

FAQ:
Texas Governor's Mansion Restoration Fund

Q: How can I mail in my donation for the restoration project?

A: Checks should be made payable to "Texas Governor's Mansion Restoration Fund," and may be sent to:

Texas Governor's Mansion Restoration Fund
P.O. Box 12878
Austin, TX 78711-2878

Q: Can I donate online?

A: Yes. You can use your credit card to securely donate online at www.texasonline.com. Click on the "Texas Governor's Mansion Restoration Fund" icon to go to the page where you can fill out your credit card information.

Q: Are donations tax-deductible?

A: The Texas Governor's Mansion Restoration Fund is applying for exemption under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Upon approval from the IRS, the tax-exempt status will be effective as of the day the non-profit corporation was formed, June 25, 2008. Thus, all donations made after that date will be considered charitable contributions for tax purposes.

Q: How can I volunteer to help with the restoration?

A: Help us get the word out about the "Texas Governor's Mansion Restoration Fund." Any donation, small or large, goes directly toward restoring this Texas treasure.

Q: What is the timeline for the Governor's Mansion to be rebuilt?

A: This National Historic Landmark will take some time to restore. We do not have a definite construction timeline because officials are still evaluating what can be saved, what can be restored and what needs to be replaced. Rest assured we will work diligently to bring this historic Governor's Mansion back to its original grandeur as soon as possible, but that could take two years or longer.

Q: Will the restoration be paid for only through private donations, or will the legislature appropriate funding?

A: The Mansion restoration will likely be paid for through public / private partnerships, which include private, donations to the "Texas Governor's Mansion Restoration Fund" and appropriations from legislature. For 152 years the Governor's Mansion has not only been a home for governors and their families, but an internationally recognized symbol of the pride and prestige of the Lone Star State. The Texas Governor's Mansion is Texans' Front Porch, which is worth preserving for generations to come.

Q: If I have future questions about donating, who should I call?

A: Liz Geise is the contact for the "Texas Governor's Mansion Restoration Fund." She can be reached on our toll free number (1-866-771-5829), or via email at liz.geise@governor.state.tx.us.

Q: Have they caught the person who set the Mansion fire?

A: Law enforcement continues its investigation into finding the man responsible for the June 8th fire at the Governor's Mansion. The state is offering a \$50,000 reward for information that can lead authorities to the arsonist. Further questions about the investigation should be directed to the State Fire Marshal's Office.

Q: Can I donate furnishings or artwork?

A: We appreciate the offer, but all of the historic artifacts and furnishings were in storage at the time of the fire and will return to the mansion after it is restored.