

Historic Preservation Grants Frequently Asked Questions

Do I qualify for a Historic Preservation Grant?

Properties owned by non-profit organizations or municipalities are eligible for funding through the state grant program. A building must also be either listed or determined eligible for listing in the *National Register of Historic Places* to qualify. You may contact Caitlin Corkins at the Division for Historic Preservation to learn if your building is listed or has been determined eligible for listing. Privately owned businesses or homes are not eligible for funding.

How much funding is available?

Grants of up to \$20,000 are available on a 1 to 1 matching basis. This is a reimbursement program, which means that if you are awarded a grant, you are responsible for paying for the full amount of the project and the State will then reimburse you once the project and required paperwork are complete. For 2016, a total of \$200,000 is available in grant funds.

What work is eligible for funding?

Projects to repair and/or restore historic building features are eligible. Work must meet the Secretary of the Interior's *Standards for Rehabilitation* to qualify for funding. This could include but is not limited to:

- Work on a failed structural component, such as the building's frame, foundation or roof;
- Repairs to damaged or deteriorated components of the historic building, such as windows, doors, porches, and siding; and
- Preservation or restoration of significant historic features of a building, including historic plaster or decorative painting restoration

Ineligible work includes new construction, additions, electrical, plumbing or heating projects and weatherization or code improvements. Work that is generally considered maintenance such as cleaning or painting, will not be funded. Planning projects are also not eligible for funding. In addition, you may not apply for funding to support projects that have already been completed or are in progress.

What information must be provided with an application?

In addition to completing a Historic Preservation Application, all applicants must provide the following information to the Division for Historic Preservation in order to be considered for grant funding:

- Estimate – a detailed, written estimate from a qualified contractor for your project
- Photographs – a CD of digital photographs documenting your building and the issues you are trying to resolve
- Proof of non-profit status

When can I apply?

Applications for funding are generally made available during July annually and the deadline for applications is the first Monday of October each year. To receive notification regarding the next round of Grants and be added to our mailing list, contact Debra Sayers at 802-828-3213.

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