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## State Supports Building Renovations in Ashtabula

Constructed in the late 1800s, 1023 Bridge Street in the city of Ashtabula (Ashtabula County) will be rehabilitated with assistance from the Ohio Development Services Agency. The city has received a grant from the Community Development Block Grant Program.

First occupied by the H.D. Cook Boots and Shoes company, the building was partially destroyed by fire in 1967. The city will use the \$177,500 grant to complete plumbing, mechanical, façade, and accessibility improvements to bring the building up to code. In the core of the Ashtabula Harbor Commercial District, the building will provide space for a restaurant and wine bistro when the renovations are complete.

“Investing in historic business districts retains the character of Ohio communities and better positions them for job creation and growth,” said David Goodman, director of the Ohio Development Services Agency.

The Community Development Block Grant program is administered by the Ohio Development Services Agency’s Office of Community Development.

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