

FUNDING DIRECTORY FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROJECTS IN VERMONT

Vermont Division for Historic Preservation

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Many funding sources require that an applicant provide money or in-kind time or services to match a grant. Check with the source for specific information on matching requirements.

1. Battlefield Preservation Fund

Battlefield Preservation Fund grants serve as a catalyst to stimulate efforts to preserve battlefields, view sheds, and related historic structures and to leverage fund-raising activities. Typical uses of grants from the fund include legal and research fees to mitigate development threats, fund-raising and media plans, feasibility studies for endangered buildings and sites, archeological studies, landscape research and planning, view shed protection, easement planning, and interpretation and heritage education activities.

Range: Grants require a one-to-one cash match with a maximum award of \$10,000.

Eligibility: Battlefields associated with the Revolutionary War, the Civil War, the French and Indian Wars, and other battles fought in the United States are eligible for funding, but priority will be given to those that have limited access to other specialized battlefield funding programs.

Deadlines: Applications are accepted anytime during the fiscal year. Applicants should complete the National Trust Preservation Fund application and submit it to the National Trust Regional Office

Contact: Trevor Johnson, Program Assistant, Northeast Office, National Trust for Historic Preservation, Seven Faneuil Hall Marketplace, 4th Floor, Boston, MA 02109.

Phone: (617) 523-0885 x 44234 Fax: (617)523-1199. Email: Trevor.Johnson@nthp.org

Internet: www.PreservationNation.org

2. Certified Local Government Program

Grants are for resource identification and planning, National Register nominations, downtown planning, public education, archeological studies, building feasibility studies.

Range: \$500 - \$25,000.

Eligibility: Municipalities that are Certified Local Governments through the Division for Historic Preservation.

Deadlines: January

Contact: Diane McInerney, Vermont Division for Historic Preservation, National Life Building, 6th Floor, Montpelier, VT 05620-0501. Telephone: (802) 828-3540;

E-mail: diane.mcinerney@state.vt.us Internet: www.historicvermont.org

3. People's United Bank Socially Responsible Banking Program

Deposit program supports community development lending for downtown revitalization, housing, agriculture, energy, environment, non-profits and education.

Loans available for purchase of historic properties, rehabilitation, new construction, bridge loans (to cover costs while waiting for grant funding or waiting for pledges to be paid in on a capital campaign), or lines of credit for working capital.

Range: Depends on the project, owner equity, risk factors, etc.

Eligibility: Individual business owners, small businesses, non-profit organizations, municipalities, and lessees

Deadlines: None, loans are made throughout the year

Contacts: Arne Hammarlund, Community Service Manager, People's United Bank, P. O. Box 804, Brattleboro, VT 05302-0804, Telephone: 802-258-4090;

E-mail: Arne.Hammarlund@peoples.com

Gayle McKinnon-Alexander, Community Services, People's United Bank, P.O. Box 820, Burlington, VT 05402-0820 Telephone: 802-660-1595;

E-mail: Gayle.Mckinnon-alexander@peoples.com

Internet: <https://www.peoples.com>

4. Clean Water Act, Section 319

Funded from section 319 of the federal Clean Water Act, grants are awarded to eligible organizations for projects that are focused on the control, prevention or reduction of water pollution arising from nonpoint sources of pollution.

Range: Up to \$45,000

Deadlines: 2011 deadline is April 22nd. Check website below for announcements of this grant program as well as other water quality programs and deadlines.

Contact: Vermont Agency of Natural Resources, Department of Environmental Conservation, Building 10 North, 103 South Main Street, Waterbury, Vermont 05671-0408. Rick Hopkins: rick.hopkins@state.vt.us. Phone: (802)241-3769

5. Community Development Block Grant Program – Planning Grants

Federal grants for community development planning, downtown planning studies, project development planning for individual buildings. Projects must potentially benefit people with low to moderate incomes and/or eliminate “slums and blight.”

Range: \$3,000 minimum – \$30,000 or \$40,000 maximum

\$30,000 maximum for single municipality planning grants; \$40,000 maximum allowed for regional applications. A 25% match of cash or cash-in-kind goods or services is required for all Planning Grants.

Eligibility: Municipalities for eligible municipal projects and/or may apply on behalf of organizations and private owners for projects with community benefit.

Deadlines: Open application with funding decisions made throughout the year

Contact: Department of Economic, Housing & Community Development, One National Life Drive, Floor 6, Montpelier, VT 05620-0501

Phone: (802)828-5201. E-mail: josh.hanford@state.vt.us

Internet: www.dhca.state.vt.us/vcdp

6. Community Development Block Grant Program – Implementation Grants

Federal grants for projects that involve economic development, housing, public facilities, and public services that will have direct benefit for persons of low and moderate income, eliminate slums or blight, or address an urgent need. Projects supporting normal municipal functions are not eligible. Projects in municipal facilities are eligible if they meet the benefit requirement.

Range: \$50,000 minimum - \$300,000 or \$1,000,000 maximum

\$300,000 maximum for community public facility projects (i.e. community centers, senior centers, day care centers, etc) and public services projects.

Eligibility: Municipalities for eligible municipal projects and/or may apply on behalf of organizations and private owners for projects with community benefit.

Deadlines: Open application with funding decisions made throughout the year

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7. Community Development Block Grant Program – Accessibility Modification Grants

Federal grants for projects that bring existing municipal buildings that serve a municipal function and community non-school libraries into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Range: \$5,000 - \$50,000 or \$75,000

Eligibility: Municipalities for eligible municipal buildings only

Deadlines: Open application with funding decisions made throughout the year

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E-mail: josh.hanford@state.vt.us Internet: www.dhca.state.vt.us/vcdp

8. Community Facility Loans and Grants

Federal USDA Rural Development loans and grants to assist rural communities develop or improve essential community facilities, including theaters, community centers, museums, libraries, adult and childcare centers, and municipal buildings. Funds may be used for acquisition, construction or improvements to buildings and equipment.

Range: Grants up to \$50,000 or 75% of the project cost, whichever is less. Grant applicants must show financial need. A larger than 25 percent match for grants may be required based on the applicant's service area population and income level (see list on website). Loans have no \$ limit and 100% financing can be provided. Interest rates are long term and fixed rates based on municipal bond rates.

Eligibility: Non-profit corporations and public bodies serving communities of less than 20,000 population (see list on website).

Deadlines: Ongoing, but contact appropriate Rural Development office early in project development.

Contact: USDA Rural Development at www.rurdev.usda.gov/vt for program information, eligible communities, and list of staff serving your county.

9. Conservation Assessment Program (CAP)

The Conservation Assessment Program provides a general conservation assessment of a museum's collections, environmental conditions and sites, including historic buildings. Conservation priorities are identified by professional conservators who spend two days on-site and three days writing a report. CAP is supported through a cooperative agreement with the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

Range: Program supports professional fees for a conservator (and preservation architect, if applicable) and travel costs up to museum's allocated amount. Allocation range is from \$3,590 to \$7,190.

Eligibility: Non-profit or public museums open at least 90 days/year with at least 1 full-time paid or volunteer staff person or equivalent.

Deadline: The 2012 applications will be mailed September 2, 2011. The postmark deadline is December 1, 2011.

Contact: Heritage Preservation, 1012 14th St. NW, Suite 1200, Washington, DC 20005.
Telephone 202-233-0800. E-mail cap@heritagepreservation.org
Internet: <http://www.heritagepreservation.org/CAP/index.html>

10. Cultural Facilities Grants

Operated in partnership with the Vermont Arts Council, the Vermont Division for Historic Preservation, the Vermont Historical Society and the Vermont Museum and Gallery Alliance, this program offers state grants to improve facilities used for providing cultural events and activities for the public, includes wiring, heating, lighting, stage work, bathrooms and accessibility improvements. Structural work and routine maintenance are not usually funded. Grantseekers' workshops offered.

Range: \$750 - \$20,000.

Eligibility: Municipalities and non-profit organizations.

Deadlines: Early fall

Contact: Stacy Raphael, Arts Learning, American Masterpieces and Community Arts

E-mail: sraphel@vermontartscouncil.org Phone: 802-828-3778

11. Cultural Facilities Grant Program

The cultural facilities grant program is administered by the Vermont Arts Council in conjunction with the Vermont Historical Society, and the Vermont Division for Historic Preservation. The purpose of the program is to enhance or expand the capacity of an existing building to provide cultural programming. The program awards grants on a competitive basis to nonprofit organizations and municipalities to make improvements to community facilities that provide cultural activities for the public.

Range: \$1,000 - \$20,000 and require a 1:1 match. The matching funds must be either cash, or 75% cash and 25% in-kind.

Deadline: early October 2011 (check website for deadline and notification dates)

Contact: Sonia Rae, Artist and Community Services Manager, Vermont Arts Council,
136 State Street, Montpelier, VT 05633-6001

Telephone: (802) 828-5425. Email: srae@vermontartscouncil.org

Website: www.vermontartscouncil.org

12. Cynthia Woods Mitchell Fund for Historic Interiors

The Cynthia Woods Mitchell Fund for Historic Interiors provides non-profit organizations and public agencies grants to assist in the preservation, restoration, and interpretation of historic interiors. Individuals and for-profit businesses may apply only if the project for which funding is requested involves a National Historic Landmark. Funds may be used for professional expertise, print and video communications materials, and education programs. Acquisition and construction/rehabilitation projects are ineligible.

Range: \$2,500 - \$10,000. Grants must be matched on a one-to-one basis.

Eligibility: Government agencies and non-profit organizations. For-profit businesses and individuals are eligible only if property is an NHL.

Deadlines: February 1

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Phone: (617) 523-0885 x 44234 Fax: (617)523-1199. Email: Trevor_Johnson@nthp.org or Rebecca_Williams@nthp.org Internet: www.PreservationNation.org

13. Disabled Access Tax Credit

Federal tax credit of 50% of eligible access expenditures (architectural adaptations, equipment purchase and services like sign language interpreters) that exceed \$250 but do not exceed \$10,000. IRS Form 8826.

Range: Up to \$5,000.

Eligibility: Small businesses with under \$1 million in revenues or 30 or fewer full-time employees. Note that the credit cannot be used for the costs of new construction. It can be used only for adaptations to existing facilities.

Deadlines: File at end of tax year

Contact: Internal Revenue Service. Internet: www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f8826.pdf

14. Hart Family Fund for Small Towns

Grant from the National Trust for Historic Preservation to assist small town preservation and revitalization initiatives around the country. Award may be used for community revitalization, feasibility studies for endangered buildings and sites, architectural planning, landscape research and planning, development of heritage education programs, and co-sponsorship of workshops or conferences.

Range: \$5,000 - \$10,000. Grants must be matched on a one-to-one basis.

Eligibility: Non-profit organizations, universities, and public agencies.

Deadlines: February 1st (Uses Preservation Fund application)

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15. Historic Bridge Adaptive Use Program

Program provides design and construction assistance in rehabilitating historic bridges at either a new site or at their existing location for non-vehicular use. Bridges rehabilitated to date under this program have been metal truss bridges. Bridges must be owned by and open to the public year-round. Typical adaptive use locations might include bike paths, snowmobile trails, parks, recreation trails, and scenic overlooks.

Range: Generally 80 - 90% of project costs.

Eligibility: Local and state governments, and non-profit organizations.

Deadline: Funding currently not available, check for future availability

Contact: Bob McCullough, Vermont Agency of Transportation, Program Development Division, National Life Building, Drawer 33, Montpelier, VT 05633-5001.

Telephone: (802) 656-9773. Internet: www.uvm.edu/~rmccullo or, <http://www.aot.state.vt.us/progdev/Sections/Structures/VermontHistoricBridgeProgram/HBP00vermonthistoricbridgeprogram.htm>

16. Johanna Favrot Fund

The Johanna Favrot Fund for Historic Preservation provides nonprofit organizations and public agencies grants ranging from \$2,500 to \$10,000 for projects that contribute to the preservation or the recapture of an authentic sense of place. Individuals and for-profit businesses may apply only if the project for which funding is requested involves a National Historic Landmark. Funds may be used for professional advice, conferences, workshops and education programs.

Range: \$2,500 - \$10,000

Eligibility: Government agencies and non-profit organizations. For-profit businesses and individuals are eligible only if property is an NHL.

Deadlines: February 1st

Contact: Trevor Johnson, Program Assistant or Rebecca Williams, Field Representative, or, Northeast Office, National Trust for Historic Preservation, Seven Faneuil Hall Marketplace, 4th Floor, Boston, MA 02109. Telephone: 617-523-0885.

Email: Trevor.Johnson@nthp.org or Rebecca.Williams@nthp.org

Internet: www.PreservationNation.org

17. Lake Champlain Basin Program

Federal grants to support local community involvement in the implementation of the comprehensive management plan, Opportunities for Action: An Evolving Plan for the Future of the Lake Champlain Basin

Range: Call for current availability.

Eligibility: Municipalities, non-profit organizations, schools, and informal citizen groups, businesses and organizations under the auspices of the former. Projects must be located within the Lake Champlain Basin to be eligible for funding.

Deadlines: Call for current availability

Contact: Lake Champlain Basin Program, 54 West Shore Road, Grand Isle, VT 05458.

Telephone: (802) 372-3213. Internet: <http://www.lcbp.org/grants.htm>

18. Municipal Planning Grant Program

Grants for municipal land use plans, zoning and subdivision bylaws, designated downtown and village planning, as described in an adopted town plan. Grants may also be used for special studies related to the plan or bylaws.

Range: \$1,500 - \$15,000. (Consortia applications from more than one municipality may apply for up to \$25,000.)

Eligibility: Municipalities with adopted plans confirmed by their regional planning commission. (Municipalities without confirmed town plans may also apply for funding for the writing of a town plan in order to gain RPC confirmation.)

Deadline: Applications are normally due September 30 each year. If funding is allocated in the FY11 state budget, applications will be due on September 30, 2010.

Contact: Wendy Tudor, Vermont Department of Economic, Housing and Community Development, One National Life Drive, Floor 6, Montpelier, VT 05620-0501. Telephone: (802) 828-3211; E-mail wendy.tudor@state.vt.us

Internet: www.dhca.state.vt.us/planning

19. National Trust Loan Fund

The National Trust Loan Fund (NTLF) has more than 35 years of experience in supporting preservation-based community development projects across the country. NTLF furthers the larger mission of the National Trust for Historic Preservation by providing technical and financial resources that promote adaptive reuse and reinvestment in older, underserved and historic communities. NTLF works primarily with not-for-profit organizations and developers in designated Main Street™ communities, organizations and developers to encourage the creative use of a community's existing assets.

Range: Technical assistance for historic real estate development and financing on a fee-for-service basis. Financing is available for demonstration initiatives, and tax credit bridge loans.

Deadlines: None

Contact: National Trust Loan Fund. National Trust for Historic Preservation, 1785

Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20036. Phone: (202) 588-6360
Fax: (202) 588-6475. E-mail: NationalTrust_LoanFund@nthp.org
Internet address: www.PreservationNation.org/loan-fund

20. National Trust Small Deals Fund

Offered by the National Trust Community Investment Corporation (NTCIC), a for-profit subsidiary of the National Trust for Historic Preservation in partnership with Tax Credit Capital LLC of New Orleans, the Small Deals Fund (SDF) invests in smaller scale historic tax credit projects – those earning as little as \$500,000 in federal tax credits.

It is capitalized by Chevron Texaco.

Range: Project minimum of \$2.5 million in qualified rehabilitation expenses (“QRE”s).

Eligibility: Rehabilitation Investment Tax Credit (RITC) projects including hotels, offices, restaurants, entertainment facilities, retail, rental, residential and mixed-use properties.

Deadlines: open

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Telephone: 617-523-0885. Email: Rebecca.Williams@nthp.org Or

National Trust Community Investment Corp., 1785 Massachusetts Ave., NW, Washington, D.C. 20036. Telephone: 202-588-6279.

E-mail: ntcic_mail@ntcicfunds.com Internet: www.nationaltrust.org/ntcicfunds

21. National Trust Community Investment Corporation

The National Trust Community Investment Corporation, the for-profit subsidiary of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, makes equity investments in the rehabilitation of historic properties eligible for the 20 percent federal historic rehabilitation tax credit, and where available, state historic tax credits and the New Markets Tax Credit (NMTC). NTCIC invests in projects that have at least \$6.0 million in total development costs and that generate at least \$1.5 million in historic tax credit equity. Smaller deals will be referred to the Small Deal Fund for equity investment consideration.

Range: According to available equity

Eligibility: Tax-exempt non-profit organizations and public-sector developers may be eligible for an NTCIC equity investment by creating a limited liability partnership. NTCIC has a special interest in those projects with a high community benefit.

Deadline: None

Contact: For more information, see <http://www.ntcicfunds.com/> or contact the NTCIC at (202) 588-6001 or ntcic_mail@ntcicfunds.com.

22. National Trust Preservation Fund

The [National Trust Preservation Fund](#) includes funds that provide two types of assistance to non-profit organizations and public agencies: 1) matching grants from \$500 to \$5,000 for preservation planning and educational efforts, and 2) intervention funds for preservation emergencies. Matching grant funds may be used to obtain professional expertise in areas such as architecture, archeology, engineering, preservation planning, land-use planning, fund raising, organizational development and law as well as to provide preservation education activities to educate the public.

Range: \$500 - \$5,000 (average \$500 - \$1,500)

Eligibility: Non-profit organizations, universities, and public agencies.

Deadlines: October 1, June 1, February 1

Contact: Trevor Johnson, Program Assistant or Rebecca Williams, Field

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23. Preservation and Access Education and Training

These grants support education and training programs on the preservation and management, as well as creation of intellectual access to, library, archival and material culture collections. Educational programs that meet national or regional needs may focus on disaster preparedness and response; collections care training; graduate programs in preservation and conservation; skills and knowledge required to provide or enhance intellectual access to humanities collections; and preservation field services that serve a multi-state region and provide surveys, consultations, workshops, reference services, and informational materials to the staff of institutions responsible for the care of humanities collections.

Deadline: June 30, 2011 for projects beginning January 2012.

Application guidelines are available on the NEH web site:

<http://www.neh.gov/grants/grantsbydivision.html>. All applications to the NEH must be submitted electronically through **Grants.gov**, the government-wide grants portal.

Contact: Division of Preservation and Access, National Endowment for the Humanities.

Phone: 202-606-8570. E-mail: preservation@neh.gov

24. Preservation Access: Humanities Collections and References Resources Grants

This grant program addresses the possibilities presented by advances in digital technology to ensure that significant collections are preserved and available for research, education, or public programming in the humanities. Applications may be submitted for the following activities: digitizing collections, arranging and describing archival and manuscript collections, cataloging collections of printed works, photographs, recorded sound, moving image, art, and material culture, preservation reformatting, deacidification of collections, and preserving and improving access to humanities resources in “born digital” form.

Applicants may combine preservation and access activities within a single project or concentrate either on preserving or providing intellectual access to collections and humanities content. Projects to digitize collections may focus on the holdings of a single repository or multiple repositories. All digitization projects should be designed to facilitate sharing and exchange of humanities information.

Range: Awards range from \$100,000 to a maximum of \$350,000 for a two-year period.

Eligibility: Any U.S. non-profit organization is eligible, as are state and local governmental agencies and tribal governments. Grants are not awarded to individuals.

Deadline: July 20, 2011 for projects beginning in April 2012

Contacts: NEH's Division of Preservation and Access at 202-606-8570 and/or

http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/Collections_and_Resources.html

25. Preservation Assistance Grants for Smaller Institutions

Grants are available to small and mid-size institutions to enhance their capacity to care for their humanities collections. Grants can be used for preservation assessments, consultations with preservation professionals to address a specific preservation problem or to create a disaster response plan, attendance at preservation workshops, and the purchase of basic storage supplies or equipment.

Range: Grants up to \$6,000

Deadline: May 3, 2011 for projects beginning January 2012.

Application guidelines are available on the NEH web site:

<http://www.neh.gov/grants/grantsbydivision.html>. All applications to the NEH must be submitted electronically through **Grants.gov**, the government-wide grants portal.

Contact: Division of Preservation and Access, National Endowment for the Humanities.

Phone: 202-606-8570. E-mail: preservation@neh.gov

26. Preservation Trust of Vermont – Robert Sincerbeaux Fund Grants

Matching grants up to \$500 are available to municipalities and community organizations for hiring consultants to provide technical assistance for preservation projects. Eligible activities may include hiring a preservation architect or contractor to do building condition assessments, organizational development, project planning, fundraising consultation, feasibility assessments, and other project development activities. The grants are offered through the Field Services Program, a partnership of the Preservation Trust of Vermont (PTV) and National Trust for Historic Preservation (NTHP).

Range: \$250 for a building assessment, up to \$500 for other activities.

Eligibility: Local organizations and municipalities.

Deadlines: Rolling

Contact: Ann Cousins, Telephone (802) 343-8180. Email: ann@ptvermont.org; Eric Gilbertson, Telephone: (802) 272-8543. E-mail: eric@ptvermont.org; or, Paul Bruhn, Telephone: (802) 343-0595. E-mail : paul@ptvermont.org . Internet: www.ptvermont.org

27. Preservation Trust of Vermont - Preservation Grants

A partnership of the Preservation Trust of Vermont and the Freeman Foundation, Preservation Grants are available to non-profit organizations and municipalities for rehabilitating historic buildings in the Northeast Kingdom. These grants have helped Local groups save and use a variety of special places; a list of recipients is available on the Preservation Trust website. Eligible projects must have strong community support, as demonstrated by volunteer and fundraising efforts.

Range: \$5,000 - \$50,000. Average \$15,000 - \$30,000.

Eligibility: Communities and non-profit organizations.

Deadlines: Ongoing

Contact: Paul Bruhn, Preservation Trust of Vermont, 104 Church Street, Burlington, VT 05401. Telephone: (802) 658-6647. Email paul@ptvermont.org; or Ann Cousins, Telephone (802) 343-8180. Email: ann@ptvermont.org; or, Eric Gilbertson, Telephone: (802) 272-8543. Email: eric@ptvermont.org Internet: www.ptvermont.org

28. Preservation Trust of Vermont - Barn Grants

The Preservation Trust of Vermont has a grants program to help with condition assessments for historic barns. The planning grants are available to offset the cost of a qualified contractor to evaluate the condition of an historic barn and make recommendations for its care. The consultant will prepare a report that prioritizes repairs and gives rough cost estimates.

Range: The condition assessments cost \$500, of which a grant from the Preservation Trust pays half.

Eligibility: Owners of historic barns.

Deadline: Ongoing

Contact: Eric Gilbertson, Telephone: (802) 272-8543. Email: eric@ptvermont.org

Preservation Trust of Vermont – Other Grants

The Preservation Trust of Vermont has offered occasional grants through the generosity of funding partners. Please visit their website for a current listing of available grants opportunities. Internet: www.ptvermont.org

29. Rehabilitation Investment Tax Credit.

Federal investment tax credit for 20% of the rehabilitation costs (including labor, materials and architects or other consultant fees) for income-producing buildings listed or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. The tax credit may apply to properties such as a retail store, office building, apartment building or vacation rental. Private homes, which do not generate income, are not eligible for the credit.

Range: 20% of eligible expenditures

Eligibility: Owners or long-term lessees of income-producing historic buildings.

Deadline: File application before construction. File for approved credit at end of tax year.

Contact: Chris Cochran, Vermont Department of Economic, Housing and Community Development, One National Life Drive, Floor 6, Montpelier, VT 05620-0501. Telephone: (802) 828-3047; E-mail: chris.cochran@state.vt.us Internet: www.historicvermont.org

30. Regional Block Grant Program

State funds distributed to Regional Development Corporations (RDC's), Regional Planning Commissions (RPC's), and regional marketing programs (RMP's) in grants for planning, economic development and regional tourism promotion. Eligible activities include heritage tourism promotion projects.

Range: Varies.

Eligibility: RDC's, RPC's and RMP's

Deadline: Annual regional work plans are developed in the spring, approved by the state in June.

Contact: Local RMP for regional tourism projects, RPC for planning projects, and RDC for economic development projects.

31. Rural Business Enterprise Grants

Federal grants to support the development of small and emerging businesses statewide in Vermont. Funds are used for the financing or development of a small and emerging business. Eligible uses are: Technical assistance (providing assistance for marketing studies, feasibility studies, business plans, training, etc.) to small and emerging businesses; purchasing machinery and equipment to lease to a small and emerging business; creating a revolving loan fund (providing partial funding as a loan to a small and emerging business for the purchase of equipment, working capital, or real estate); or constructing a building for a business incubator for small and emerging businesses.

Range: Typically under \$100,000; Up to \$200,000 in Northeast Kingdom.

Eligibility: Public bodies and private non-profits. Grants do not go directly to businesses.

Deadlines: Usually March 1.

Contact: Sherry Paige, Business & Cooperative Programs Specialist & Special Emphasis Program Manager for VT & NH Rural Development, Division Business Programs, City Center, 3rd Floor, 89 Main Street, Montpelier, VT 05602. Telephone: (802) 828-6034. E-mail: sherry.paige@vt.usda.gov Internet: www.rurdev.usda.gov/vt/

32. Save Our History

Grants inspire youth in your community to become the preservationists of tomorrow. Museums, historic sites, historical societies, preservation organizations, libraries, and archives are invited to partner with a local school or youth group and apply for funding to help preserve the history of their communities. Each year, HISTORY awards \$250,000 in grants to organizations that partner with schools or youth groups on community preservation projects that engage students in learning about, documenting and preserving the history of their communities.

Range: Up to \$10,000.

Eligibility: History organizations with 501(c)(3) designation, including museums, historical societies, preservation organizations, archives, and libraries, and local government agencies. Applicants must partner with a local school or organization that offers educational programming for children.

Deadline: The 2012/2013 Grant Cycle will kick off in January 2011, when the grant application is posted online at www.saveourhistory.com. Applications will be due in June of 2011. In the interim, questions about the program can be directed to: info@saveourhistory.com.

33. Scenic Byways

Scenic byways are designated at the federal or state level based on the intrinsic resources (e.g., historic, archeological, natural, cultural, scenic or recreational) that lie along the byway. A map of byways in Vermont is available at <http://www.vermont-byways.us/>. Designation can qualify byways for federal transportation funds to assist with improvements related to tourism, preservation, or resource conservation. The federal funds can be used for traveler facilities, interpretive centers, rest areas, recreation area investments, protecting cultural and historic resources along the road and providing tourist information.

Range: See website for details.

Eligibility: State and local governments and non-profits (other than institutions of higher learning) in partnership with state departments of transportation.

Deadlines: 2011 deadline was April 16. Check website for next deadline.

Contact: John LaBarge, Program Manager for Vermont Byways, Vermont Agency of Transportation, Telephone: 802-828-3508. E-mail john.labarge@state.vt.us.

For the Vermont Byways Program, www.vermont-byways.us/ For federal grant information and applications www.bywaysonline.org/grants

34. 1772 Foundation

The 1772 Foundation provides grants for revolving or endangered properties funds, African American historic sites, targeted agricultural programs, and inner-city New Jersey preservation projects.

Most successful applicants show a full match for their request, have solid visitor numbers, and show a positive impact on their community.

Range: \$15,000 to \$50,000.

Eligibility: Non-profit organizations. The Foundation does not fund schools, religious institutions, or publicly-owned properties, unless there is an active friends group.

Applicants are by invitation only.

Contact: Questions can be sent to Mary Anthony at maryanthony@1772foundation.org

35. Society for Industrial Archeology

The Society for Industrial Archeology offers grants for the study, documentation, recordation, and/or preservation of significant historic industrial sites, structures, and objects. Contributions of in-kind services, as well as cash resources from the sponsoring and co-sponsoring agencies may qualify for matching purposes. Funds may be used for a range of projects including, but not limited to: increasing public awareness of preservation efforts, photography, videography, preparing inventories and developing measured drawings of extant significant industrial sites, structures, maritime facilities and industrial artifacts. Grant recipients must agree to prepare a written summary of their project suitable for publication in either the SIA Newsletter and/or for *Industrial Archeology*, the Society's scholarly journal.

Range: \$1,000 - \$3,000

Eligibility: Qualified individuals, independent scholars, non-profit organizations and academic institutions. Participation from state, county or local history organizations is encouraged, although such groups do not necessarily need to be a sponsoring agency.

Deadlines: March 31st to be considered for that year. Mail Grant application directly to SIA Headquarters.

Contact: Society for Industrial Archeology, Department of Social Sciences, Michigan Technological University, 1400 Townsend Dr., Houghton, MI 49931. SIA e-mail; sia@mtu.edu

36. Sustaining Cultural Heritage Collections

This grant program focuses on preserving humanities collections. Grants support planning and implementing preventive conservation measures, which typically include managing relative humidity and temperature levels in collection spaces, providing protective storage enclosures and systems for collections, and safe guarding collections from theft and fire. This program encourages sustainable preservation strategies, which are based on an understanding of the materials in collections, the performance of the building systems, the nature of the climate, the economic cost, and the impact on the environment.

Deadline: December 1, 2010 for projects beginning September 2011

Application guidelines are available on the NEH web site:

<http://www.neh.gov/grants/grantsbydivision.html>. All applications to the NEH must be submitted electronically through **Grants.gov**, the government-wide grants portal.

Contact: Division of Preservation and Access, National Endowment for the Humanities.

Phone: 202-606-8570. E-mail: preservation@neh.gov

37. Tax Deduction to Remove Architectural and Transportation Barriers to People with Disabilities and Elderly Individuals

Federal tax deduction for expenditures that improve accessibility for a facility owned by the taxpayer for use in his or her business. Can be combined with Disabled Access Tax Credit, see **13** above.

Range: Up to \$15,000.

Eligibility: Business owners (including active ownership of apartment buildings)

Deadlines: File at end of tax year.

Contact: Internal Revenue Service. Internet: www.usdoj.gov/crt/ada/taxpack.htm

38. Transportation Enhancements Program

Federal reimbursement grants for projects that enhance multi-modal transportation goals in the areas of historic preservation, bike and pedestrian paths, scenic protection, archeological planning, mitigation of highway water runoff, tourist and welcome centers, and transportation

museums. Preservation projects must have a direct, evident and strong relationship to the surface transportation system. Proximity to a road alone is not sufficient. Buildings listed in the National Register and/or located within a state scenic byway or along an alternate designated scenic or historic route are most competitive. Range: \$10,000 to approximately \$300,000; 80:20 match required.

Eligibility: Local, state and federal governments and non-profit organizations.

Deadlines: Pending approval of the program schedule, applications for 2012 will go out in mid-June and will be due in mid-August 2011. In order to qualify, applicants must also send a letter of intent to apply and attend a mandatory training session in June (dates to be determined) to learn the details of the grant program. A complete schedule will be posted on the website below when it is finalized.

Contact: Kevin Russell, Enhancement Program Coordinator, Local Transportation Facilities, Agency of Transportation, National Life Building, Drawer 33, Montpelier, VT 05633-5001.

Telephone: (802) 828-0583. E-mail: Kevin.russell@state.vt.us

<http://www.aot.state.vt.us/progdev/Sections/LTF/Enhancements%20Program/EnhancementsHomePage.htm>

39. Upper Connecticut River Mitigation and Enhancement Fund

Grants for river restoration work, wetland protection and restoration, and shoreline protection in the Connecticut River watershed upstream of the confluence of the White River.

Range: Express Grants up to \$5,000 and Community Impact Grants of more than \$5,000.

Eligibility: Non-profit organizations, community organizations, educational institutions, and federal, state and local government agencies.

Deadlines: November 30

Concept papers for grants greater than \$25,000 due by September 30.

Contact: Kevin Peterson, Upper Connecticut River Mitigation and Enhancement Fund, New Hampshire Charitable Foundation--Upper Valley Region, 16 Buck Rd., Hanover, NH 03755

Telephone: (603) 653-0387 ext 1270. E-mail: kp@nhcf.org

Internet: <http://www.nhcf.org/uppervalley>

40. Vermont Arts Council - Arts Learning Grants

Arts Learning Grants provide funding to develop, plan, and implement arts education programming for in-school and/or out-of-school activities that support extended learning in and through the arts. The Council encourages the development of collaborations among education institutions and arts organizations and artists to enhance student learning and seeks to support projects or programs that immerse participants in long-term, in-depth arts learning experiences.

If you have applied for or been awarded a Local Arts Partnership Grant or a Community Arts Grant for the previous grant year, you may not apply for or receive an Arts Learning Grant.

Grants require a 1:1 non-federal cash match unless applicant organization is making a case for serving an underserved constituency.

Range: \$1,000 - \$5,000 and require a 1:1 match

Eligibility: Educational institutions and not-for-profit arts organizations

Deadline: June 1, 2011

Contact: Stacy Raphael, Community and Education Programs Manager, Vermont Arts Council, 136 State Street, Montpelier, VT 05633-6001.

Telephone (802) 828-3778. Email: sraphael@vermontartscouncil.org

Website: www.vermontartscouncil.org

41. Vermont Arts Council – Community Arts Grants

The purpose of the Community Arts Grants is to provide support for arts activities that engage communities and/or audiences in an arts experience. The Council is interested in funding projects and programs that bring together diverse groups of people and link them through shared, arts-based experiences. Grants require a 1:1 non-federal cash match unless the applicant organization is making a case for serving an underserved constituency.

Range: Grants range from \$1000- \$5000 for Arts Organizations; \$1000 - \$2,500 for organizations whose primary focus is not the arts.

Eligibility: Non-profit organizations.

Deadlines: June 1, 2011

Contact: Stacy Raphael, Community and Education Programs Manager, Vermont Arts Council, 136 State Street, Montpelier, VT 05633-6001. Telephone: (802) 828-3778.

Email: sraphael@vermontartscouncil.org Website: www.vermontartscouncil.org

42. Vermont Barn Preservation Grants

State 50:50 matching grants for the repair and restoration of historic buildings that are used by the public, e.g. town halls, churches, grange halls, museums, etc. and listed on or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. Details on website. Applications available in late July. There is one grant round per year.

Range: \$1,000 - \$15,000

Eligibility: Municipalities and non-profit organizations.

Deadline: Early October

Contact: Vermont Division for Historic Preservation, National Life North Building, One National Life Drive--6th Floor, Montpelier, VT 05620-0501. Telephone: (802) 828-3049.

E-mail: judith.ehrlich@state.vt.us Internet: www.historicvermont.org

43. Vermont Community Foundation

The Vermont Community Foundation administers a number of grant funds, some statewide and some available only to certain towns or regions. Some of the programs include historic preservation projects as eligible activities – i.e. **Community Fund Grant Rounds** and the **Walter Cerf Community Fund**. Grant range, eligibility requirements, and deadlines vary by program. Consult the full listing of the Foundation's grant programs at www.vermontcf.org.

The Vermont Community Foundation

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44. Vermont Downtown Program

Downtown Designation - Provides benefits for public improvements and rehabilitation of income-producing buildings (and some in non-profit ownership) in downtowns that have achieved designation as "downtown development districts." To qualify for designation, communities must meet certain requirements including having a local organization whose mission is long-term downtown revitalization. The Vermont Program is modeled after the National Trust for Historic Preservation's "Main Street™" 4 point approach to downtown revitalization and development. Among the financial benefits are: three different state income tax credit programs for rehabilitation and code improvements to older and historic

income-producing buildings, which can be exchanged to a bank for cash or as a loan payment; grants to municipalities up to \$75,000 for capital transportation projects; and the reallocation of sales tax on construction materials for approved downtown building projects. They also receive priority consideration for all state programs administering state or federal funding or other aid. Designated communities will also be eligible for technical assistance visits by the Vermont Downtown Program staff to assist in the development and sustainability of the community's comprehensive downtown revitalization program.

Village Center Designation - Municipalities with a confirmed planning process may request designation of the mixed use core area of their village as a "designated village center."

Income-producing buildings within the village center are eligible for the same three state income tax credit programs for rehabilitation and code improvements as the Designated Downtowns (see above). They also receive priority consideration for Municipal Planning Grants and Community Development Block Grants. Some technical assistance visits by the Vermont Downtown Program will be available to a Village Center on a case-by-case basis.

Contact: Vermont Department of Economic, Housing and Community Development, One National Life Drive, Floor 6, Montpelier, VT 05620-0501. Joss Besse, telephone: (802)828-5212, e-mail: joss.besse@state.vt.us, or Leanne Tingay, telephone (802) 828-3220, e-mail leanne.tingay@state.vt.us Internet: www.historicvermont.org

45. Vermont Downtown Transportation Fund

Grants are available to any municipality with a Designated Downtown District that may apply to the Downtown Development Board (Board) for financial assistance from this fund to finance eligible transportation-related capital improvements in support of economic development, within or serving the downtown district.

Range: This program will have approximately \$325,000 available for new grants in fiscal year 2010. The funds will be awarded for projects on a one-time basis, and no municipality can receive more than \$75,000 in any fiscal year. Awards may be made by the Board to any eligible municipality through: grants, not to exceed 50% of the overall project cost; loans; loan guarantees.

Eligibility: Must be publicly-owned, and may include, but are not limited to: construction or alteration of roads and highways, parking facilities, pedestrian and streetscape improvement, rail or bus facilities or equipment, underground relocation of electric utility, cable and telecommunications lines. Operating costs are not eligible under this fund.

Deadlines: Rolling quarterly

Contact: Leanne Tingay, E-mail: Leanne.tingay@state.vt.us or Joss Besse, E-mail: joss.besse@state.vt.us Vermont Downtown Program, Department of Economic, Housing and Community Development, National Life Building, Drawer 20, Montpelier, VT 05620-0501 Phone: (802) 828-3220.

46. Vermont Housing and Conservation Board

Grants and loans for the conservation of agricultural and recreational land, natural areas, historic resources, archeological sites, and for the development of housing for low and moderate-income households. Conservation/historic preservation projects may involve fee simple acquisition, purchase of conservation easements and rehabilitation. Historic buildings must be of outstanding local or regional significance, on/eligible for the National Register of Historic Places, owned by a municipality or eligible non-profit, and be regularly used by the public. Range: Resources considered "Local Conservation" are eligible for up to \$150,000 - historic/archeological resources, natural areas, or recreational lands, and up to \$215,000 for agricultural land conservation; Statewide non-farm projects not limited by policy, but historic

properties are not typically funded above \$100,000. Consult with staff on requested amount. Statewide Agricultural Conservation up to \$500,000 per application/ \$3,500 per acre and involve a pre-application approval process. VHCB also offers business planning and technical assistance services to Vermont farmers through the Vermont Farm Viability Enhancement Program. VHCB projects in the early stages of development are eligible for Feasibility Grants of up to \$10,000 to cover the costs of appraisals, options, engineering and environmental studies, or other predevelopment costs. Feasibility grants are considered on an ongoing basis by VHCB staff. Eligibility: Municipalities, non-profit organizations, and certain state agencies.

Deadlines: Multiple cycles per year.

Contact: Karen Freeman, Director of Conservation Partnerships and Training, Vermont Housing and Conservation Board, 48 East Street, Montpelier, VT 05602. Telephone: (802) 828-5067; E-mail: kfreeman@vhcb.org; Website: www.vhcb.org

47. Vermont Old Cemetery Association (VOCA) Grants

Grants are for restoration of abandoned or neglected cemeteries. Projects that include local volunteers are highly encouraged and if only volunteer labor is used, no match is required. VOCA may also provide technical assistance on restoration projects.

Range: Up to \$500, occasionally more.

Eligibility: Individuals and groups interested in cemetery preservation.

Deadlines: Ongoing

Contact: Request application from Thomas Giffin, VOCA President, 61 East Washington Street, Rutland, VT 05701. Telephone: (802) 773-3253. E-mail: tgifvt@msn.com

Internet: <http://www.sover.net/~hwdbry/voca/>

48. Vermont Recreation Trails Program

The Recreation Trails Program (RTP) is administered by the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks & Recreation (FPR) in cooperation with the Vermont Agency of Transportation (AOT) and the Federal Highway Administration. The RTP is a federal assistance program. Funds are available to municipalities and non-profit organizations through the RTP to help develop and maintain recreational trails, trailside amenities, & trailhead facilities for both non-motorized and motorized recreational trail uses. Requires 20% match.

Range: Varies

Eligibility: Municipalities and non-profit organizations

Deadlines: Annually, January 15.

Contact: Sherry Smecker Winnie, Recreation Trails Program Administrator.

Telephone: 802-241-3690 E-mail: sherry.winnie@state.vt.us

49. Vermont State Historic Preservation Grants

State 50:50 matching grants for the repair and restoration of historic agricultural buildings that are listed on or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. Details on website www.historicvermont.org. Applications are available in late July. There is one grant round per year.

Range: \$1,000 - \$10,000.

Eligibility: Private individuals, municipalities and non-profit organizations.

Deadline: Early November

Contact: Vermont Division for Historic Preservation, National Life North Building, One National Life Drive--6th Floor, Montpelier, VT 05620-0501. Telephone: (802) 828-3049.

E-mail: judith.ehrlich@state.vt.us

50. Vermont Watershed Grants

Funded from proceeds from the sale of Vermont Conservation License Plates, these grants are awarded by the Agency of Natural Resources to projects that are watershed related and can include monitoring, education, conservation, recreation, and/or the identification and protection of historic and cultural resources.

Range: Watershed Grants – up to \$15,000

Eligibility: Municipalities, local or regional governmental agencies, non-profit organizations, and citizen groups

Deadlines: 2011 program year deadline was December 3, 2010. Check website below this fall for announcements of 2012 program and deadline.

Contact: Vermont Agency of Natural Resources, Department of Environmental Conservation, Building 10 North, 103 South Main Street, Waterbury, Vermont 05671-0408.

Rick Hopkins, Telephone: (802) 241-3769. Email: rick.hopkins@state.vt.us Or, Rod Wentworth, Department of Fish and Wildlife, Telephone: (802) 241-3709.

E-mail: rod.wentworth@state.vt.us

Internet: http://www.vtfishandwildlife.com/support_watershed.cfm or <http://www.vtwaterquality.org/lakes/htm/lpwatershedgrants.htm>

Bibliography of Funding Directories for Further Reference

Websites

Vermont Directory of Foundations On-line at Vermont Community Foundation website www.vermontcf.org . Lists foundations located in Vermont and foundations that regularly give to projects in Vermont, including foundations that give to historic preservation projects, usually in a very limited local geographic area.

Sources of Financial Assistance for Historic Preservation Projects, Website of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, www.achp.gov/funding.html

National Trust for Historic Preservation, <http://www.nationaltrust.org/funding/>

www.Grants.gov The federal government's website for information on all federal agency grant opportunities, including on-line applications. Search by program or keywords.

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