and a visit to the Mansion by Royce Yeaters, one of the Directors of the Jeffris Family Foundation, Sanders, Joan Bardgett, and Donna Nordstrom, two other RMA board members, met with Mayor Bob Eshbach and Reed Wilson, the city's Director of Economic Development, about the potential grant opportunity.

With the city's knowledge (because the city does own the Mansion building). Sanders completed the grant application and then sent a "Request for Proposal" to four historic architectural firms, known for their expertise in historic structure reports. Sanders and a committee including George Cary, Steve Meyer, Edmund Thornton, and Nordstrom reviewed the proposals. Sullivan / Preservation from Chicago was selected to prepare the report and the process is expected to take approximately five to six months.

After the report is completed and presented to the Board of Directors, the Reddick Mansion Association intends to make the report available to the public for review.

