

FUNDING SOURCES AND INFORMATION RESOURCES FOR NH HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROJECTS

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The New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources has available a variety of publications and fact sheets on technical preservation topics, and DHR publications and resource materials are also available in alternate formats on request. Contact the DHR at 603-271-3558 or Voice/TTY Relay Access 1-800-735-2964, or by FAX at 603-271-3433, or go to our web site, <http://www.nh.gov/nhdhr> for more information.

PLANNING HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROJECTS, FUND-RAISING & PROGRAMMING

- Preservation: An Ethic for Planning, is a citizen's guide published in 1980 by the New Hampshire Charitable Fund for the State Historic Preservation Office. If a copy can't be found locally, the State Library and its depository libraries have loan copies available. Although many of the names, addresses, agencies, programs and legislation mentioned in the manual have changed or disappeared in the intervening years, the overall philosophy (and the practical "how-to" advice for encouraging local preservation efforts) remains valid, and effective.
- Barn Assessment Grants: The New Hampshire Preservation Alliance's Historic Barn Grant Program provides matching funds for an expert in the field of barn restoration to conduct an assessment of a barn's needs, and prepare an in-depth report. The assessment can help address immediate stabilization issues, re-use strategies and budgeting. For more information, contact the NH Preservation Alliance, PO Box 268, Concord NH 03302-0265 (603-224-2281; FAX 603-226-9368); <http://www.nhpreservation.org>.
- Preservation Project Development Grants: The Preservation Alliance's program is designed to assisting local organizations in developing successful preservation projects by providing funding for specialized assistance from preservation professional. The small, matching grants range from \$500 to \$1,000. Contact the NH Preservation Alliance (above) or see <http://www.nhpreservation.org/html/howto0.htm>.
- The New Hampshire General Court enacted the Conservation License Plate Program ("Moose Plate") to supplement existing state conservation and preservation programs with additional funding through voluntary public purchases of the plate. Revenues from the sale of the plate are distributed through five state agencies to preserve and/or purchase significant, publicly-owned historic properties, works of art, artifacts, and archaeological sites; research and manage non-game wildlife species and native plant species and educate the public regarding these species; provide grants to counties, municipalities, and non-profits for resource conservation projects; expand the roadside wild flower planting; and administer the established Land and Community Heritage Investment Program. For more information, go to <http://www.mooseplate.com> or <http://www.nh.gov/nhdhr/>.
- The New Hampshire Coastal Program, funded by the US Department of Commerce and administered by the NH Environmental Services, provides matching grants for technical assistance grants, planning/management projects and construction/acquisition projects. The 17 cities and towns bordering the Atlantic Ocean are eligible to apply, as are the Rockingham and Strafford Regional Planning Commissions, state agencies, and non-profit organizations; recipients' non-federal matching share may be either cash or in-kind services. For more information, contact the Coastal Program Seacoast Office, 50 International Drive, Suite 200 Pease Tradeport, Portsmouth, NH 03801 (603 559-1500; FAX 603-559-1510), or the NH Department of Environmental Services, PO Box 95, Concord, NH 03302-0095 (603-271-8811, FAX 603-271-7894), or see <http://www.des.state.nh.us/Coastal>.
- New Hampshire Land & Community Heritage Program: The LCHIP program was created by legislation in 2000 to provide matching grants to public entities (other than state agencies) and non-profit organizations, to help communities acquire and preserve natural, cultural and historical resources. Contact LCHIP at 10 Dixon Avenue Concord, NH 03301 (603-224-4113; FAX 603-224-5112); <http://www.lchip.org>, and visits its Conservation & Preservation Corner at <http://www.lchip.org/cpcorner.htm>.
- Transportation Enhancement Act (TEA) projects: The TEA program helps to develop "livable communities" by selecting projects that preserve the historic culture of the transportation system and/or enhance the operation of the system for its users. Project categories include acquisition of scenic easements and scenic or historic sites; scenic or historic highway programs (including tourist and welcome center facilities); landscaping and other scenic beautification; historic preservation; rehabilitation and operation of historic transportation buildings, structures or facilities (including historic railroad facilities and canals); preservation of abandoned railway corridors; archaeological planning and research; and establishing transportation museums. For more information, contact the NH Department of Transportation or go to <http://www.nh.gov/dot/municipalhighways/tehome.htm>.
- The Winthrop L. Carter Fund for Historic Preservation of the Greater Portsmouth Community Foundation, supports the preservation or restoration of historic structures and artifacts in the GPCF region. For more information, and to determine whether your community is in the foundation's region, contact the Greater Portsmouth Community Foundation, Unit 2B, Nobles Island, 500 Market Street, Portsmouth, NH 03801 (603-430-9182; FAX 603-431-6268).
- Public Service of New Hampshire makes community development grants in the PSNH service territory throughout the year. Contact Doris Burke, Community Development Manager, PSNH, 780 North Commercial Street, Manchester, NH 03101 (603-634-2442), <http://www.prospernh.com>; select "PSNH advantage."
- At the regional level, the National Trust for Historic Preservation -- <http://www.nationaltrust.org> -- has several grant programs. The "Preservation Services Fund" provides small grants for technical studies, historic structures reports, fundraising assistance, architectural/engineering plans, and other non-construction activities. The Hart Family Fund for Small Towns will assist preservation and revitalization projects in towns with populations of 5,000 or less. The Trust's regional office staff may also be able to suggest other sources of encouragement and assistance, including new National Trust grants for preserving historic buildings. For more information, contact the Northeast Regional Office, National Trust for Historic Preservation, 7 Faneuil Hall Marketplace, 5th Floor, Boston, MA 02109 (617-523-0885; FAX 617-523-1199); nero@nthp.org.
- The Kresge Foundation makes large capital grants for acquisition of real estate, and for construction work, both for new buildings, and for preservation or rehabilitation work. For more information, contact the Program Office, Kresge Foundation, 3215 Big Beaver Road, PO Box 3151, Troy MI 48007-3151 (313-643-9630); <http://www.kresge.org>.

- Reconnecting America (formerly The Great American Station Foundation) was created in 1996 to revitalize communities through new construction or conversion and restoration of existing rail passenger stations, and the possible conversion of historic non-railroad structures to active station use. These railroad stations will improve rail access and intermodal connections as well as stimulate community development. As the organization has grown and evolved, it has set a goal to become the national intermediary organization not only for station revitalization, but also for community revitalization in areas surrounding intercity, commuter and urban rail stations. For more information, go to <http://www.reconnectingamerica.org>.
- Save America's Treasures is a joint program of the National Park Service and the National Trust for Historic Preservation to preserve nationally significant intellectual and cultural artifacts, and historic structures and sites. For more information, contact Save America's Treasures, Save America's Treasures, Heritage Preservation Services, National Park Service, 1201 "Eye" Street, NW, 6th Floor (ORG> 2255), Washington, DC 20005 (202-513-7370, ext. 6); or go the web site at <http://www.saveamericastreasures.org>.
- The 1772 Foundation focuses on historic preservation, especially buildings related to farming, industrial development, transportation and unusual historical structures. Grants of %15,000 to \$50,000 are made to non-profit organizations throughout the nation. Letters of inquiry are considered throughout the year. For more information go to <http://www.1772foundation.org/1772/index.jsp> and click on "Inquiries."

to benefit historic properties. The Preservation Institute's address is PO Box 1777, Windsor, VT 05089-0021 (802-674-6752; FAX 802-674-6179); <http://www.preservationworks.org>. E-mail: histwininc@valley.net.

- Historic New England (formerly the Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities / SPNEA) employs experts in architectural conservation; historic carpentry, masonry, and plaster; historic paint color analysis; and furniture and upholstery conservation. Other staff members offer special expertise in architectural history, historic house furnishings, and textiles and wallpaper. Historic New England's offices are at 141 Cambridge Street, Boston MA 02114 (617-227-3956); the Conservation Center's address is 185 Lyman Street, Waltham MA 02154 (617-891-1985); <http://www.historicnewengland.org/index.htm>.
- If historic preservation restoration, repair, or rehabilitation work is contemplated, any alterations or additions to historic structures should be planned and built in conformance with The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties, which are available from the Division of Historical Resources on request. A booklet describing the "Rehabilitation" standards, with do/don't guidelines, is also available from the DHR. Also visit the standards online, beginning with the "home page" at http://www.cr.nps.gov/hps/tps/standards_guidelines.htm. The National Park Service provides a wealth of educational information and links at <http://www.cr.nps.gov/hps/index.htm>, including online education, training, and technical information. An especially useful resource is the Preservation Briefs series of leaflets at <http://www.cr.nps.gov/hps/tps/briefs/presbhom.htm>. Other topics are at <http://www.cr.nps.gov/hps/tps/publications.htm>, offering illustrated guidance on topics such as building materials, structural systems and health/safety. Much of this information is also available through the DHR.
- There are increasing numbers of historical architects who have experience in sympathetic restoration and rehabilitation of historic buildings; the DHR keeps a file listing architects and building conservators with special historic preservation interests and expertise. The list is maintained as an aid for those seeking professional assistance; it is not an endorsement of those listed, nor it is intended to limit a client's choice. Consultants must ask to be included, and the DHR is not responsible for a consultant's scope of work or work performance.
- Although the Division of Historical Resources has no funds for financial assistance, it can sometimes provide technical assistance (subject to staff workloads and other commitments) and review conceptual and preliminary plans for municipal and non-profit preservation projects. Such a review would determine whether the proposed work meets The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation, or what would be needed to meet the standards; the DHR can also recommend less costly and damaging alternatives for work that would not comply with the standards.

INFORMATION ABOUT OTHER FUNDING SOURCES

- The federal Advisory Council on Historic Preservation maintains a comprehensive reference site, "Sources of Financial Assistance for Historic Preservation Projects" at <http://www.achp.gov/funding.html>. The Preserve America initiative -- <http://www.achp.gov/preserveamerica.html> -- is a special program of recognition and grants developed by the ACHP and First Lady Laura Bush. The ACHP is located at 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 809, Old Post Office Building, Washington, DC 20004 (202-606-8503); <http://www.achp.gov>.
- The "Foundation Center Library" collection for New Hampshire is located at the Concord Public Library and the Plymouth State College Library; make an appointment to use the library and its computerized data base search system for researching yet other possible funding sources. The New Hampshire library addresses are: Concord Public Library, 45 Green Street, Concord NH 03301 (603-225-8670); and Herbert H. Lamson Library, Plymouth NH 03264 (603-535-2256). Or go to <http://fdncenter.org/findfunders/> to access the Foundation Center's "Online Librarian," providing a wide range of services.
- The Charitable Trusts Unit of the NH Department of Justice maintains a comprehensive searchable web site for online research; go to <http://doj.nh.gov/charitable/consumers.html> and use the various data bases.
- The New Hampshire State Council on the Arts has posted an excellent collection of Grant Writing Tips and links on its web site at <http://www.nh.gov/nharts/grants/index.htm>.

BUILDING CONSERVATION & TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

- The Preservation Institute is a non-profit organization that is helping contractors, architects, building tradespeople and property managers in New Hampshire and Vermont (and nationally, through cooperative training with the National Park Service) to develop specialized preservation expertise through courses, workshops, tours, and lectures. The Institute also maintains lists of consultants, contractors, and craftspeople with preservation skills, and for a minimal fee will provide names of qualified specialists. In addition, it presents a series of on-site training workshops (learning-by-doing) that provide preservation expertise

DOCUMENT CONSERVATION

- The Northeast Document Conservation Center (NEDCC) is the largest nonprofit regional conservation center in the United States, and specializes in the treatment of paper and related materials, including photographs, books, architectural drawings, maps, posters, documents, and art on paper. NEDCC provides consulting services and performs surveys of preservation needs. It also does paper conservation, book binding, preservation microfilming, and duplication of photographic negatives. It can also advise museums and historical organizations about sources of conservation assistance and funding. For details, contact NEDCC, 100 Brickstone Square, Andover, MA 01810-1494 (978-470-1010; FAX 978-475-6021); <http://www.nedcc.org> or e-mail nedcc@nedcc.org.

TAX CREDITS, AFFORDABLE HOUSING & COMMUNITY FACILITIES

- The New Hampshire Housing Finance Authority is the state's housing advocacy agency, and administers a variety of funding sources, including federal and state loans and grants, to support housing programs and projects. For more information about its programs and services, and about other funding sources for housing-related initiatives, contact: New Hampshire Housing Finance Authority, PO Box 5087, Manchester, NH 03108-5087 (603-472-8623; FAX 603-472-8501); <http://www.nhhfa.org>.
- The New Hampshire Community Development Finance Authority (CDFA) provides financial and technical assistance to community development corporations, worker cooperatives, and certain municipal entities. The Authority is unable to assist a for-profit business directly, but can work with a nonprofit partner. CDFA funds major community development projects primarily with the Community Development Investment (Tax Credit) Program. It has proven to be a major source of support for affordable housing and economic development and is one CDFAs of the most successful initiatives. For more information, contact CDFA at 14 Dixon Avenue, Suite 102, Concord NH 03302 (603-226-2170); <http://www.nhcdfa.org> e-mail webmaster@nhcdfa.org.
- The New Hampshire Community Development Finance Authority administers the "Community Development Block Grant" (CDBG) program, which provides federal funds to communities for housing, economic development, and public facilities targeted so that they primarily benefit low and moderate income people. The program is complex and highly competitive, but well worth the effort invested in planning a project and submitting an application. CDBG Feasibility Grants are available for project planning (including feasibility studies, surveys, and professional architectural and engineering services); CDBG Implementation Grants provide substantial funding for construction and rehabilitation work. For more information, contact Community Development Block Grants (603-226-2170) or <http://www.nhcdfa.org>.
- The New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources manages New Hampshire's Historic Preservation Investment Tax Credit Program for income-producing properties for the National Park Service. Contact DHR at 603-271-3558 for more information.
- To learn more about New Markets Tax Credits and eligible communities, check http://www.crdc-nh.com/NewMarketsTaxCredits_eligiblecommunities.pdf. OEP has posted maps of all census tracts in the state and other census data at <http://nh.gov/oep/programs/DataCenter/index.htm>.
- The New Hampshire Rural Development Council is a public/private partnership that acts as a "catalyst for community vitalization," removing organizational barriers and facilitating a team approach to rural development. The Rural Development Council fosters communication, cooperation, and information-sharing between the regional, state, and federal programs that offer development assistance to New Hampshire's rural communities; its process emphasizes listening and learning from communities, and engaging existing resources in more effective and less narrowly focused ways. For more information about the council and its activities, contact: Nancy DuBosque Berliner, Executive Director, NH Rural Development Council, 2 1/2 Beacon Street, Concord NH 03301 (603-229-0261; FAX 603-228-4827); E-mail: nhrdc@mcctelecom.com; <http://www.ruralnh.org/pages/849942/index.html>.

ARTS & CULTURAL FACILITIES

The "Cultural Facilities Grant" program of the NH State Council on the Arts provides matching grants for planning and capital projects to New Hampshire non-profit organizations with cultural facilities. Historic preservation projects are eligible only if the purpose of the project is to make the facility adequate for arts programming, but several grants have been awarded to historic cultural facilities because those projects met the program criteria. Facilities must meet minimum standards for

architecturally barrier-free entrance before organizations may apply for a Cultural Facility Grant for any need other than to assist them in meeting those standards. For more information, contact Yvonne Stahr (603-271-0791) at e-mail ystahr@nharts.state.nh.us or via <http://www.nh.gov/nharts>.

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION PROJECTS

- The Townscape Institute, Inc. is a public interest design, planning, education and advocacy organization which helps communities to recognize and preserve their townscape assets. Enhancing the quality of the visual environment and all its component parts, particularly in urban and village centers, is a primary focus of the institute. For more information, contact Ronald Lee Fleming, AICP, President, The Townscape Institute, Eight Lowell Street, Cambridge, MA 02138 (617-491-8952; FAX 617-491-3734); <http://www.townscape-inst.com>.

COVERED TIMBER BRIDGES

- The National Society for the Preservation of Covered Bridges promotes covered bridge preservation with research, structural analysis, graphic recording, and publications; through collecting artifacts and archival material relating to covered bridges; and by encouraging "restoration schemes employing devices and techniques dating from the period the spans in question were initially constructed." For more information, contact David W. Wright, President, National Society for the Preservation of Covered Bridges, Inc., PO Box 171, Westminster, VT 05158 (802-722-4040).

MUSEUMS

- The American Association for State & Local History (AASLH) has a variety of programs and services (including consultant grants) for member organizations; for more information, write to the AASLH, 1717 Church Street, Nashville TN 37203-2991 (615-255-2971; FAX 615-327-9013); <http://www.aaslh.org/>; e-mail membership@aaslh.org.
- The federal Institute of Museum & Library Services funds a broad range of museum and library projects. Its address is: Institute of Museum and Library Services, Office of Public and Legislative Affairs, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Room 510, Washington, DC 20506 (202-606-8339; FAX 202-606-8591); <http://www.ims.gov> and imlsinfo@ims.gov.
- The National Endowment for the Arts promotes excellence in design fields and has a variety of grant programs, but it does not fund capital construction. For more information, contact the National Endowment for the Arts, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington DC 20506 (202-682-5437); <http://arts.endow.gov/>; e-mail webmgr@arts.endow.gov.
- The National Endowment for the Humanities also has a broad range of grant programs to support projects in the humanities; and it also does not fund capital construction. For more information, contact: National Endowment for the Humanities, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington DC 20506 (202-786-0438); <http://www.neh.gov/> and <http://www.neh.gov/grants/grantsbydivision.html>; e-mail info@neh.gov.

PUBLIC LIBRARIES

The New Hampshire State Library administers a federal program of "LSCA" (Library Services and Construction Act) grants for New Hampshire public libraries; to find out more about the program, contact: Janet Eklund, Administrator of Library Operations, NH State Library, 20 Park Street, Concord, NH 03301 (603-271-2393) or jjeklund@library.state.nh.us.

RELIGIOUS PROPERTIES

- Partners for Sacred Places (National Center for the Stewardship and Preservation of Religious Properties) is a non-profit organization created to help congregations and communities continue the use and vitality of religious buildings and sites. Their "Information Clearinghouse" which conducts research, maintains a reference/referral library (including unpublished materials), and answers questions by telephone or mail; PSP also sponsors an annual national conference; publishes self-help guides; supports a program of advocacy, outreach, public awareness and education; and in some circumstances provides consulting services and offers a traveling workshop series. PSP's address is 1700 Sansom Street, Tenth Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103 (215-567-3234; FAX 215-567-3235); <http://www.sacredplaces.org>.

SMALL BUSINESSES

- The federal Small Business Administration doesn't target assistance to historic preservation projects; but some of its grants, loans, business development or business management programs may assist the property owners' overall enterprise, and as a by-product also help achieve their historic preservation goals. The SBA is at 143 North Main Street (PO Box 1257), Concord, NH 03302-1257 (603-225-1400; FAX 603-225-1409).

THEATERS

- The League of Historic Theaters is the one national organization devoted exclusively to the needs of historic theaters. Its address is 1511 K Street, NW, Suite 923, Washington DC 20005 (202-783-6966); <http://www.lhat.org>.

PERIODICALS

- The Association of Preservation Technology International, "an interdisciplinary...organization dedicated to the practical application of the principles and techniques necessary for the care and wise use of the built environment" publishes technical (and very practical) articles in its quarterly Bulletin (in print or microfiche). APT's address is: The Association for Preservation Technology International, PO Box 8178, Fredericksburg, VA 22404 (703-373-1621); <http://www.apti.org>.
- The Old-House Journal is a bi-monthly magazine devoted exclusively to user-friendly technical and practical articles (and advertisements) on building preservation philosophy, techniques, tools, materials, supplies, and services. OHJ's address is: Old-House Journal Corporation, 435 Ninth Street, Brooklyn, NY 11215 (718-788-1700). A variety of articles and features are available online at <http://www.oldhousejournal.com/index.shtml>.
- Small Town magazine, although no longer published, remains an excellent source of information and contacts on a wide variety of issues--especially economic development, planning, and social concerns--viewed as they affect smaller communities. (Despite its name, Small Town considered any municipality with population under 50,000 a "small town.") The magazine was published by the Small Towns Institute, PO Box 517, Ellensburg, WA 98926 (509-925-1830). Copies are available at many libraries and academic institutions.
- Traditional Building, "the professional's sources for historical products," is published bimonthly by Historical Trends Corporation,

69A Seventh Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11217 (718-636-0788; FAX 718-636-050); <http://www.traditional-building.com>. Each issue includes feature articles, book reviews, classifieds, extensive product advertising, and access to a FAX product information service.

PUBLICATIONS

- Catalog of Historic Preservation Publications: Guidance on the Treatment of Historic Properties is published by the National Park Service to broadly share technical information and assistance; the current edition lists more than 100 books, leaflets, videotapes, and data bases which are available at low or no cost. Single copies of the catalog are available from the Preservation Assistance Division, National Park Service, 1849 C Street, NW, Washington D.C. 20240; <http://www.cr.nps.gov/hps/bookstore.htm> and <http://www.cr.nps.gov/hps/tps/publications.htm>.
- Preserving Community Character: Ways to Reconcile Change with the Character of a Place is a manual published by the New Hampshire Association of Historic District Commissions in 1988. This guidebook is the single most useful reference for communities that are interested in or have established a Historic District Commission. It has two parts: planning options and strategies for preserving community character, and detailed step-by-step instructions for establishing a local historic district (including a model ordinance and regulations). It has received a lot of favorable attention (and use) both in New Hampshire and nationwide. Copies are available from the DHR.

INTERNET SITES

New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources: <http://www.nh.gov/nhdhr>
NH Conservation License Plate Program: <http://www.mooseplate.com>
NH Land Conservation Investment Program: <http://www.lchip.org>
NH Historical Society: <http://www.nhhistory.org>
NH Main Street Center: <http://www.nhcdfa.org/mainstreet.html>
New Hampshire Preservation Alliance: <http://www.nhpreservation.org>
State of New Hampshire: <http://www.nh.gov>
Advisory Council on Historic Preservation: <http://www.achp.gov>
American Institute for Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works: <http://aic.stanford.edu>
Government Printing Office: <http://www.access.gpo.gov>
Great American Station Foundation [Reconnecting America] <http://www.reconnectingamerica.org/>
HABS/HAER: <http://lcweb2.loc.gov/ammem/hhhtml>
Library of Congress: <http://thomas.loc.gov>
Livable Communities Task Force: http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/nrdp/national/taskforces/livable/livable_rural_communities.html
National Alliance of Preservation Commissions: <http://www.sed.uga.edu/psa/programs/napc/napc.htm>
National Center for Preservation Technology and Training: <http://www.ncptt.nps.gov>
National Conference of State Legislatures Data Base: <http://www.ncsl.org/programs/arts/statehist.htm>
National Transportation Enhancements Clearinghouse: <http://www.enhancements.org>
National Trust for Historic Preservation: <http://www.nationaltrust.org>
National Park Service Cultural Programs: <http://www.cr.nps.gov>
Preservation Action: <http://www.preservationaction.org>
Scenic America: <http://www.scenic.org>
Society for American Archaeology: <http://www.saa.org>
Society for Commercial Archeology: <http://www.sca-roadside.org>
Sprawl Watch Clearinghouse: <http://www.sprawlwatch.org>
Surface Transportation Policy Project [tea3.org]: <http://www.istea.org>

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