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**TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION ANNOUNCES
PRESERVATION GRANT AWARD**

BEEVILLE — The Texas Historical Commission (THC) recently announced that the Rialto Theater in Beeville was awarded a \$23, 238 grant from the Texas Preservation Trust Fund (TPTF), a program of the THC. The grant will assist the Hall-Rialto Preservation Association in its effort to preserve this valuable landmark.

The THC selected 25 preservation projects from 123 applications to be recipients of the 2008 TPTF grant awards totaling \$515,000.

The Texas Legislature created the TPTF in an effort to preserve endangered historic buildings and significant archeological sites statewide. The TPTF is an interest-earning pool of public and private monies. The earned interest and designated gifts are distributed as matching grants. The program provides up to one-half of the total project costs for acquiring, planning and developing historic properties and sites.

The state legislature provided a significant boost to the TPTF with \$2.5 million in appropriations during previous legislative sessions and \$500,000 in appropriations during the last three legislative sessions. A portion of the interest on the appropriations was used for the 2008 grants, offered to public or private owners of eligible historic properties or projects.

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The Rialto Theater, Beeville, Bee County, 2-2

For more information, or to apply for the fiscal year 2009 TPTF grant awards, contact Lisa Harvell of the THC's Architecture Division at 512/463-6094 or P.O. Box 12276, Austin, TX 78711. To view a list of grant recipients and projects, visit the THC web site at www.thc.state.tx.us.

The Texas Historical Commission is the state agency for historic preservation. The agency administers a variety of programs to preserve the archeological, historical and cultural resources of Texas.