

Grant Funding Resources List

The following is a list of Federal/National, State, and Local/Regional groups with grant programs that could help with promoting historic preservation in your community. This list is not meant to be comprehensive.

Federal

National Park Service

www.nps.gov

American Battlefield Protection Grants

The National Park Service's American Battlefield Protection Program (ABPP) provides grants for projects that lead directly to identification, preservation, and interpretation of battlefield land and/or associated sites. Eligible applicants include federal, tribal, state, and local governments; educational institutions; and private-sector organizations.

National Center for Preservation Technology and Training

The Preservation Technology and Training Grants offered by the NCPTT support work in archeology, historic architecture, historic landscape, objects and materials conservation, and interpretation. Grant money is available for the following project types: information management, training and education, research and environmental effects. Eligible applicants include federal and non-federal laboratories, accredited museums, universities, nonprofit organizations, units of the National Park Service, state historic preservation offices, and Native Hawaiian organizations.

***Preserve America Grants**

This program is a White House initiative developed in cooperation with the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, the Department of the Interior, and other federal agencies to assist communities fund self-sustaining ways to promote their cultural resources through heritage tourism. Applicants must be either a Certified Local Government or a Certified Preserve America community. Matching grants range from \$20,000 to \$150,000.

***Save America's Treasures Grants**

Grants are available for preservation and/or conservation work on nationally significant intellectual and cultural artifacts and nationally significant history structures and sites. Intellectual and cultural artifacts include artifacts, collections, documents, monuments and works of art. History structures and sites include historic districts, sites, buildings, structures and objects. Grants are awarded through a competitive process, and each grant requires a dollar-for-dollar non-Federal match.

National Trust for Historic Preservation

www.preservationnation.org

Johanna Favrot Fund for Historic Preservation

This program 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.

National Trust for Historic Preservation (con't)

Cynthia Woods Mitchell Fund for Historic Interiors

This program provides nonprofit organizations and public agencies grants ranging from \$2,500 to \$10,000 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.

National Trust Preservation Funds

This program provides two types of assistance to nonprofit 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.

National Endowment for the Humanities

www.neh.gov

“We the People” Challenge Grants

These are designed to help institutions and organizations secure long-term improvements in and support for humanities activities that explore significant themes and events in American history. Grants, which range from \$300,000 to \$1 million, may be used to support construction and renovation, purchase of equipment, acquisitions, and conservation of collections.

Interpreting American’s Historic Places Grants

This program provides funding for public programs that will implement historic place interpretation projects. Eligible projects may interpret a single historic site, a series of sites, entire neighborhoods, communities or towns, or larger geographical regions. Fundable activities include docent tours, publications, exhibition labeling or trail signs, films, and digital media.

National Endowment for the Arts

www.arts.gov

Heritage and Preservation Grants

Dedicated to the preservation of our cultural heritage, including festivals, exhibits, publications/anthologies, and other presentations that reflect and increase the public’s appreciation of our diverse cultural traditions; apprenticeships and other forms of instruction that pass artistic repertoire, techniques, and traditions on to future generations; and the documentation, recording, or conservation of highly significant works or collections of art, artifacts or designed elements, or of cultural traditions or practices.

Challenge America Fast-Track Review Grants

These offer support to small and mid-sized organizations for projects that extend the reach of the arts to underserved populations. Eligible projects include those focusing on the development of cultural tourism and cultural districts and assisting local economic development and cultural publicity efforts.

Institute of Museum and Library Services

www.ims.gov

Conservation Assessment Program

The Conservation Assessment Program is funded by IMLS and administered by Heritage Preservation. The program provides eligible museums with a general conservation survey grant. Applications are funded on a first-come, first-served basis. The program supports a two-day site visit by a conservation professional to perform the assessment. For museums located in historic structures, the grant supports a two-day site visit by a preservation architect or an architectural conservator as well.

Museum Assessment Program

The Museum Assessment Program is funded by IMLS and administered by the American Association of Museums. It is designed to help museums assess their strengths and weaknesses and plan for the future. The program provides noncompetitive grants of technical assistance for three types of assessments: institutional, collection management and public dimension. The grants are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis after being approved by the Director of IMLS.

National Leadership Grants for Museums

Nonprofit museums and museum service organizations, including historic house museums, are eligible to apply for these grants that encourage innovation in providing public service and meeting community needs; widespread and creative use of new technologies; model collections; and extended impact of federal dollars through collaborative projects.

State

Mississippi Department of Archives and History

www.mdah.state.ms.us

Community Heritage Preservation Grant Program

The Community Heritage Preservation Grant Program helps preserve and restore historic courthouses and schools and, in Certified Local Government communities, other historic properties. All properties must be designated as Mississippi Landmarks prior to application. The Mississippi legislature authorizes and funds the Community Heritage Preservation Grant Program. Applications will be made available online. For more information contact Aileen de la Torre via email adelatorre@mdah.state.ms.us or at 601-576-6937

Certified Local Government Grant Program

Certified Local Government (CLG) communities are eligible for annual matching grants to undertake preservation projects of importance to the community. Grants may be used for such diverse projects as the restoration of historic buildings; historical, architectural, or archaeological site inventory work; preparation of nominations to the National Register of Historic Places; educational programs; and staff support for new historic preservation commissions. For more information, contact Vicki Myers via email vmyers@mdah.state.ms.us or at 601-576-6953.

Mississippi Arts Commission

www.arts.state.ms.us

Project Grants

Project Grants are utilized in funding a broad range of arts projects (and arts components of larger projects) in Mississippi communities. The awards range from \$250 to \$5,000 and require a dollar-for-dollar cash match. The annual application deadline is March 1.

Building Fund for the Arts

Building Fund for the Arts (BFA) is a special, state bond financed program that supports repair, renovation or expansion of arts facilities in communities throughout the state. Applicants must own or be in the process of purchasing the building for which funding is being sought. BFA funds can support up to 60% of a project's total cost.

Mississippi Humanities Council

www.mshumanities.org

Grant projects must be based on one or more of the areas of the humanities. Applications, which are available at www.mshumanities.org, should include an explanation of the humanities content and methods of the project and its goals. This explanation should give the Council a clear notion of the direction the project will take and the format for achieving the stated goals.

Minigrants

Requests of \$1,500 or less are considered minigrants. Minigrants must be submitted at least eight weeks in advance of the program date. Deadlines for submitting minigrant requests are January 15, April 15, July 15 and October 15.

Planning grants

MHC will consider requests of \$1,500 or less for humanities program planning. Use of MHC funds is usually limited to consultant honoraria and travel. The same proposal form is used for planning grants and minigrants. Planning grants must be submitted at least eight weeks in advance of the program date. Deadlines for submitting planning grant requests are January 15, April 15, July 15 and October 15.

Regular grants

Deadlines for submitting requests for more than \$1,500 and up to \$7,500 are April 15 and September 15 of each year. Regular grants must be submitted at least 12 weeks in advance of the program date.

Mississippi Development Authority

www.mississippi.org

CDBG Economic Development Program

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Economic Development Program is a grant program that is available to fund publicly owned infrastructure. Funding from this program can be used by municipalities and counties to assist with the location, expansion, or retention of businesses. Usage of the funds must be directly related to the construction, renovation, or expansion of industry. For more information contact the Community Services Division at 601-359-3179 or via email community@mississippi.org.

Local / Regional

CREATE Foundation (Tupelo/Northeast Mississippi)

www.createfoundation.com

CREATE Foundation is a non-profit, charitable corporation which serves as a community foundation to stimulate private giving for projects in the fields of education, community development, human development, and leadership development. CREATE's outreach is regional and includes the 16 counties in Northeast Mississippi

The Riley Foundation (Meridian Lauderdale County)

www.rileyfoundation.org

The Foundation is a non-profit organization incorporated under Mississippi law. The Foundation's purpose is to make grants to charitable and governmental organizations for charitable purposes and to provide financial resources and assistance for community-wide projects and programs in healthcare, education, and the betterment of cultural, environmental and economic conditions for the people of Meridian and Lauderdale County, Mississippi.

Research Sites

These websites can help you find other funding opportunities for your projects.

Grants.gov www.grants.gov

Grants.gov was initiated in 2002 by the President to improve public services. The website allows eligible grant recipients to register for the service and once register, apply on-line for grants from the over 20 grant-making agencies of the federal government.

The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation www.achp.gov

ACHP was established in 1966 with the creation of the National Historic Preservation Act. The ACHP works to promote the preservation, enhancement and productive use of the nation's historic resources by advising the President and Congress on preservation policies. Their website provides links to several grant and funding resources.

The Foundation Center <http://foundationcenter.org>

Founded in 1956, the Center is the nation's leading authority on institutional philanthropy and is dedicated to serving grant-seekers, grant-makers, researchers, policymakers, the media, and the general public. Some private foundations include historic preservation projects among the activities eligible for funding.

The Southeastern Council of Foundations www.secg.org

The Council is a membership association of grant-making foundations and programs that promotes excellence throughout the field of philanthropy and the creation of new philanthropic resources to benefit the region.

The Council on Foundations www.cog.org

The Council works to support foundations by promoting knowledge, growth and action in philanthropy. See what role foundations play in your community, how to start your own foundation and what the Council does to support foundation.