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Main Street Argenta Board Chairman Daryl Peeples (right) presents a \$4,000 grant check to HDMS inc. owners Rachel Schell (from left), Andrew McCauley, Jan Bartlet-Hicks and Tim Dowty for the firm's building renovation at 409 Main St.

Design firm receives grant for renovation

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The architectural and interior design firm HDMS inc. is right where it wants to be — on Main Street, on the cusp of a construction renaissance in North Little Rock.

The decision to buy and renovate the M. Malnik building at 409 Main St., which was built in 1921, was rewarded Jan. 31 by a \$4,000 downtown redevelopment grant from Main Street Argenta.

Main Street Argenta is a nonprofit organization that works to revitalize downtown North Little Rock. The grant came from the Little Rock-based Main Street Arkansas, which oversees the grant program for the 17 Arkansas

of the qualification process, according to Main Street Argenta Executive Director Michael Drake. The money was used to bring the entrance close to its original condition, HDMS partner Rachel Schell said Feb. 8.

The decision to move to Main Street as that "right place," as partner Tim Dowty described it just after the Nov. 15 opening, wasn't difficult. He said it was an honor to be a part of the revitalization of Argenta, calling the businesses and people who paved the way "good ingredients" for its continued success.

The firm is in a storefront at 409 Main bought by the four partners: Jan Bartlet-Hicks, an interior designer and developer; Andrew McCauley,