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# Media Advisory

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**USDA recognizes Zydeco Historical Preservation Society grant award of \$100,000 to conduct feasibility study and development plans for Opelousas Arts, Music, and Cultural District.**

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development Louisiana State Director Deidre Robert announced today that USDA will invest \$100,000 in the Zydeco Historical Preservation Society to support development of the Opelousas Arts, Music, and Cultural District (OAMCD). This \$100,000 Rural Business Development Grant (RBDG) award will be used to conduct a feasibility study and development plan for the OAMCD.

This feasibility assessment and development plan will outline the general boundaries of the OAMCD and provide a detailed study, development, and restoration plan of the historic Slim's Y-Ki Ki site. The project is expected to create fifty new jobs.

This program provides grant money to assist with economic development planning and/or the financing or expansion of rural businesses.

This event is free and open to press.

- Who: Deidre Robert | State Director, USDA  
Whey McGrew | Business Programs Director, USDA  
Courtney Holmes | Business Programs Specialist, USDA  
Rod Sias | Zydeco Historical & Preservation Society, Inc.
- What: Award to Zydeco Historical Preservation Society to support development of the Arts, Music, and Cultural District.
- When: 10:00 a.m. | Monday, December 18
- Where: 106 E Bloch St, Opelousas, LA 70570