



Certified Local Government Grant Program

## CHARLEVOIX DEPOT ROOF REPLACEMENT

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX | CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

Constructed in 1892 as part of the Chicago and West Michigan Railroad, the Charlevoix Depot served Charlevoix and surrounding areas during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries as northern Michigan boomed as a summer destination for in- and out-of-state travelers. Service continued strong through the mid-twentieth century, until passenger service was discontinued in 1962 and freight service was discontinued in 1982. Ten years later, on the 100th anniversary of the first train arrival, the depot was donated to the Charlevoix Historical Society. It has since been used as a venue for historical society programming, as well as private and community events. Situated along the edge of Lake Charlevoix, the depot is also a popular spot for the tens of thousands of visitors that come to Charlevoix each year.

Under the historical society's ownership, the depot has benefited from a substantial restoration campaign that began in the 2010s. This has included new cedar shake siding, carpentry and masonry repairs, window rehabilitation, and improving accessibility, all of which has been guided by historic photographs and tools such as paint analysis to ensure accurate and appropriate treatments. The last part of the multi-year campaign was replacement of the depot's roof. For this, the City of Charlevoix received a CLG grant that allowed the historical society to install a new roof to secure the building shell while also preserving decorative historic roof features and creating custom replacements for missing historic components. In total, the Charlevoix Historical Society's restoration campaign helps preserve this shoreline landmark and ensure it continues to be available to residents and visitors alike.

### LOCATION

305 Chicago Ave  
Charlevoix, MI

### PROJECT TYPE

Development

### FUNDING

\$20,000

### PROJECT DATES

July 2023 -  
February 2024





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