



Preservation
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State

SELECTED SOURCES OF ASSISTANCE FOR LOCAL PRESERVATION PROJECTS IN NEW YORK STATE

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GRANTS AND LOANS

Preservation League of New York State

Preserve New York A grant program of the Preservation League of New York State and the New York State Council on the Arts

The program provides support for cultural resource surveys, historic structure reports, and historic landscape reports only. Applicants must be a not-for-profit group with tax-exempt status or a unit of local government. Religious institutions are not eligible to apply. The program generally provides partial support on a competitive basis. Funds of \$141,400 are available in 2008, and awards typically range between \$3,000 and \$15,000. The deadline is in early May. Guidelines are online at www.preservenys.org/funding. Applications are released in January but are not available online. To discuss your project and to receive an application, contact Tania Werbizky, 607-272-6510, twerbizky@preservenys.org for Western/Central NY or Erin Tobin, etobin@preservenys.org, 518-462-5658 x 12 for Eastern NY/NYC/Long Island.

New York State Council on the Arts

Architecture, Planning and Design Program (APD)

As part of its support for quality design, APD provides funds for a wide variety of historic preservation activities. Applicants must be a not-for-profit group with tax-exempt status or a unit of government. Religious institutions are not eligible to apply. Project eligibility typically includes: public programming (workshops, conferences, etc.), design and building studies, publications, and exhibitions. There is no match requirement. Project grants typically range from a few hundred dollars to \$10,000. The registration deadline is typically in early March, application deadlines vary. Contact Anne Van Ingen, Director, APD, New York State Council on the Arts, 175 Varick Street, New York, NY 10014, 212-741-7013, avaningen@nysca.org or visit www.nysca.org.

NYS CA APD also administers a **Technical Assistance Program** for short-term consultations. The applicant group must provide a \$750 retainer (the equivalent of one day of service). APD provides \$750 per day for up to two additional days plus in-state travel expenses.

TA grants are subject to the availability of funds. Applications begin with a letter or telephone call and are accepted throughout the year. Contact Anne Van Ingen (see above).

Capital Funding Initiative provides grants for capital improvements to non-profit arts facilities including theaters, museums, and historical society buildings. The applicants must have received NYSCA funding for three consecutive years to be eligible for this program. The maximum grant is \$50,000. The recipient must match the award dollar-for-dollar. Loans of up to \$100,000 at 3% interest, payable over 10 years, are also available. Contact Nancy Cohn, Program Associate, 212-741-7014; ncohn@nysca.org.

New York State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), Office of Parks Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP)

Information on all SHPO programs, funding, Federal tax credit projects, environmental review, etc., is available at: www.nysparks.state.ny.us/shpo; 518-237-8643; or Field Services Bureau, NYS OPRHP, Peebles Island, Box 189, Waterford, NY 12188. For information on regional staff contacts for National Register, Technical and Grants or Archaeology units, visit www.nysparks.state.ny.us/shpo/state/map.htm or go to the main site and click on the "Territory Maps" link. For information about grants and availability of applications, visit www.nysparks.state.ny.us/grants/.

Certified Local Government (CLG) Subgrants are awarded only to CLG communities. Eligible projects include historic resource surveys and designations; public education programs; commission training; planning studies; and publications. Grants generally range from \$3,000 to \$15,000 and a match is encouraged. Contact Julian Adams, CLG Coordinator, 518-237-8643, x 3271 for the 2008 deadline.

Environmental Protection Fund (EPF)

Reimbursement grants are available to municipalities and nonprofit corporations, including religious institutions, for the acquisition and development of park land, preservation and restoration of historic properties, and development of the state's Heritage Areas System. Historic preservation grants must improve, protect, preserve, rehabilitate or restore properties on the State or National Registers of Historic Places. All grants are made available on a matching basis of up to 50% of total project costs. To ensure the long term protection of the property, recipients must convey a covenant to OPRHP, based on the amount of funding received. There is a funding cap of \$1,000,000 for projects over \$4,000,000. For information regarding the next funding round and the name of your regional grant staff, see websites listed above or contact Austin O'Brien, 518-237-8643, x3279.

New York State Historic Preservation Office, cont.

Clean Water/Clean Air Bond Act funding is no longer available for preservation projects. See EPF above.

NYS Barns Restoration & Preservation Program

Grants are no longer available.

The **Farmer's Protection and Farm Preservation Act** allows for an income tax credit equal to 25% of the cost of rehabilitating historic barns. The barn must be income producing, non-residential use, and date pre-1936. Contact Kevin Burns, 518-486-1868.

New York Landmarks Conservancy

For information about the following NYLC programs, contact Ann-Isabel Friedman, Program Director, annfriedman@nylandmarks.org, or Colleen Meagher, Manager of Grants and Technical Services, colleenmeagher@nylandmarks.org; New York Landmarks Conservancy, 141 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY, 10010, 212-995-5260 or visit www.nylandmarks.org.

Sacred Sites Program (SSP) provides grants for the preservation of historic religious buildings and related sites throughout New York State. Support for planning and implementation is available. Eligible properties must be owned by a religious institution, used for worship, and designated as a local landmark or listed in the State or National Registers of Historic Places. The maximum grant is \$10,000. The recipient must match the award dollar-for-dollar. Deadlines for application are generally January 15th and June 1st of each year.

NYS Assembly Grants Action News

Listing of grants www.assembly.state.ny.us/gan

NYS Department of Transportation

The federal **Transportation Enhancements Program** is a reimbursement grant program for historic preservation projects; rehabilitation and operation of historic transportation buildings, structures or facilities; establishment of transportation-related museums; and acquisition of scenic easements and scenic historic sites. Applications must be submitted by sponsors from a municipality, state agency, or an Authority. Applicants must provide a minimum matching share of 20% of the total cost. For information regarding funding, contact Bob Viti at 518-457-4835. Applications can be downloaded at www.dot.state.ny.us/progs/tep.html.

NYS Division of Housing and Community Renewal: New York Main Street Program

"The NYMS Program will provide [technical resources and] grants to stimulate reinvestment in mixed-use (commercial/civic and residential) 'main street' buildings in order to address issues of code compliance, energy conservation, accessibility, and to provide affordable housing and job opportunities. Only not-for-profit

corporations may apply, including Business Improvement Districts (BIDs)." Eligible projects: 1) Building Renovation Grants to enhance commercial business and housing opportunities for area residents, 2) Downtown Anchor Grants, and 3) Streetscape Enhancement Grants. Approximately \$10 million will be available under this program." For more information, visit: www.dhcr.state.ny.us/Funding/; or contact DHCRInfo@nysdhcr.gov; 866-275-3427; Hampton Plaza, 38-40 State Street, Albany, NY 12207.

NYS Department of State (DOS)

Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP)

Under the Environmental Protection Fund, the LWRP supports planning, redevelopment, and education projects for communities on a coastal or designated inland waterway. Municipalities and those local groups working with a local government sponsor may apply. Application forms are available at www.nyswaterfronts.com or you can contact staff at 518-474-6000 or coastal@dos.state.ny.us. For general information, contact Nancy Welsh at 518-474-6000 or nwelsh@dos.state.ny.us.

New York State Electric and Gas (NYSEG)

Brownfield/Building Redevelopment NYSEG may provide funding assistance, on a per project basis, to encourage the redevelopment of a "brownfield" site or vacant building within NYSEG's electric service area. Contact NYSEG's Economic Development Department for details. Clyde Forbes, Manager, NYS Economic Development, 800-456-5153. See "Investment and Outreach Programs" on the website at www.nyseg.com or visit <http://www.nyseg.com/YourBusiness/economicdev/progandincentives.html>.

**Niagara Mohawk-A National Grid Company
Main Street/Commercial District Revitalization**

This program provides matching grants of up to \$50,000 to municipal and non profit development corporations revitalizing critical commercial corridors. Eligible projects must be located in a central business district/commercial area and be endorsed by appropriate municipal authorities. Eligible activities include: strategic planning, market research, renovation and rehabilitation of commercial or mixed-use buildings, industrial site preparation and construction and second-story and mixed-use strategies and implementation. Contact Karen Mousaw, Economic Development Program Coordinator, Niagara Mohawk, a National Grid Company, 300 Erie Boulevard West, Syracuse, NY 13202; 315-428-6061; Karen.Mousaw@usgrid.com. See www.nationalgridus.com/niagaramohawk/. Follow links to "For Your Business," then "Economic Development," then "Developing Your Sites."

Robert E. Funk Memorial Archaeology Foundation

Grants support research studies in New York State archaeology, especially studies of the prehistoric and contact periods. Awards of \$500 to \$1500 support technical analysis, travel, equipment, publication, or other research expenses. See www.funkfoundation.org or write: Robert E. Funk Memorial Archaeology Foundation; c/o Christopher Lindner; Bard College 1269; Annandale, NY 12504.

Community Foundations

Organizations should contact their local or regional Community Foundation or a municipal Community Fund for information on grants and fundraising workshops.

Society for Industrial Archeology

Applications are accepted year-round for **Industrial Heritage Preservation Grants** "from \$1000 to \$3000 for the study, documentation, recordation, and/or preservation of significant historic industrial sites, structures, and objects. Awards are made to nonprofit organizations and qualified individuals...[Sample eligible projects:] increasing public awareness..., photography, videography, preparing inventories and developing measured drawings..." Recipients must match grant funds. See www.sia-web.org or contact via 906-487-1889 or sia@mtu.edu.

National Trust For Historic Preservation

Unless instructed otherwise, contact Brent Leggs, Northeast Regional Office, for information on the National Trust grant programs: NTHP Northeast Regional Office, Seven Faneuil Hall Marketplace, 4th Floor, Boston, MA 02109, 617-523-0885, Northeast_Office@nthp.org, www.nthp.org/help/grants/html.

The **Johanna Favrot Fund (JFF)** provides support to not-for-profit organizations and governmental agencies. Individuals and for-profit businesses may apply for funding only if the project for which funding is requested involves a National Historic Landmark (NHL). Funds may be used for professional services, conferences, workshops and education programs.. Grants generally range from \$2,500 to \$10,000. The application deadline is February 1.

The **Hart Family Fund for Small Towns** assists preservation and revitalization initiatives in towns with populations of 5,000 or less.. It provides nonprofit organizations and public agencies matching grants from \$5,000 to \$10,000. Funds may be used to hire professional expertise in areas such as architecture, archeology, engineering, preservation planning, land-use planning, fund raising, organizational development and law as well as activities to educate the public. Funds cannot support "bricks and mortar" restoration costs. Application deadlines are February 1 and October 1. To apply for the Hart Family Fund, please use the application for the Preservation Services Fund.

The **Cynthia Woods Mitchell Fund** assists the preservation, restoration, and interpretation of historic interiors. Grant awards generally range from \$2,500 to \$10,000; grants will total \$50,000 per year. Eligible applicants include not-for-profit organizations and government agencies. For-profit businesses and individuals may apply only if the project for which funding is requested involves a National Historic Landmark. The application deadline is February 1.

John E. Streb Fund for New York provides financial assistance for consultant services, feasibility studies, public programming, and heritage education activities. Grant awards are up to \$5,000, with \$1,000 to \$1,500 as the average. Application deadlines are February 1, June 1 and October 1 of each year.

National Preservation Loan Fund (NPLF) assists not-for-profit organizations and public agencies to help or expand revolving funds and loan pools, and to undertake development projects involving historic buildings, sites, and districts. The fund also offers special assistance for National Historic Landmarks (NHL) or sites that exhibit qualities of national significance. Loan amounts range from \$50,000 to \$350,000. Except in the case of NHL properties, applicants must be public agencies or tax-exempt organizations. There are no deadlines; applications are considered as they are received. Contact Sarah McGraw, Program Assistant, National Trust Preservation Loan Fund, National Trust For Historic Preservation, 1785 Massachusetts Avenue Northwest, Washington, D.C. 20036, 202-588-6000, NationalTrust_loanfunds@nthp.org; www.nthp.org.

Inner City Ventures Fund (ICVF) provides matching grants and low interest loans for not-for-profit, neighborhood-based groups for housing and commercial revitalization projects. Funds may be used for acquisition, rehabilitation, and related capital costs for projects that offer housing, neighborhood services, and commercial opportunities for area residents. When available, funding cycles are announced in National Trust publications. Contact Sarah McGraw, Program Assistant (see above).

Save America's Treasures is a partnership between the National Park Service (NPS) and the National Trust. Historic properties owned by active religious organizations may be eligible for funding if they meet the national significance criteria. See guidelines at the "Funding" link of www.saveamericastreasures.org, or contact Trust staff at 202-588-6202, 877-873-2787 or saveamericastreasures@nthp.org. Only National Historic Landmarks or sites listed at the national significance level on the National Register of Historic Places are eligible. To determine the NR status of a site, see www.nysparks.state.ny.us/shpo. To discuss upgrading a site listing, contact Mark Peckham at NYSHPO, 518-237-8643, x3258. For questions about the federal grant program process, call Joe Wallis at NPS: 202-354-2054.

1772 Foundation

The Foundation's mission includes "particular interest in farming, industrial development, transportation and unusual historical buildings. A one-page letter of inquiry is required using the online inquiry form. After evaluation regarding whether or not a your project would likely be considered for funding, an organization may be invited to submit a full grant application at this point. Submission instructions will be provided to invited applicants. See www.1772foundation.org.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation website has information on a variety of funding sources: www.achp.gov/funding.html.

Designation of Landmarks and Districts

To list buildings as *local* landmarks, ask the municipal clerk whether your community has a preservation ordinance and a preservation commission designating local landmarks and historic districts. For information about listing on the *State and National Registers of Historic Places*, For information on the **National Register of Historic Places** and issues regarding landmark and historic district designations, first visit the **National Park Service** website: www.cr.nps.gov/places.htm; or contact the National Register Reference Desk at 202-354-1496. Then contact the NYS OPRHP, Field Services Bureau by visiting www.nysparks.state.ny.us/shpo or calling Mark Peckham, 518-237-8643, x 3258.

The Foundation Center, an independent national service organization, is now online. Learn about grants in general, how to write grants and seek resources and find foundations in your region: www.fdncenter.org/.

The Grantmakers' Forum has various forms and links to other sources of information, but does not make grants or provide fundraising information or referrals for individual nonprofits. www.grantmakers.org/gfny

Local Initiatives Support Corporation provides capital, technical expertise, training and information, and supports the development of local leadership and the creation of affordable housing, commercial, industrial and community facilities, businesses and jobs. The e-newsletter is a good source of general information. www.lisc.org Buffalo office: 716-853-1136; New York City: 212-455-9800.

National Park Service has an extensive list of resources, a section on "Caring For Your Historic Building," technical briefs on preservation work and other publications. Visit <http://www.nps.gov/history/hps/tps/publications.htm> for technical briefs on many topics. **Secretary of Interior's Standards** are the generally accepted practices for preservation work and the required methods for publicly-funded projects. See <http://www.nps.gov/history/hps/tps/standguide/>.

National Trust for Historic Preservation

The Trust publishes a number of books on preservation, fundraising, etc., and their website has technical information and some “toolkits” on a number of issues including: Chain Drugstores, Heritage Tourism, Historic Houses of Worship (including adaptive use of religious properties), Historic Schools, Housing, Transportation and Main Street. See www.nthp.org; www.preservationbooks.org; or contact 202-588-6296. The Northeast Regional office publishes a monthly newsletter available on the Trust website.

NYS Office of Parks Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP)

Field Services Bureau administers programs to nominate properties to the State and National Registers of Historic Places, assists agencies in complying with state and federal preservation law, and helps communities protect historic resources through local planning and development activities. OPRHP administers grant programs (described above) and oversees federal tax credit projects. For National Register information, contact Mark Peckham, 518-237-8643, x3258; see www.nysparks.state.ny.us/grants for grants and technical services or contact Austin O’Brien, 518-237-8643, x3279; NYS OPRHP, Field Services Bureau, Peebles Island, Box 189, Waterford, NY 12188; or visit www.nysparks.state.ny.us/shpo.

NYS Department of State (DOS)

Opportunities Waiting to Happen is a guide to the adaptive use of vacant buildings and rehabilitation in general with information on planning, site assessment, market research and implementation. An online version is available at www.nyswaterfronts.com; see the guidebooks section under “Improving Your Community.” Print copies may be available from the Division of Coastal Resources at 518-474-6000.

The New York Planning Federation

The NYPF provides training, advice, research and direct assistance on planning, zoning, land use and development issues and holds an annual conference. Contact Robert W. Elliott, Executive Director, or Lael Locke, 279 River Street, Suite 302, Troy, NY 12180; (518) 270-9855; (518) 270-9857 (fax); nypf@mybizz.net; www.nypf.org.

NYS Rural Housing Coalition assists nonprofit, community-based, organizational development; affordable housing development, financing and management; housing resource development and educational programming. Program and funding information is available on the website: www.ruralhousing.org. Contact Blair Sebastian, Executive Director, NYS Rural Housing Coalition, Inc., 879 Madison Avenue, 2nd Fl., Albany, NY 12208; 518-458-8696; 518-458-8896 (fax); blair@ruralhousing.org.

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Legal Services Program provides assistance on issues of local, state, and federal laws relating to local preservation ordinances, local landmark commission training and litigation. Contact Daniel Mackay at 518-462-5658, x18; dmackay@preservenys.org.

INTERNSHIPS/VOLUNTEERS

Preservation Volunteers, Inc., is a non-profit organization connecting American and French volunteers, preservation craft trade professionals, community and heritage structures in local-based preservation projects for historic monuments, buildings and sites. A typical project lasts two weeks, occurs in late summer, and consists of a mix of American and French volunteers. Contact: Preservation Center, 232 East 11th Street, New York, NY 10003; dexter@vandenbergnyc.com; www.preservationvolunteers.org;

Columbia University Contact Janet Foster, Assistant Director, Historic Preservation Program, Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation, 400 Avery Hall, Columbia Univ., New York, NY 10027, 212-854-3080; www.learn.columbia.edu/hp/; arch-preservation@columbia.edu;

Cornell University Historic preservation, landscape architecture, graphic design and planning students are available among others. E-mail job and internship listings to aapcareer@cornell.edu. For instructions on posting information and recruiting, call 800-999-8725 or visit: www.aapcareer.cornell.edu/employers.html. Posting positions on CornellTRAK is also strongly encouraged: www.monstertrak.monster.com/employers/. Contact M. Susan Lewis, Director, College of Architecture, Art & Planning (AAP) Career Services, B1 West Sibley, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY 14853 607.255.7696, 607.254.2848 (fax), aapcareer@cornell.edu

University of Vermont Contact Thomas Visser, Director, Historic Preservation Program, Department of History, Wheeler House, 133 Prospect Street, University of Vermont, Burlington, VT 05405, 802-656-3180 or 802-656-0577; or e-mail histpres@uvm.edu. Visit www.uvm.edu/histpres/ for more information.