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Hawaii Theatre gets state money

The state has released \$300,000 to help restore the historic [Hawaii Theatre Center](#) in downtown Honolulu.

The theater received \$325,000 in matching funds from private donors, which will be used to repair and replace the roof, upgrade lighting and the sound system, abate and control pests, improve the box office and repair the air-conditioning system.

The projects are expected to begin this summer.

"Its continued restoration contributes to the economic revitalization that is under way in Chinatown," said Gov. Linda Lingle in a statement. "This support from the state will help reassure private donors that their contributions and investment in the Hawaii Theatre Center will be protected by proper maintenance of the building's physical plant."

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