

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
1981 SESSION

CHAPTER 1344  
HOUSE BILL 792

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE MATCHING FUNDS TO ASSIST IN THE RESTORATION  
AND REHABILITATION OF THE GALLERY THEATRE IN HERTFORD COUNTY.

Whereas, the Gallery Theatre has been the principal theater house for Ahoskie since 1918 and is one of the oldest community theaters in continuous operation in North Carolina; and

Whereas, the Gallery Theatre contains many architectural features of early 20th century vaudeville theaters and contains examples of theater arts from 1891 to today; and

Whereas, the Gallery Theatre is a candidate for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places; and

Whereas, restoration and rehabilitation of the Gallery Theatre will provide space for a community history museum documenting railroad town life in North Carolina and will remain a center for contemporary performing and visual arts; and

Whereas, the Town of Ahoskie will be responsible for its restoration, rehabilitation, operation and maintenance and will keep the Gallery Theatre open to the general public; Now, therefore,

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**Section 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Town of Ahoskie the sum of twenty-seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$27,500) for fiscal year 1982-83 to restore the Gallery Theatre provided a like amount is raised by the town to match this grant on a dollar-for-dollar basis. These funds shall not become part of the continuation budget. Any unexpended funds at the end of the 1982-83 fiscal year shall not revert to the General Fund.

**Sec. 2.** This act shall become effective July 1, 1982.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 23rd day of June, 1982.