

Subject Specific Grant Guide

Grants to Support Historic Preservation Projects

This guide identifies funding opportunities released in the previous year. Please note that this guide may not capture all available funding opportunities. Additionally, some programs may have changed or may not be released due to shifting administrative priorities among funding agencies. The grants included here represent traditionally offered opportunities intended to serve as a reliable foundation for your funding research.

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Department: U.S. Department of the Interior
Agency: National Park Service (NPS)

FY 2025 American Battlefield Protection Program (ABPP) – Preservation Planning Grants (UPDATE)

Grant Overview

The purpose of this program is to support a variety of projects that contribute to the preservation and interpretation of historic battlefields and associated sites of armed conflict on American soil. Eligible applicants are state, county, city, township, or special district governments; public and state controlled institutions of higher education; Native American tribal governments and tribal organizations; nonprofits with or without a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education; private institutions of higher education; Alaska Native corporations; Native American tribal-controlled colleges and universities; and Native Hawaiian Community institutions and Native Hawaiian organizations.

Program History

	Total Funding	# of Awards
2021	$1.197 million	11

Key Information

Total Funding: $1.198 million
Award Range: $20,000 - $200,000
Match: Not required
Solicitation date: January 3, 2025
Proposal due: March 31, 2025

https://www.nps.gov/orgs/2287/preservation-planning-grants.htm

Awardee Profile

Town of Barrington, Rhode Island

AMOUNT: $113,875.64
YEAR: 2021

Barrington, Rhode Island received funding to preserve “A Place Called Nockum and the Inception of King Philip's War”.

Department: U.S. Department of the Interior
Agency: National Park Service (NPS)

FY 2025 American Battlefield Protection Program (ABPP) – Preservation Planning Grants (UPDATE)

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to support a variety of projects that contribute to the preservation and interpretation of historic battlefields and associated sites of armed conflict on American soil. For the purpose of this program, American soil is defined as the 50 states, District of Columbia, and U.S. territories; and armed conflicts are defined as periods of collective violence that are characterized by specific events and bounded in time, rather than broad cross-cutting themes throughout American history.

The program goals are:

- Engagement of a wide-ranging community of preservation partners
- Helping communities preserve, promote, and protect battlefields and associated sites
- Helping communities strive to keep battlefields and associated sites relevant
- Advancement of scholarship related to battlefields and associated sites on American soil

Historic places associated with armed conflicts may include battlefields or associated sites that fall under one of the following themes:

- Military - sites directly associated with military forces on land or sea
- Government, Law, Politics, and Diplomacy - sites associated with decision-making, policy creation, political process, and diplomatic relations during periods of armed conflict
- Intellectual History - sites associated with the publication or propagation of ideas and values that influenced the social, political, economic, and military actions and policies during periods of armed conflict
- Economics of War - sites associated with economic activities that contributed to battle, fighting, or war efforts
- Society - sites associated with home front, civilian conduct during periods of armed conflict
- Transportation - sites associated with moving people, goods, and information during periods of armed conflict

As the nation approaches the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence in 2026, the funding agency also encourages projects that promote and expand preservation as well as enhance our understanding of the origins of the United States. This includes applications that address the histories and legacies of those who experienced the armed conflicts that led to American independence and preserve associated historic sites as a living part of community life and development.

Examples of activities and costs that are eligible for funding include:

- Costs for meetings, consultations, consensus building, and the development of memoranda of understanding (MOUs) and other agreements related to preserving historic places associated with an armed conflict
- Artifact processing, conservation, or analysis for research or interpretation
- One-time curation fees for artifacts recovered as a direct result of award activities
- Purchase of display cases, storage furniture, or storage materials
- Internships/fellowships to develop or implement educational programs
- Production of print or digital educational materials and media, including curriculum development
- Purchase of materials, supplies, and equipment related to project activities
- Research, mapping, surveys, and studies
- Nominations, updates, and boundary expansions for national and state historic registers
- Oral history activities and supplies

Applicants are encouraged to consider forming inclusive preservation partnerships with landowners/organizations, as well as descendant communities, Native American tribes, state and/or tribal historic preservation offices, and other nonprofit organizations that may help guide, or want to actively participate in, the proposed project.

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are state, county, city, township, or special district governments; public and state controlled institutions of higher education; Native American tribal governments and tribal organizations; nonprofits with or without a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education; private institutions of higher education; Alaska Native corporations; Native American tribal-controlled colleges and universities; and Native Hawaiian Community institutions and Native Hawaiian organizations.

Eligible project proposals must contribute to the preservation of one or more historic places associated with an armed conflict on American soil. Historic places associated with armed conflicts may include battlefields or associated sites that fall under one of the following themes:

- Military - sites directly associated with military forces on land or sea.
- Government, Law, Politics, and Diplomacy - sites associated with decision-making, policy creation, political process, and diplomatic relations during periods of armed conflict.
- Intellectual History - sites associated with the publication or propagation of ideas and values that influenced the social, political, economic, and military actions and policies during periods of armed conflict
- Economics of War - sites associated with economic activities that contributed to battle, fighting, or war efforts
- Society - sites associated with home front, civilian conduct during periods of armed conflict
- Transportation - Sites associated with moving people, goods, and information during periods of armed conflict

Funding

In FY 2025, an estimated $1.198 million is expected to be available to support approximately 15 grant awards ranging from $20,000 to a maximum of $200,000. The anticipated project start date is September 30, 2025,

and the anticipated project end date is September 30, 2027. Applicants are encouraged to not schedule any award-funded work that may include ground disturbance until January 2026.

Matching and Cost Sharing

Non-Federal cost share is not a requirement of the Preservation Planning Grants program. Any voluntary cost share will not be used as a scoring factor for merit review. However, if an applicant chooses to voluntarily include cost share as part of their proposed project budget, those costs must be accurately identified on all relevant mandatory forms required.

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Department: U.S. Department of Interior
Agency: National Park Service (NPS)

FY 2025 American Battlefield Protection Program (ABPP): Battlefield Interpretation Grants

Grant Overview

This program supports projects that deploy technology to modernize and enhance battlefield interpretation and education at Revolutionary War, War of 1812, and Civil War battlefield sites. Eligible applicants include state, county, city, or township governments; Native American tribal governments and tribal organizations; institutions of higher education; and nonprofit organizations.

Program History

	Total Funding	# of Awards
2022	$500,000	6
2021	$874,048	11

Key Information

Total Funding: $1 million
Award Range: $20,000 - $200,000
Match: 50 percent
Solicitation date: August 27, 2025
Proposal due: November 25, 2025

https://www.nps.gov/orgs/2287/battlefield-interpretation-grants.htm

Awardee Profile

American Battlefield Trust

AMOUNT: $74,508
YEAR: 2023

With the support of a Battlefield Interpretation Grant from the American Battlefield Protection Program, the American Battlefield Trust will develop extensive digital interpretation for these three battlefields to support New York State's park system, and share new historical narratives relating to Native Americans, women, and the individual soldiers impacted by these historic events.

Department: U.S. Department of Interior
Agency: National Park Service (NPS)

FY 2025 American Battlefield Protection Program (ABPP): Battlefield Interpretation Grants

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to support projects that deploy technology to modernize and enhance battlefield interpretation and education at Revolutionary War, War of 1812, and Civil War battlefield sites. The program goals are to enhance visitor's experiences at America's battlefields and engage a growing community of preservation partners. Battlefield Interpretation Grants empower recipients to modernize and enhance battlefield education and interpretation - to inspire wonder, understanding and empathy at the places that witnessed some of our nation's most challenging events. This grant program encourages the use of technology to connect with visitors through videos, mobile apps, interpretive signs, augmented reality and more.

Two categories of grants are available under this program:

- Scoping grants: These are available to fund the early stages of project development, such as research and content creation, consultation with stakeholders, exploration of available technologies, audience research, and development of technical proposals. The federal share for these grants should range from $20,000-$50,000 and have a period of performance of 1-2 years.
- Implementation grants: These are available to applicants who have completed interdisciplinary scoping prior to the application and can provide draft content and design plans. The federal share for these grants should range from $50,000-$200,000 and have a period of performance of 2-3 years.

It is not necessary for an applicant to receive or complete a Scoping Grant prior to applying for an Implementation Grant, but their Implementation Grant application must show that the prerequisite steps of project development have been completed to be viable. On a case-by-case basis, the length of a project period of performance may differ from the above recommendations. Applicants are encouraged to prioritize projects in support of the celebration of America's 250th birthday (America250). This may include, but is not limited to, projects that recognize and honor the nation's founding, history, and cultural heritage.

Eligible activities must involve education about or interpretation of Revolutionary War, War of 1812, and Civil War battlefields and associated sites eligible for assistance under the battlefield acquisition grant program established under 54 U.S.C. §308103(b). These sites are listed in the Civil War Sites Advisory Commission Report on the Nation's Civil War Battlefields and the Report to Congress on the Historic Preservation of Revolutionary War and War of 1812 Sites in the United States, available online at: https://www.nps.gov/orgs/2287/resources.htm.

Eligible activities must enhance interpretation and education at eligible battlefields and associated sites using technology. Proposals should clearly explain the role of technology in the context of the specific project, which may include a mix of traditional and innovative media and methods. Activities may include content development, consultation with stakeholders and subject matter experts, audience research and evaluation, technical scoping and development, prototyping, fabrication and installation, production and implementation, and costs associated with Section 106 identification and evaluation requirements for eligible project activities.

Successful applicants typically provide straightforward answers to the Merit Review Criteria, backed by clear and concise supporting documentation, including but not limited to GIS maps, resumes/CVs, charts, graphs, spreadsheets, summary tables, and other relevant information. Successful applicants also have a plan for making contact, or have already established contact, with landowners or organizations with an economic or legal interest in the proposed project sites. NPS American Battlefield Protection Program (ABPP) encourages all applicants to consider forming inclusive preservation partnerships with these landowners/organizations as well as descendant communities, Native American Tribes, state and/or tribal historic preservation offices, and other nonprofit organizations that may help guide, or want to actively participate in, the proposed project.

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants include state governments, county governments, city or township governments, federally recognized Native American tribal governments, public and state-controlled institutions of higher education, Native American tribal organizations, 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations, nonprofit organizations without 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status, and private institutions of higher education.

Funding

In FY 2025, An estimated $1 million is available to support an expected 12 awards through this program, as follows:

- Scoping grants: awards range from $20,000 to $50,000 and have a project period that spans between one and two years
- Implementation grants: awards range from $50,000 to $200,000 and have a project period that spans between two and three years

The funding agency may consider project periods that differ from the above recommendations on a case-by-case basis.

Matching and Cost Sharing

Applicants must provide at least 50 percent of the total project cost via nonfederal cash, loans, and/or in-kind contributions.

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Department: U.S. Department of the Interior
Agency: National Park Service (NPS)

FY 2025 American Battlefield Protection Program (ABPP): Battlefield Land Acquisition Grants (BLAG) (UPDATE)

Grant Overview

This program assists state and local governments with the preservation of eligible Revolutionary War, War of 1812, and Civil War battlefield lands through acquisition of fee-simple or less-than-fee (easement) interests. Eligible applicants are state, county, and city or township governments.

Program History

	Total Funding	# of Awards
2024	$17.4 million	24-28
2023	$18.7 million	31

Key Information and Tips

Total Funding: $17.4 million
Award Range: $30,000 - $2 million
Match: 50 percent
Solicitation date: January 3, 2025
Proposal due: Rolling until December 31, 2025

- Prospective applicants and preservation partners are strongly encouraged to contact the NPS ABPP office to discuss the proposed acquisition and preservation strategy as early as possible and prior to completing an application.

https://www.nps.gov/orgs/2287/battlefield-land-acquisition-grants.htm

Awardee Profile

Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, TN

AMOUNT: $4,128,439
YEAR: 2024

The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, TN received funding for preservation of 2.36 acres at Nashville Battlefield in Davidson County, Tennessee.

Department: U.S. Department of the Interior
Agency: National Park Service (NPS)

FY 2025 American Battlefield Protection Program (ABPP): Battlefield Land Acquisition Grants (BLAG) (UPDATE)

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to assist state and local governments with the preservation of eligible Revolutionary War, War of 1812, and Civil War battlefield lands through acquisition of fee-simple or less-than-fee (easement) interests. Funding for the BLAG program is made available from the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) and is awarded competitively. Grants are available to acquire interests in eligible Civil War battlefields listed in the Civil War sites Advisory Commission's (CWSAC) *Report on the Nation's Civil War Battlefields* (1993) and in the principal battlefields of the Revolutionary War and War of 1812 identified in NPS ABPP's *Report to Congress on the Historic Preservation of Revolutionary War and War of 1812 Sites in the United States* (2007) (Survey Reports).

As the United States approaches the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence in 2026, this solicitation encourages projects that promote and expand preservation as well as enhance our understanding of the origins of the United States.

Eligible battlefields:

- have been assigned a battlefield or "survey" code in the Survey Reports;
- are located on American soil, or within the boundaries of the United States;
- and are located outside the exterior boundaries of a unit of the National Park System.

Eligible acquisitions should lie at least 50 percent within the battlefield boundaries of sites identified in the Survey Reports. Battlefield boundary maps are available free of charge through the NPS ABPP website at the NPS DataStore: (https://irma.nps.gov/DataStore/Collection/Profile/7874). If the property to be acquired overlaps the battlefield boundary, a majority (more than 50 percent) of the property must be within the boundary of an eligible battlefield for the application to be eligible for funding.

Boundaries for most eligible battlefields are defined by NPS spatial data accompanying the Survey Reports. Applications for eligible sites without survey-defined boundaries, including sites identified as "Needing Further Study" in NPS ABPP's Report to Congress on the Historic Preservation of Revolutionary War and War of 1812 Sites in the United States (2007), must select defensible boundaries for the site according to guidelines provided in *National Register Bulletin No. 40: Guidelines for Identifying, Evaluating and Registering America's Historic Battlefields* and/or *National Register Bulletin No. 21: Defining Boundaries for National Register Properties*.

Grant recipients are required to provide for public access and enjoyment of lands or interests in lands acquired with NPS ABPP funds in a manner consistent with the preservation goals of the program. Land acquired with these funds will be subject to the LWCF non-conversion requirements. Grant recipients and their nonprofit

partners who acquire an interest in eligible lands must convey a perpetual preservation easement on the land to the appropriate State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) or to another organization acceptable to the National Park Service and SHPO.

The fundamental purpose of the LWCF is to help acquire and/or develop public outdoor recreation areas. Accordingly, recipients should provide for public access to lands or interests in lands acquired with assistance from this program, subject to necessary and reasonable measures on the part of the recipient to protect the historic features of the battlefield from damage or loss. Where the recipient will place an easement on the property, the recipient must include language in the easement that indicates the type and degree of public access to be made available to the property. At a minimum, lands purchased with LWCF funds must be visible from public rights-of-way.

Expense categories can include, but are not limited to:

- Purchase price
- Appraisal
- Appraisal review
- Environmental assessment
- Expenses relating to Section 106 review and consultation
- Property surveying
- Title search and insurance
- Recording fees
- Settlement and legal fees

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are state, county, and city or township governments.

Nonprofit organizations may acquire an interest in an eligible site by partnering in an application from a state or local government which has jurisdiction over the property interest to be acquired. The government agency will be the grant recipient and will serve as a pass-through entity for federal funds.

There are no limits to the number of applications an applicant may submit.

Applications for renewal or supplementation of existing projects are eligible to compete with applications for new federal awards.

Funding

In FY 2025, an estimated $17.4 million is expected to be available to support approximately 24 awards. There are no maximum or minimum award amounts. Prior awards typically have ranged from $30,000 to $2 million, while higher amounts have been awarded. The amount of funding available per award will be determined as part of the application review process based on applications received and funding made available through appropriations.

Appraisals and appraisal reviews should be completed within one year of signing the contract to acquire the property.

The anticipated project start date is June 1, 2025, and the anticipated project end date is June 1, 2028. Proposals will be evaluated on a rolling basis as applications are received. Awards are made throughout the year.

Matching and Cost Sharing

Non-federal cost share in the amount of 50 percent, or a ratio of 1:1, is required.

The non-federal entity must contribute at least 50 percent of the total project cost, meaning one dollar for every federal dollar requested from non-federal sources as evidenced by a letter of commitment, addressed to the applicant, from the funding source(s) or awarding entity.

Eligible non-federal sources of contributions must be allowable under 2 C.F.R. § 200.306 and may include cash and/or in-kind contributions.

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Department: U.S. Department of Interior
Agency: National Park Service (NPS)

FY 2025 American Battlefield Protection Program (ABPP): Battlefield Restoration Grants

Grant Overview

The purpose of this program is to support the restoration of day-of-battle conditions of eligible Civil War, Revolutionary War, and War of 1812 battlefields. Program funding will support scoping and implementation activities for restoration projects. Eligible applicants are state governments; county, city, and township governments; public, state-controlled, and private institutions of higher education; federally recognized Native American tribal governments; Native American tribal organizations; and nonprofit organizations with or without 501(c)(3) status.

Program History

	Total Funding	# of Awards
2024	$456,934	2
2022	$345,205	4

Key Information and Tips

Total Funding: $3 million
Award Range: Varies
Match: 50 percent
Solicitation date: September 9, 2025
Proposal due: January 8, 2026

- Applicants are encouraged to prioritize projects in support of the celebration of America's 250th birthday (America250).

https://www.nps.gov/orgs/2287/battlefield-restoration-grants.htm

Awardee Profile

North Carolina Department of Natural and Cultural Resources

YEAR: 2024
AMOUNT: $100,000

Funding will support the production of a Cultural Landscape Report to guide the restoration of key portions of the Bentonville Battlefield State Historic Site in Johnston County, N.C. The Cultural Landscape Report will provide an understanding of changes over time, present a plan for potential work to restore this historic landscape, and will involve feedback from landowners, tenant farmers, Tribal entities, preservation specialists, and the local community.

Department: U.S. Department of Interior
Agency: National Park Service (NPS)

FY 2025 American Battlefield Protection Program (ABPP): Battlefield Restoration Grants

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to support the restoration of day-of-battle conditions of eligible Civil War, Revolutionary War, and War of 1812 battlefields. Program funding will support activities in the following categories for restoration projects at eligible properties:

- Scoping awards: Awards are available for early stages of project development, such as research, documentation, and evaluation to determine appropriate treatment options that meet the Secretary of the Interior's *Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties and Guidelines for the Treatment of Historic Landscapes*; consultations with stakeholders; and development of comprehensive treatment and management plans, schematic designs, and/or specifications.
- Implementation awards: Awards are available to entities that have completed planning activities prior to the application, which include evaluation of historic resources, and identification if preservation, rehabilitation, or restoration is the most appropriate and viable option according to the Secretary of the Interior's *Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties and Guidelines for the Treatment of Historic Landscapes*, prior to application. Proposed treatments may include reconstruction of specific features or elements within a landscape, as long as there is adequate documentation and differentiation of new and historical elements.

Applicants are encouraged to prioritize projects in support of the celebration of America's 250th birthday (America250). This may include projects that recognize and honor the nation's founding, history, and cultural heritage. Proposed activities must address and satisfy all applicable terms of executed preservation easements or, where applicable, preservation letters of agreement that have been reviewed and approved by the funding agency and recorded with the deed to the property.

Eligible battlefield sites must meet the following conditions:

- Civil War battlefields: listed in the Civil War Site Advisory Commission's (CWSAC's) Report on the Nation's Civil War Battlefields
- Revolutionary War/War of 1812 battlefields: identified in the ABPP's Report to Congress on the Historic Preservation of Revolutionary War and War of 1812 Sites in the United States

Eligible costs include personnel costs, fringe benefits, travel at federally allowable rates, equipment, supplies, contractual costs, other direct costs, and indirect costs.

Project properties must be located outside the external boundaries of a unit of the National Park System, have been acquired via fee simple or less-than-fee easement, and have been protected with assistance from the Battlefield Land Acquisition Grant (BLAG) program, or be owned by state or local government entities and

within boundaries of battlefields listed in survey reports. Project properties may also be owned by nonprofit organizations, but in such cases, nonprofit organizations must convey a perpetual preservation easement on the land to the appropriate State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) or to another organization acceptable to the funding agency and SHPO.

Project activities must occur on properties protected by an executed preservation easement or preservation letter of agreement. Land developed with these funds will be subject to the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) non-conversion requirements.

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are state governments; county, city, and township governments; public, state-controlled, and private institutions of higher education; federally recognized Native American tribal governments; Native American tribal organizations; and nonprofit organizations with or without 501(c)(3) status.

Applicants may submit multiple applications. In order to support the largest number of possible projects, an applicant may only receive one award for FY 2025 per property.

Funding

In FY 2025, an estimated $3 million is available to support approximately 6 awards through this program, as follows:

- Scoping awards: awards ranging from $30,000 to $100,000, with project periods of one to two years
- Implementation awards: awards ranging from $50,000 to $750,000, with project periods of two to five years

Award notifications are anticipated to occur in June 2026. Project periods are anticipated to start on July 1, 2026, and end on June 30, 2029.

Matching and Cost Sharing

Applicants must provide at least 50 percent of project costs via nonfederal cash and/or in-kind contributions.

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Department: U.S. Department of Interior
Agency: U.S. National Park Service

FY 2024 Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) History of Equal Rights (HER) Grant Program Preservation Grants

Grant Overview

This program preserves sites related to the struggle of all Americans to gain equal rights. Funding will support a broad range of preservation projects for historic sites, including architectural services, historic structure reports, preservation plans, and physical preservation to structures. Eligible applicants include local and state governments, special district governments, independent school districts, institutions of higher education, Native American tribal governments, and nonprofits.

Program History

	Award amount	# of Awards
2023	$5,000,000	8

Key Information

Total Funding: $5 million
Award Range: $75,000 - $750,000 Preservation
$15,000 – $75,000 Pre-preservation
Match: Not Required
Solicitation date: May 22, 2024
Proposal due: August 20, 2024

https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/354416

Tips

- Properties must be listed, or be eligible for listing, in the National Register of Historic Places or designated as a National Historic Landmark, either individually or as contributing to a district whose significance is associated with the history of equal rights.
- For projects that involve the physical preservation of a historic site, a draft covenant/easement must be submitted to the funding agency for review within one calendar year of the date in which the award agreement is signed.

Department: U.S. Department of Interior
Agency: U.S. National Park Service

FY 2024 Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) History of Equal Rights (HER) Grant Program Preservation Grants

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to preserve sites related to the struggle of all Americans to gain equal rights. Funding will support a broad range of preservation projects for historic sites, including architectural services, historic structure reports, preservation plans, and physical preservation to structures. Eligible historic sites include historic districts, buildings, sites, structures, and objects. The funding agency will fund preservation projects using the National Park Service's Civil Rights in America: A Framework for Identifying Significant Sites report, as a guide in determining the appropriateness of proposed projects and properties.

Properties must be listed, or be eligible for listing, in the National Register of Historic Places or designated as a National Historic Landmark, either individually or as contributing to a district whose significance is associated with the history of equal rights. Properties that are not listed in the National Register of Historic Places or in association with the history of equal rights must submit a new nomination or amendment to an existing nomination as part of the project.

Eligible costs include costs for pre-preservation studies, architectural plans and specifications, historic structure reports, preservation plans, the repair and rehabilitation of historic properties, administrative costs, the production of a nomination to the National Register of Historic Places or Tribal Register, the establishment/administration of an easement/covenant for the proposed property, any required audits or financial requests, the production of a project sign, public notices of grant opportunity, required training or reporting, and any other costs as determined eligible by the funding agency. Projects that involve the rehabilitation of historic properties must meet the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards and Guidelines for Archeology and Historic Preservation.

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are State governments, local governments, nonprofits, educational institutions, and Federally Recognized Indian Tribes, Alaskan Natives, and Native Hawaiian Organizations. Grants are not available for sites or collections owned by the NPS.

Funding

In FY 2024, approximately $5,000,000 is available to support awards through this program. Approximately 10 awards are expected to be distributed through this program; however, the funding agency may distribute between 8 and 16 awards through this program. Preservation projects must range from $75,000 to $750,000 in federal share, of which no more than 20% of the total budget may go toward pre-preservation costs such as architectural or engineering services. Grant applications that solely involve pre-preservation work must range from $15,000 to $75,000.

Projects must be completed within a span of two to three years.

Matching and Cost Sharing

A non-federal cost share is not required for this agreement but may be considered a competitive factor.

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https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/354416

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GRANT PROFILE



Department: U.S. Department of Interior
Agency: U.S. National Park Service

FY 2024 Historic Preservation Fund (HPF): Semiquincentennial Grants

Grant Overview

The purpose of this program is to support the physical preservation of a broad variety of cultural resources associated with the founding of America as a nation in commemoration of the country's semiquincentennial, or 250th anniversary of founding. Funding will support pre-preservation and preservation projects. Eligible applicants are state governments and territories; local governments, including certified local governments, and county, city, and township governments; public, state-controlled, private, and nonprofit institutions of higher education; federally recognized Native American tribal governments, Alaskan Natives, and Native Hawaiian organizations; Native American tribal organizations; and nonprofit organizations.

Program History

	Award amount	# of Awards
2023	$10,000,000	20

Key Information

Total Funding: $7 million
Award Range: $15,000 - $75,000 Pre-preservation
$75,000 – $750,000 Preservation
Match: Recommended
Solicitation date: December 18, 2024
Proposal due: March 18, 2025

https://www.nps.gov/subjects/historicpreservationfund.htm

Awardee Profile

Delaware County, Pennsylvania

Chester, PA

AMOUNT: $522,872
YEAR: 2023

Delaware County, PA received award funding to rehabilitate the 1724 Chester Courthouse. This preservation project accomplishes the project's objective of supporting the physical preservation of a broad variety of cultural resources associated with the founding of America as a nation.

Department: U.S. Department of Interior

Agency: U.S. National Park Service

FY 2024 Historic Preservation Fund (HPF): Semiquincentennial Grants

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to support the physical preservation of a broad variety of cultural resources associated with the founding of America as a nation in commemoration of the country's semiquincentennial, or 250th anniversary of founding. For the purposes of this program, the founding of the nation is defined as the period ending on December 31, 1800. The founding of the nation does not have a defined starting period.

Funding will support projects that fall under one of the following categories:

- Pre-preservation projects: including the development of resource-specific architectural plans and specifications, historic structure reports, studies, and related surveys; amendments or updates to the National Register nomination for the resource are eligible, if the document is out of date or does not adequately reflect all areas of significance
- Preservation projects: activities involving the physical preservation of a historic site, such as historic districts, buildings, sites, structures, and objects; as well as activities related to drafting or amending National Register nominations for the subject resource

Eligible historic resources include those associated with, or that commemorate, the political ideas, well-known individuals, pivotal events, or sites of conflict typically thought of in conjunction with the founding of the nation. Eligible properties may be owned by nonprofit organizations, local governments, states, or tribal governments. Priority will be given to state-owned resources. Projects that involve resources that broadly illustrate the people, places, or events throughout all areas that would eventually become the United States, through 1815, are also encouraged.

The repair and rehabilitation of historic properties must be conducted according to the Secretary of the Interior's Standards and Guidelines for Archeology and Historic Preservation.

All project properties must be listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places at the time of application. Properties must be listed in the National Register at the conclusion of each project.

Award recipients must agree to assume, after the completion of the project, the total cost of continued maintenance, repair, and administration of the project property in a manner satisfactory to the Secretary of the Interior. Accordingly, all award recipients that used funds for the physical preservation of a historic site must sign a preservation agreement/covenant/easement with the State or Tribal Historic Preservation Officer in which the site is located or with a preservation organization acceptable to the funding agency.

Projects must substantially mitigate the threat and include steps to mitigate future damage.

Funds may be used for:

- Limited administrative costs necessary for projects

- Rehabilitation of properties
- Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) or Architectural Barriers Act (ABA) accessibility improvements
- Site security improvements, as needed for protection of the historic resource(s)
- Fire safety improvement, as needed for protection of the historic resource(s)
- Costs for establishing/administering an easement/covenant for the property not held by a government preservation office
- Costs for any required audits or financial requests
- Costs for the production of a project sign
- Costs for public notice of the award opportunity
- Costs associated with required training or reporting
- Any other costs as determined eligible by the funding agency

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are state governments and territories; local governments, including certified local governments, and county, city, and township governments; public, state-controlled, private, and nonprofit institutions of higher education; federally recognized Native American tribal governments, Alaskan Natives, and Native Hawaiian organizations; Native American tribal organizations; and nonprofit organizations with or without 501(c)(3) status.

Applicants planning to apply for multiple HPF awards for a single property may execute a perpetual easement.

An entity that does not directly own the historic resource that is the subject of the application must submit a letter of owner consent that consents to the submission of an application, the work to be performed, and the execution of a preservation covenant or agreement.

Funding

In FY 2024, approximately $7 million is available to support an expected 15 awards through this program, as follows:

- Pre-preservation projects: awards ranging from $15,000 to $75,000
- Preservation projects: awards ranging from $75,000 to $750,000

Project periods will last for three years and are anticipated to span from August 1, 2025, to August 1, 2028.

For preservation projects, pre-preservation costs, such as architectural and engineering services, are limited to 20 percent of the total project cost.

Administration costs, including indirect costs, are limited to 25 percent of the total project cost.

Matching and Cost Sharing

Matching funds are not required for this program; however, the provision of matching contributions may be considered as a competitive factor during the application evaluation process. Applicants should detail any additional secured or unsecured matching contributions in the application.

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GRANT PROFILE

Department: U.S. Department of the Interior
Agency: National Park Service (NPS)

FY 2024 Historic Preservation Fund - African American Civil Rights - History Grants

Grant Overview

The program funds the documentation, interpretation, and preservation of sites and stories of the full history of the African American struggle to gain equal rights from the transatlantic slave trade forward. Eligible applicants are state governments, county governments, city or township governments, special district governments, independent school districts, public and state-controlled institutions of higher education, Native American tribal governments, Native American tribal organizations, nonprofit organizations, and private institutions of higher education.

Program History

	Total Funding	# of Awards
2023	$23,400,000	39
2022	$21,000,000	37

Key Information

Total Funding: $24 million
Award Range: $15,000 to $75,000
Match: Not required
Solicitation Date: June 6, 2024
Due Date: September 5, 2024

https://www.nps.gov/subjects/historicpreservationfund/african-american-civil-rights.htm

Awardee Profile

Research and Document African American History in Greensboro

City of Greensboro, NC

AMOUNT: $75,000
YEAR: 2023

This project will expand knowledge and awareness of the struggle for African Americans to gain equal rights in Greensboro. Major tasks will be to prepare a Multiple Property Documentation Form for structures and sites with civil rights significance and develop an individual National Register nomination for one property of special significance.

Department: U.S. Department of the Interior
Agency: National Park Service (NPS)

FY 2024 Historic Preservation Fund - African American Civil Rights - History Grants

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to document, interpret, and preserve the sites and stories of the full history of the African American struggle to gain equal rights from transatlantic slave trade forward. This program funds a broad range of history projects including survey and planning, research and documentation, interpretation and education, and collections conservation.

History projects must range from $15,000 to $75,000 in federal share.

- Eligible costs include survey and national register nominations, research and documentation of historic sites and/or events, oral history, exhibits, interpretive signage, and educational materials
- Successful applications will emphasize innovative strategies, creative projects with measurable results, and include public engagement that promote and preserve the sites and stories of the struggle for African American civil rights

Projects must fit one of the categories listed below. If a project overlaps more than one category, select the dominant category.

1. Survey and Planning
2. Research and Documentation
3. Interpretation and Education
4. Collection Conservation

Eligible costs under this award include:

- Survey and Planning
- Interpretation and Education
- Research and Documentation
- Collections Conservation, to include housing and digitization
- Administrative costs necessary to complete and administer the grant requirements
- Cost for producing or amending a nomination to the National Register of Historic Places or Tribal Register (if applicable)
- Cost for any required audits or financial requests
- Costs for public notice of grant opportunity
- Costs associated with required training or reporting
- Any other costs as determined eligible by the NPS in accordance with the White House Office of Management and Budget (OMB) circulars, NPS policies, and the Historic Preservation Fund Grants Manual

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are state governments, county governments, city or township governments, special district governments, independent school districts, public and state-controlled institutions of higher education, Native American tribal governments (federally recognized), Native American tribal organizations (other than federally recognized tribal governments), nonprofit organizations having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education, nonprofit organizations without 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education, and private institutions of higher education.

Funding

In FY 2024, approximately $24 million is available to support an estimated 45 awards. Based on prior years, the NPS anticipates funding approximately 45 projects for both history and preservation projects combined. History grant applications must range from approximately $15,000 to $75,000.

The anticipated award date is March 1, 2025.

Matching and Cost Sharing

Non-federal cost share is not required for this agreement but may be considered as a competitive factor. Applicants should consider the addition of a match as a part of a concise and well-defined project that might be part of or a phase of a much larger project.

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GRANT PROFILE



Department: U.S. Department of Interior
Agency: National Park Service

FY 2024 Historic Preservation Fund: African American Civil Rights Preservation Grants

Grant Overview

The African American Civil Rights grant program documents, interprets, and preserves sites and stories related to the African American struggle to gain equal rights as citizens, from transatlantic slave trade forward. Eligible applicants are state, county, city or township, and special district governments; independent school districts; public, state-controlled, and private institutions of higher education; Native American tribal governments and organizations; and nonprofits.

Program History

	Total Funding	# of Awards
2022	$21 million	37
2021	$16.2 million	44

Key Information and Tips

Total Funding: $24 million
Award Range: $15,000 - $750,000
Match: Not required
Solicitation date: June 6, 2024
Proposal due: September 5, 2024

- Funding for history/research/documentation projects through this program will be solicited through a separate funding announcement.

https://www.nps.gov/subjects/historicpreservationfund/african-american-civil-rights.htm

Awardee Profile

Alabama Historical Commission, Mobile, AL

AMOUNT: $469,500
YEAR: 2022

The Alabama Historical Commission received funding for the stabilization and preservation of the Schooner Clotilda, the last-known slave ship to import enslaved Africans to the United States.

Department: U.S. Department of Interior
Agency: National Park Service

FY 2024 Historic Preservation Fund: African American Civil Rights Preservation Grants

Detailed Summary

The National Park Service's African American Civil Rights Grant Program (AACR) will document, interpret, and preserve the sites and stories of the full history of the African American struggle to gain equal rights, from transatlantic slave trade forward. The program funds history and preservation projects. AACR Preservation Grants are funded by the Historic Preservation Fund and will fund a broad range of preservation projects for historic sites including architectural services, historic structure reports, preservation plans, and physical preservation to structures.

Grants fund physical preservation of historic sites to include historic districts, buildings, sites, structures, and objects. Preservation properties must be listed or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places or designated a National Historic Landmark, either individually or as contributing to a district, with significance associated with African American civil rights and the struggle for equality. Projects not listed in the National Register or not listed in association with African American civil rights must prepare or amend a nomination as part of the grant project.

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are state, county, city or township, and special district governments; independent school districts; public, state-controlled, and private institutions of higher education; Federally recognized Native American tribal governments and Native American tribal organizations; and nonprofits with or without a 501(c)(3) status.

Funding

In FY 2024, $24 million is available to support awards an estimated 45 awards. Based on prior years, the funding agency anticipates funding between 40 and 70 projects for both history and preservation projects combined. The anticipated award date is March 1, 2025.

Preservation projects must range from $75,000 to $750,000 in which no more than 20 percent of the total budget may go toward pre-preservation costs such as architectural or engineering services.

Grant applications that solely involve pre-preservation work must range from $15,000 to $75,000.

Matching and Cost Sharing

Non-Federal cost share is not required for this agreement but may be considered as a competitive factor.

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GRANT PROFILE



Department: U.S. Department of Interior
Agency: National Park Service

FY 2024 Historical Preservation Fund (HPF) Underrepresented Communities (URC) Grant Program

Grant Overview

This program provides funding to diversify the nominations to the National Register of Historic Places. Projects include surveys and inventories of historic properties associated with communities underrepresented in the National Register, as well as the development of nominations to the National Register for specific sites. Eligible applicants are State Historic Preservation Offices, tribal historic preservation offices, federally recognized tribes, Alaska Native Villages/Corporations, Native Hawaiian organizations, nonprofit organizations, and certified local governments.

Program History

	Total Funding	# of Awards
2023	$1,250,000	21
2022	$1,000,000	22

Key Information

Total Funding: $1.25 million
Award Range: $15,000 - $75,000
Match: Not required
Solicitation date: May 29, 2024
Proposal due: August 29, 2024

Underrepresented Communities Grants - Historic Preservation Fund

Awardee Profile

Zuni Cultural Resources Enterprise
Zuni, NM

AMOUNT: $49,976
YEAR: 2022

The project received funding to support Zuni additions to Chaco Culture National Historical Park, Aztec Ruins National Monument and Salmon Ruins.

Department: U.S. Department of Interior
Agency: National Park Service

FY 2024 Historical Preservation Fund (HPF) Underrepresented Communities (URC) Grant Program

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to diversify listings in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) to include communities that are currently under-represented. Eligible projects include surveys and documentation of historic sites associated with communities under-represented in the NRHP. All projects must result in the development of a new NRHP nomination or amendment to an existing NRHP nomination to include the under-represented community.

Eligible funding uses include:

- Costs for producing or amending a nomination to the NRHP or Tribal Register
- Survey and inventory of historic resources
- Costs for any required audits or financial requests
- Costs for public notice of award opportunity
- Costs associated with required training or reporting
- Any other costs as determined eligible by the funding agency

Projects funded under this program constitute “undertakings” as defined by Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended (54 U.S.C. 306108). Accordingly, after the grant is awarded, the National Park Service will work with the grantee to complete the consultation process prior to drawing funds from their grant account. Depending on the project, additional federal reviews may be required under other laws such as, the Archaeological Resources Protection Act of 1979 (ARPA), the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA).If the project is doing preservation work to or preparing a National Register nomination for a property and the owner is different from the applicant, the applicant must include written permission from the owner to proceed with the project, including agreeing to any required easements or covenants. The Letter of Owner Consent must be submitted with the application, signed no earlier than 60 days before the application due date and pertain to the proposed project with this particular application.

Projects that involve archaeological surveys must provide plans for curating artifacts recovered incidentally, including strategies for outreach and the sharing of survey reports, research, and results.

For multiphase projects, each application must be for a separate phase, and significant progress must be demonstrated on prior phases to warrant additional funding.

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are State Historic Preservation Offices, tribal historic preservation offices, federally recognized tribes, Alaska Native Villages/Corporations, Native Hawaiian organizations, nonprofit organizations and certified local governments.

Nomination projects must include concurrence of eligibility from the cognizant SHPO/THPO, such as a determination of eligibility from the SHPO/THPO or a completed survey that was reviewed by the SHPO/THPO if the application is for a specific site.

Funding

In FY 2024, an estimated $1.25 million is available to support an expected 20 awards expected to range from $15,000 to $75,000 through this program. Based on prior year data, the funding agency anticipates that between 20 to 25 awards will be distributed through this program per fiscal year.

Awards are expected to be issued on January 30, 2025, and projects are anticipated to start no sooner than six months following the application deadline. Projects must be completed within a span of two to three years.

Administration costs, including indirect costs, are limited to 25 percent of the total project cost

Matching and Cost Sharing

Matching funds are not required for this program; however, the provision of cash and/or in-kind contributions may be considered as a competitive factor during the application evaluation process.

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Underrepresented Communities Grants - Historic Preservation Fund

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GRANT PROFILE



Department: U.S. Department of the Interior
Agency: National Park Service

FY 2024 Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization Subgrant Program

Grant Overview

The purpose of this program is to is to fund subgrant programs that support the rehabilitation of historic properties to foster economic development in rural communities. These subgrant programs will select, fund, and manage preservation projects for historic properties to include architectural/engineering services and physical preservation. Eligible applicants are state, county, city or township, special district, and federally-recognized Native American tribal governments; public- and state-controlled institutions of higher education; and nonprofit organizations.

Program History

	Total Funding	# of Awards
2023	$12.12 million	17
2022	$9.69 million	12
2021	$7.27 million	11

Key Information

Total Funding: $10 million
Award Range: $200,000 - $750,000
Match: Not required
Solicitation date: July 22, 2025
Proposal due: August 21, 2025

https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/360113

Awardee Profile

Kane County, IL

AMOUNT: $750,000
YEAR: 2023

Kane County received funding to help subrecipients optimize building use to attract more visitors and generate revenue for future development and rehabilitation. Subgrant recipients in rural agricultural communities west of Chicago are nonprofits, museums, the Forest Preserve District, and local for-profit businesses such as local food outlets, recreational and educational programs, and individuals with high-profile agricultural buildings in the historic district.

Department: U.S. Department of Interior
Agency: National Park Service

FY 2024 Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization Subgrants Program

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to fund subgrant programs that support the rehabilitation of historic properties to foster economic development of rural communities. These subgrant programs, managed by States, Tribes, Certified Local Governments, special district governments, and non-profits will fund preservation projects for historic properties to include architectural/engineering services and physical preservation.

Eligible costs include:

- Administrative costs necessary to complete and administer the grant requirements
- Rehabilitation of properties via subgrant
- Costs for establishing/administering an easement/covenant for the properties
- Costs for any required audits or financial requests
- Costs for the production of a project sign
- Costs for public notice of grant opportunity
- Costs associated with required training or reporting
- Any other costs as determined eligible by the funding agency

Recipients are encouraged to prioritize projects in support of the celebration of America's 250th birthday (America250). This may include, but is not limited to, projects that recognize and honor the nation's founding, history, and cultural heritage.

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are state, county, city or township, special district, and federally-recognized Native American tribal governments; public- and state-controlled institutions of higher education; and nonprofits with and without 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education. Eligible applicants must be:

- Nonprofit, tax-exempt U.S. organizations, with or without 501(c)(3) designation
- Tribal Historic Preservation Offices
- State Historic Preservation Offices
- Certified Local Governments, as listed online at http://go.nps.gov/clg
- Special district governments, except school districts, located within a Certified Local Government

Eligible subgrant recipients must be:

- Properties listed in or determined eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places
- Properties located in rural areas
- Properties within the grantee's jurisdiction

- Grants/subgrants are not available for sites or collections that are owned or leased by the federal government, or in which the federal government holds a property interest.

For the purposes of this program, the definition of rural follows the eligibility requirements used by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) for Rural Business Programs. USDA describes "rural" America as “nonmetropolitan (nonmetro) areas,” defined on the basis of counties. Nonmetro counties include some combination of open countryside, rural towns (places with fewer than 5,000 people and 2,000 housing units), and urban areas with populations ranging up to 50,000 people that are not part of larger metropolitan areas. Eligible rural/nonmetro areas can be found here: https://eligibility.sc.egov.usda.gov/eligibility/welcomeAction.do?pageAction=irp

If the project is doing work to or preparing a National Register nomination for a property and the owner is different than the applicant, then the applicant must include written permission from the owner to proceed with the project and any required easements or covenants.

Funding

In FY 2024, an estimated $10 million is available to support an anticipated 12 awards ranging from $200,000 to $750,000 through this program.

The anticipated project start date is October 1, 2026, and the anticipated project end date is September 30, 2030. Administration costs may not exceed 25 percent of the total project costs. Applicants with administration costs of no more than 5 percent will receive the highest feasibility rating during the application evaluation process. Preparation of architectural/engineering plans and specifications may not exceed 20 percent of total project costs.

Matching and Cost Sharing

Matching funds are not required for this program; however, the provision of nonfederal matching contributions may be considered as a competitive factor during the application evaluation process.

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Department: U.S. Department of Interior
Agency: National Park Service (NPS)

FY 2024 Save America's Treasures (SAT): Preservation Grants

Grant Overview

The Save America's Treasures (SAT) Preservation Grants program provides preservation and/or conservation assistance to nationally significant historic properties and collections that convey the nation's rich heritage to future generations. Eligible applicants are state governments; county, city, township, or special district governments; independent school districts; public and state-controlled institutions of higher education; Native American tribal governments and organizations; nonprofit organizations; private institutions of higher education; and federal agencies.

Program History

	Total Funding	# of Awards
2023	$25.7 million	59

Key Information and Tips

Total Funding: $25.5 million
Award Range: $125,000 - $750,000
Match: one-to-one
Solicitation date: October 16, 2024
Proposal due: December 12, 2024

- Ability to secure match will be considered a competitive factor during the evaluation process.

https://www.nps.gov/subjects/historicpreservationfund/save-americas-treasures-grants.htm

Awardee Profile

The Durham Museum
Omaha, NE

AMOUNT: $750,000
YEAR: 2023

The Durham Museum, located inside Omaha Union Station, is conducting a multi-phase preservation project. This SAT grant will support one phase of a larger preservation project, focusing on a full replacement of the roof to this historic station and ensure the continued visitation of people who seek to experience the rich regional history preserved by the museum.

Department: U.S. Department of Interior
Agency: National Park Service (NPS)

FY 2024 Save America's Treasures (SAT): Preservation Grants

Detailed Summary

The SAT Preservation Grants program provides preservation and/or conservation assistance to nationally significant historic properties and collections that convey the nation's rich heritage to future generations. Funding will support the preservation, rehabilitation, and conservation of nationally significant historic properties and collections.

The purpose of the Preservation Projects component is to support preservation projects for properties listed in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) for national significance or listed as a National Historic Landmark. Preservation projects must be designated individually as a National Historic Landmark, or as a contributing resource to a National Historic Landmark District, at the time of application submission.

Eligible properties include historic districts, buildings, sites, structures, and objects. Projects must substantially mitigate the threat and include steps to mitigate future damage.

Eligible costs include:

- Administrative costs necessary to complete and administer the project
- Rehabilitation of properties, which include historic districts, buildings, sites, structures, and objects listed in the NRHP at the national level of significance
- ADA/ABA accessibility improvements, as needed for Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) or Architectural Barriers Act (ABA)
- Site security improvements
- Fire safety improvements
- Establishing/administering an easement/covenant for the property
- Required audits or financial requests
- Production of a project sign
- Public notices of the award opportunity
- Required training or reporting
- Any other costs as determined eligible by the funding agency

All rehabilitation work must meet the Secretary of the Interior's Standards and Guidelines for Archeology and Historic Preservation, and projects receiving repair assistance must enter into a preservation agreement/covenant/easement.

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are state governments; county, city, township, or special district governments; independent school districts; public and state-controlled institutions of higher education; Native American tribal

governments and organizations; nonprofit organizations; private institutions of higher education; and federal agencies.

Federal agencies collaborating with a nonprofit partner to preserve the historic properties owned by the federal agency may submit applications through the nonprofit partner.

If the property to be preserved is not owned by the applicant, the applicant must submit a written permission from the property owner with the application.

Previous award recipients through this program overall may apply for a different project. Each individual project is only eligible for one award through this program overall.

Funding

In FY 2024, $25.5 million is available to make an estimated 55 awards between $125,000 - $750,000. The funding agency anticipates providing between 35 and 70 awards through both preservation and collection opportunities based on prior years.

Awards are expected to be issued on August 1, 2025. Applicants must anticipate a project start date no earlier than six months following the application deadline.

Maximum hourly wages for personnel and consultants are limited to 120 percent of the salary of a Federal Civil Service GS-15, Step 10. Current salary tables are available online at *www.opm.gov*.

Up to 20 percent of the total budget may be used for pre-preservation costs, such as architectural or engineering services. Administration costs, plus any indirect costs necessary to complete and administer projects, are limited to 25 percent of total project costs.

Matching and Cost Sharing

Applicants must provide a one-to-one (50 percent) match of the total project cost via nonfederal cash, in-kind contributions or services, or materials. Match does not need to be in place at the time of application, but a firm plan for raising it should be described as part of the application.

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FEDERAL
GRANT PROFILE



Department: U.S. Department of Interior
Agency: National Park Service (NPS)

FY 2024 Save America's Treasures: Collection Grants

Grant Overview

The purpose of this program is to provide preservation and/or conservation assistance to nationally significant historic properties and collections that convey the nation's rich heritage to future generations. Eligible applicants are states, local governments, special district governments, independent school districts, institutions of higher education, nonprofits, and federally recognized Native American tribal governments and organizations, including Alaska Natives and Native Hawaiian organizations.

Program History

	Total Funding	# of Awards
2023	$6.7 million	31

Key Information

Total Funding: Unspecified
Award Range: $25,000 - $750,000
Match: One-to-one
Solicitation date: October 16, 2024
Proposal due: December 12, 2024

https://www.nps.gov/subjects/historicpreservationfund/save-americas-treasures-grants.htm

Awardee Profile

Oklahoma City National Memorial Foundation

AMOUNT: $89,428
YEAR: 2023

This project received funding to support the digitization of critical videotape collections covering aspects of the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing.

Department: U.S. Department of Interior
Agency: National Park Service (NPS)

FY 2024 Save America's Treasures: Collection Grants

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program overall is to provide preservation and/or conservation assistance to nationally significant historic properties and collections that convey the nation's rich heritage to future generations. The purpose of the Collections Projects component is to support museums, libraries, archives, and all other collecting institutions in addressing conservation needs of nationally significant collections including physical conservation, care, and collections management. Eligible collections must be determined to be of national significance based on the supportive description of the collection's significance within the application.

Projects must substantially mitigate the threat and include steps to mitigate future damage. Eligible costs include:

- Administrative costs necessary to complete and administer the grant requirements
- Rehabilitation of properties:
    - Eligible properties include historic districts, buildings, sites, structures and objects listed in the National Register of Historic Places at the national level of significance (not state or local significance)
    - All work must meet the Secretary of the Interior's Standards and Guidelines for Archeology and Historic Preservation
    - All projects receiving repair assistance must enter into a preservation agreement/covenant/easement
- Projects must substantially mitigate the threat and include steps to mitigate future damage
- American Disability Act accessibility improvements, as needed for Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) or Architectural Barriers Act (ABA) access of the historic resource(s), are allowable if meeting the SOI Standards (e.g. ramps, elevators, bathrooms)
- Site security improvements, as needed for protection of the historic resource(s), are allowable if meeting the Secretary of Interior (SOI) Standards (e.g. protection against vandalism, arson, theft)
- Fire safety improvement, as needed for protection of the historic resource(s), are allowable if meeting the SOI Standards (e.g. sprinklers, fire alarms)
- Cost for establishing/administering an easement/covenant for the property
- Cost for any required audits or financial requests
- Cost for the production of a project sign
- Costs for public notice of grant opportunity
- Costs associated with required training or reporting

Ships/vessels and railroad cars/trams/cable cars may be proposed through this component. Ships/vessels must comply with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Historic Vessel Preservation Projects.

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are states, local governments, special district governments, independent school districts, federal agencies, private institutions of higher education, nonprofits and federally recognized Native American tribal governments and organizations, including Alaska Natives and Native Hawaiian organizations.

Federal agencies collaborating with a nonprofit partner to preserve the historic collections owned by the federal agency may submit applications through the nonprofit partner.

If the collection to be preserved is not owned by the applicant, the applicant must submit a written permission from the collection owner with the application.

Funding

In FY 2024, $25.5 million is available for this program overall, with an unspecified amount available to support an anticipated 50 awards ranging from $25,000 to $750,000 through this component. The funding agency anticipates providing between 35 and 70 awards based on prior years.

The anticipated award date is August 1, 2025.

Match and Cost Sharing

Applicants must provide a one-to-one cost match. Matching share does not need to be in place at time of application, but a sound plan for raising it should be presented. The ability to secure match will be considered as a competitive factor.

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FEDERAL
GRANT PROFILE



Agency: National Archives and Records Administration (NARA)

FY 2025 Archives Collaboratives

Grant Overview

This program will allow Archives Collaboratives to share best practices, tools, and techniques; assess institutional strengths and opportunities; create replicable and sustainable digital platforms for historical collections; virtually unify records from multiple repositories; and promote management structures for long-term sustainability and growth. Collaboratives must consist of three or more organizations. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations or institutions; colleges, universities, and other academic institutions; state or local government agencies; and federally acknowledged or state-recognized Native American tribes or groups.

Program History

Program history is not available.

Key Information and Tips

Total Funding: $500,000
Award Amount: $25,000 - $100,000
Match: 25 percent
Release date: November 27, 2023
Proposal due: February 15, 2024 (Draft), May 8, 2024 (Final Deadline)

https://www.archives.gov/nhprc/announcement/collaboratives

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Tips

- Before beginning the process, applicants should contact the Director for Access Programs who may: advise the applicant about the review process; answer questions about what activities are eligible for support; supply samples of successful applications; and read and comment on a preliminary draft.
- Priority will be given to collaborations that target institutional advancement for small and underserved local archives and repositories, especially those with collections that focus on the voices and perspectives of Black, Indigenous, and People of Color.

Agency: National Archives and Records Administration (NARA)

FY 2025 Archives Collaboratives

Detailed Summary

The National Historical Publications and Records Commission seeks Archives Collaboratives of three or more repositories working together to make their collections more readily available for public discovery and use. The grant program will fund Archives Collaboratives to share best practices, tools, and techniques; assess institutional strengths and opportunities; create replicable and sustainable digital platforms for historical collections; virtually unify records from multiple repositories; and promote management structures for long-term sustainability and growth. Applicants may apply for either a Planning Grant or an Implementation Grant.

Planning Grants are available to plan and develop a working collaborative of three or more partners designed to enhance the capacity of small and diverse organizations with historical records collections. Commitments to the Archives Collaborative should be secured from partners at the time that the application is submitted. Together, the partners would develop a mission, work plan, and timeline to carry out a shared project or develop a shared best practice, tool, or technique that will increase public access to historical records.

Implementation Grants are available to put into practice the action items identified during the planning process, whether done independently or through a Planning Grant from the NHPRC. Projects that demonstrate commitments by member organizations to the Archives Collaborative, a work plan, and timeline are eligible to receive one- or two-year grants to carry out the project.

The Commission welcomes collaborations that target institutional advancement for small and underserved local archives and repositories, especially those with collections that focus on the voices and perspectives of Black, Indigenous, and People of Color.

The Commission funds projects that deal with the following kinds of historical source material:

- records of state, county, municipal, tribal, or other non-Federal units of government
- manuscripts, personal and family papers, or organizational and business archives
- collections of photographs, motion pictures, sound recordings, electronic records, and/or such visual materials as unpublished architectural, cartographic, and engineering drawings

The Commission funds projects that focus on the following activities authorized in the NHPRC statute:

- collecting, describing, preserving, compiling, and publishing (including microfilming and other forms of reproduction) documentary sources significant to the history of the United States
- implementing solutions to the challenges of preserving electronic records with permanent historical value
- conducting institutes and training and educational programs
- disseminating information about documentary sources through guides, directories, and other technical publications
- documentary editing and publishing; archival preservation and processing of records for access; developing or updating descriptive systems; creation and development of archival and records management programs; development of standards, tools, and techniques to advance the work of

archivists, records managers, and documentary editors; and promotion of the use of records by teachers, students, and the public.

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are nonprofit organizations or institutions, colleges, universities, and other academic institutions, states, and local government agencies, and federally- or state-recognized Native American tribes and groups. Archives Collaboratives must consist of three or more organizations.

Funding

In FY 2025, up to $500,000 is available to support awards through this program. Funding for each category is as follows:

Planning: an estimated $100,000 wis available to support 4 awards of up to $25,000. The project period is one year.

Implementation: an estimated $400,000 is available to support 4 awards of up to $100,000. The project period is between one and two years.

Matching and Cost Sharing

Applicants are required to provide a cost-share of at least 25 percent. The applicant's financial contribution may include both direct and indirect expenses, in-kind contributions, non-Federal third-party contributions, and any income earned directly by the project. Indirect costs must be listed under the applicant's cost sharing contribution. NHPRC grant recipients are not permitted to use grant funds for indirect costs (as indicated in 2 CFR 2600.101). Indirect costs must be listed under the applicant's cost sharing contribution.

The Commission provides no more than 75 percent of total project costs for the Planning and Implementation Grants. For example, a request of $75,000 in NHPRC grant funds means the applicant institution must provide at least $25,000 in cost share.

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FEDERAL
GRANT PROFILE



Agency: National Archives and Records Administration (NARA)

FY 2026 Publishing Historical Record in Collaborative Digital Editions

Grant Overview

The purpose of this program is to publish online editions of historical records. All types of historical records are eligible, including documents, photographs, born-digital records, and analog audio. Projects may focus on broad historical movements in U.S. history, such as law (including the social and cultural history of the law), politics, social reform, business, military, the arts, and other aspects of the national experience. Eligible applicants are nonprofit organizations, colleges, universities, and other academic institutions, state and local government agencies, and federally- or state-recognized Native American tribes and groups.

Program History

	Total Funding	# of Awards
2024	$2.86 million	24
2023	$3.46 million	23
2022	$3.42 million	26

Key Information and Tips

Total Funding: $2.6 million
Award Range: Up to $125,000
Match: Not required
Solicitation date: November 26, 2024
Proposal due: May 7, 2025, November 5, 2025

- NHPRC is currently only accepting applications from projects that are or have previously received funding from the NHPRC publishing program.

https://www.archives.gov/nhprc/announcement/editions.html

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Awardee Profile

Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library Foundation
Springfield, Illinois

AMOUNT: $125,000
YEAR: 2024

The Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library Foundation received funding to support a project to edit and publish the Papers of Abraham Lincoln, the sixteenth president of the United States.

Agency: National Archives and Records Administration (NARA)

FY 2026 Publishing Historical Record in Collaborative Digital Editions

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to publish online editions of historical records. All types of historical records are eligible, including documents, photographs, born-digital records, and analog audio. Projects may focus on broad historical movements in U.S. history, such as law (including the social and cultural history of the law), politics, social reform, business, military, the arts, and other aspects of the national experience. Projects that center the voices and document the history of Black, Indigenous, and People of Color are especially welcome.

The goal of this program is to provide access to, and editorial context for, the historical documents and records that tell the American story. Applicants should demonstrate familiarity with the best practices recommended by the Association for Documentary Editing (ADE) or the Modern Language Association (MLA) Committee on Scholarly Editions. Because of the focus on historical documentary sources, grants do not support preparation of critical editions of published works unless such works are just a small portion of the larger project.

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are nonprofit organizations, colleges, universities, and other academic institutions, state and local government agencies, and federally- or state-recognized Native American tribes and groups.

The National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC) is currently only accepting applications from projects that are or have previously received funding from the NHPRC publishing program.

Awards will be made to collaborative teams with complementary skill sets that support the needs of the edition that include collecting, describing, preserving, compiling, transcribing, annotating, editing, encoding, and publishing documentary source materials online. NHPRC strongly encourages applications from collaborative teams that include faculty and staff in key positions, and that include editorial, archival, and technical staff at Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Hispanic-Serving Institutions, Tribal Colleges, and/or other Indigenous and Native American tribal scholars and community members, and members of the Asian American community. NHPRC also encourages projects that center the professional development and contributions of undergraduate students, graduate students, and/or other community members.

Applicants seeking renewed funding in this grant category must demonstrate that they have successfully achieved the performance objectives associated with previous NHPRC awards; provide updated, current information, including a description of the proposed new activities; describe the content and historical significance of the specific materials to be edited during the proposed grant period; show progress towards completing the edition; and justify costs in a new budget.

Funding

In FY 2026, up to $2.6 million is available to support an expected 21 awards up to $125,000. The project period will last for one year and will begin no earlier than January 1, 2026. Grants are contingent upon available appropriated funds.

Matching and Cost Sharing

Cost sharing is not a requirement for this program and will not be part of the panel and staff review and evaluation process.

However, the applicant's financial contribution may be included on the NHPRC Budget form. Cost share may include both direct and indirect expenses, in-kind contributions, non-Federal third-party contributions, and any income earned directly by the project. Voluntary committed cost sharing does become a binding commitment and a part of the award's terms and conditions.

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GRANT PROFILE



Department: National Archives and Records Administration
Agency: National Historical Publications and Records Commission

FY 2025 State Board Programming Grants

Grant Overview

The purpose of this grant program is to assist state boards to broaden preservation of, and increased online access to, historical records; develop and promote best practices; support activities that put the American people in touch with primary sources in their communities and online; promote the institutional advancement of organizations in underserved communities; and assist locally based repositories with training and tools to improve their stewardship abilities. Eligible applicants are nonprofit organizations, institutions of higher education, state and local government agencies, and Federally recognized Native American tribal governments.

Program History

Program history is not available.

Key Information

Total Funding: $800,000
Award Amount: $12,000 - $80,000
Match: 25 percent
Release date: November 27, 2023
Proposal due: May 8, 2024

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Tips

- Collections that center the voices and document the history of Black, Indigenous, and People of Color are especially encouraged.
- Projects utilizing traditional approaches with a proven record of success, as well as projects testing innovative approaches, are welcome.

Department: National Archives and Records Administration
Agency: National Historical Publications and Records Commission

FY 2025 State Board Programming Grants

Detailed Summary

The National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC) of the National Archives seeks proposals that support the work of state historical records advisory boards through projects that engage the public, expand civic education, and promote understanding of the nation's history, democracy, and culture. The purpose of this grant program is to assist state boards to broaden preservation of, and increased online access to, historical records; develop and promote best practices; support activities that put the American people in touch with primary sources in their communities and online; promote the institutional advancement of organizations in underserved communities; and assist locally based repositories with training and tools to improve their stewardship abilities.

The funding agency will award grants to state historical records advisory boards to:

- Operate state-based regrant programs that preserve historical records and make them available online.
- Carry out traveling archivist programs that provide onsite assistance and follow-up advice to repositories.
- Provide educational and outreach programs, workshops, and other activities that enhance citizen and student engagement with historical records.
- Offer scholarships, training opportunities, and other programs that support institutional advancement among records repositories, especially those in underserved communities.
- Collaborate on projects with other organizations to address common problems or shared opportunities within a state or among a consortium of state archives.
- Hold or participate in meetings and public forums on statewide or national archival issues.

State boards should review the NHPRC's strategic plan and consider its goals, objectives, and tactics when evaluating the board's current programming and considering new programs. Applications that outline programs that address the following tactics, and others that relate to the work of the state boards, will be more competitive:

- Target institutional advancement for small and underserved local archives and repositories, including Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Hispanic-Serving Institutions, Minority-Serving Institutions, and tribal entities.
- Develop outreach strategies to historical records collections that center the voices and perspectives of African Americans, Asian Americans, Hispanic Americans, and Native Americans.
- Support opportunities for Black, Indigenous, and People of Color in professional development as archivists.
- Offer workshops through a variety of sponsors to educate potential applicants about project design and the NHPRC application process.
- Implement local and statewide projects that enhance public participation and engagement in the work of archives.

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are nonprofit organizations, institutions of higher education, state and local government agencies, and Federally recognized Native American tribal governments.

Funding

In FY 2025, up to $800,000 is available to support two levels of funding.

- Level 1 awards are for one year and for up to $12,000.
- Level 2 awards are for one year and for up to $40,000, or for two years and for up to $80,000.

Applicants may request either Level 1 or Level 2 funding, but not both. Projects begin no earlier than January 1, 2025.

Matching and Cost Sharing

A minimum 25 percent match is required for this program. The applicant's financial contribution may include both direct and indirect expenses, in-kind contributions, non-Federal third-party contributions, and any income earned directly by the project. Grant recipients are not permitted to use grant funds for indirect costs (as indicated in 2 CFR 2600.101). Indirect costs must be listed under the applicant's cost sharing contribution if they are included in the budget.

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FEDERAL
GRANT PROFILE



Department: National Endowment for the Arts

FY 2025 Arts and Artifacts Indemnity Program

Grant Overview

The purpose of this program is to provide indemnification against loss or damage for eligible art works, artifacts, and objects in domestic and international exhibitions. Eligible applicants are non-profit organizations and governmental units.

Program History

There is no award history available for this program.

Key Information and Tips

Total Funding: Unspecified
Award Range: Varies
Match: Not required
Solicitation Date: Unknown
Proposal due: International – September 9, 2024; March 10, 2025. Domestic – December 9, 2024; June 9, 2025.

- Applicants may submit only one application either through the domestic indemnity component OR the international indemnity component.

https://www.arts.gov/impact/arts-and-artifacts-indemnity-program

NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS

Awardee Profile

The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, NY

YEAR: 2024

The Metropolitan Museum of Art received indemnity coverage for the *Siena: The Rise of Painting, 1300-1350* exhibit.

Department: National Endowment for the Arts

FY 2025 Arts and Artifacts Indemnity Program

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to provide indemnification against loss or damage for eligible art works, artifacts, and objects in domestic and international exhibitions.

Funding will be provided for the following two program components:

Domestic Indemnity: The purpose of the Domestic Indemnity component is to provide indemnity coverage of eligible objects owned by public or private collections while on exhibition in the United States. For an exhibition to be eligible, a minimum of $75 million value for all U.S.-owned loans in the exhibition, not including applicant-owned objects in non-traveling exhibitions, is required.

The indemnity provided to projects will be backed by the full faith and credit of the United States. In the event of loss or damage to an indemnified object, the Federal Council must certify the validity of the claim and request Congress to authorize payment.

Eligible objects include works of art, artifacts or objects, rare documents, books and other printed materials, photographs, films, and electronic materials. Such objects must have educational, cultural, historical, or scientific value. Coverage for oversized objects exceeding ten feet in any direction, as well as for oil-on-wood panel paintings, will be provided on a case-by-case basis.

International Indemnity: The purpose of the International Indemnity component is to indemnify eligible objects being brought to the United States from abroad, or to indemnify eligible objects in the United States being sent abroad for temporary exhibitions. The exhibition must be certified by the Secretary of State's designee as being in the national interest.

Indemnity agreements may be made for:

- Eligible objects from outside the United States while on exhibition in the United States
- Eligible objects from the United States while on exhibition outside the United States, preferably those that are part of an exchange of exhibitions
- Eligible objects from the United States while on exhibition in the United States if the exhibition includes other eligible items from outside the United States that are integral to the exhibition as a whole

The indemnity provided to projects will be backed by the full faith and credit of the United States. In the event of loss or damage to an indemnified object, the Federal Council must certify the validity of the claim and request Congress to authorize payment.

Eligible objects include works of art, artifacts or objects, rare documents, books and other printed materials, photographs, films, and electronic materials. Such objects must have educational, cultural, historical, or

scientific value. Coverage for oversized objects exceeding ten feet in any direction, as well as for oil-on-wood panel paintings, will be provided on a case-by-case basis.

For exhibitions from the United States on exhibition abroad, priority will be given to exhibitions in which an exchange of exhibitions is planned and the responsibility for indemnity will be shared between the U.S. and foreign institution(s).

If a single exhibition contains objects that are U.S.-owned and non-U.S.-owned and will be shown at sites both in the United States and abroad, indemnity may be requested for the U.S.-owned and non-U.S.-owned objects while on exhibition in the United States, and for the U.S.-owned objects only while on exhibition abroad; however, priority for coverage will be given to joint exhibitions in which the responsibility for indemnity is shared by the United States and foreign institutions.

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are non-profit organizations and governmental units. If an exhibition will be shown at two or more institutions, one institution should apply on behalf of all participants. In general, coverage for a single exhibition is limited to five venues.

Applicants must have previously organized at least one exhibition with objects borrowed from one or more public and/or private collections. Participating venues must have previously organized or hosted at least one museum-caliber exhibition with objects borrowed from one or more public and/or private collections.

Funding

In FY 2025, an unspecified amount of funding is available to support coverage through this program. Funding will be distributed as follows:

Domestic Indemnity: Up to $1 billion in coverage may be awarded for a single exhibition, and up to $7.5 billion in indemnity agreements may be in effect at any one time, including all current agreements and new certificates awarded through this component.

A minimum of $75 million value for all U.S.-owned loans in the exhibition, not including applicant-owned objects in non-traveling exhibitions, is required for eligibility.

International Indemnity: No more than $1.8 billion in coverage may be awarded for a single exhibition, and no more than $15 billion in indemnity agreements may be in effect at any one time, including all current agreements and new certificates awarded through this component.

For both components, indemnity periods longer than two years are rarely approved.

In general, a maximum of $150 million of indemnified value per conveyance (vehicle) of transportation will be permitted. In special circumstances, approved limits may be less than $150 million. Value in excess of the amount indemnified must be insured by the indemnitee or other party.

Matching and Cost Sharing

Matching is not required for either component; however, indemnity coverage provided through this program will require the payment of a deductible by the award recipient, in the following amounts:

- $15,000 deductible for exhibitions up to $2 million in indemnified value
- $25,000 deductible for exhibitions that are over $2 million and less than $10 million in indemnified value
- $50,000 deductible for exhibitions that are not less than $10 million but less than $125 million in indemnified value
- $100,000 deductible for exhibitions that are not less than $125 million but less than $200 million in indemnified value
- $200,000 deductible for exhibitions that are not less than $200 million but less than $300 million in indemnified value
- $300,000 deductible for exhibitions that are not less than $300 million but less than $400 million in indemnified value
- $400,000 deductible for exhibitions that are not less than $400 million but less than $500 million in indemnified value
- $500,000 deductible for exhibitions not less than $500 million in indemnified value

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GRANT PROFILE



Department: U.S. National Endowment for the Humanities
Agency: Office of Challenge Programs

FY 2025 Climate Smart Humanities Organizations

Grant Overview

This program strengthens the institutional base of the humanities by funding operational assessments and strategic planning efforts to sustain and protect historical, cultural, educational, intellectual, and physical assets from the risks of climate change. Projects will result in a climate action, resilience, or adaptation plan including detailed assessments, measurable actions, and expected outcomes. Eligible applicants are nonprofit organizations, accredited institutions of higher education, state and local governments, and federally recognized Native American Tribal governments.

Program History

Year	Total Funding	# of Awards
2023	$3 million	30

Key Information and Tips

Total Funding: $2.5 million
Award Range: Up to $300,000
Match: One-to-one from third-party non-federal gifts
Solicitation Date: May 29, 2024; Updated March 7, 2025
Proposal Due: September 17, 2025

- The deadline for optional drafts is August 8, 2025.

https://www.neh.gov/program/climate-smart-humanities-organizations-0

Awardee Profile

Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art and Linda Hall Library
Kansas City, MO

AMOUNT: $300,000
YEAR: 2023

The Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art and Linda Hall Library are collaborating on a Climate Smart project includes the formation of a "Cultural Eco-District" geographic area in the center of Kansas City that invites other humanities-driven organizations to work together on climate mitigation and adaptation strategies.

Department: U.S. National Endowment for the Humanities
Agency: Office of Challenge Programs

FY 2025 Climate Smart Humanities Organizations

Detailed Summary

This program strengthens the institutional base of the humanities by funding operational assessments and strategic planning efforts to sustain and protect historical, cultural, educational, intellectual, and physical assets from the risks of climate change. Projects must improve a humanities organization's capacity to respond to a changing climate through operational and/or risk assessments and result in physical or digital planning document(s) outlining specific mitigation and/or adaptation actions the organization will implement over time. Proposals must address how strategic planning for climate change will increase the organization's resilience and support its work in the humanities over the long term. Climate smart strategic planning focuses on two distinct but related types of activities that increase resilience:

Mitigation Assessments - inform a comprehensive climate action plan by measuring the environmental impact of your organization's operations, including energy use, waste production, and resource consumption. The project should propose specific assessments and explain how they will result in an actionable plan that will reduce environmental impact and increase organizational resilience. Mitigation assessments may include:

- Comprehensive energy audits of an organization's building(s), land use, utilities, operations, and facilities
- Measurement of the organization's carbon footprint, including energy sources, transportation, material use, and supplies
- Testing of existing HVAC, natural gas, water, and other systems to identify leaks and improve efficiency
- Evaluation of alternative energy sources, such as solar, geothermal, wind, or hydrogen fuel cells as long-term cost-efficient and sustainable options
- Exploration of historically informed approaches to building and land use, such as introducing native groundcover or passive heating/cooling systems
- Consultation with local government or utilities entities to explore participating in regional collectives for purchase of carbon offsets, industrial composting, energy collectives, or similar programs

Adaptation Assessments – inform a comprehensive climate adaptation through identifying current and anticipated climate hazards and their potential impact on your humanities organization's building(s), operations, finances, programming, staff, and audiences. The project should consider a range of hazards and assess your organization's capacity to prepare for and respond to them. Adaptation assessments may include:

- Examining location-specific risks associated with sea level rise, extreme weather, flooding, wildfires, etc.
- Assessing buildings and grounds to determine capacity to withstand current and future climatic events

- Evaluating the impact of changing environmental conditions on programs and operations, such as timing and location of events, operating hours, and seasonal programming
- Collecting data to record trends in temperature, weather, or other climate-related events over time and modeling future scenarios as they relate to and impact the applicant organization
- Collecting and evaluating current emergency and continuity of operation plans
- Consulting with engineers to consider plans to retrofit, relocate, or strengthen existing buildings, systems, and landscaping
- Considering climate smart water management, such as reducing impervious surfaces and water recycling/reuse efforts that capture rainfall and mitigate water damage to humanities buildings and collections
- Exploring community partnerships that support the organization's adaptation and resilience effort, including mutual aid networks and training opportunities

In addition to assessments, your organization may propose other activities that would inform your final planning document. These additional activities may include:

- Hiring a sustainability officer or consultant to evaluate current operations and coordinate assessment efforts for the final climate smart strategic plan
- Training to encourage climate smart behavior of staff and visitors/users to reduce institutional environmental impact and raise awareness of climate smart efforts
- Forming internal and external working groups, including consultants and community forums
- Collecting and analyzing data, writing reports, and working with outside experts
- Developing educational materials, signs, equipment, and training activities directly associated with humanities-centered climate smart strategic planning
- Disseminating the completed strategic plans; for example, through online posting, publication, and presentations

Projects that address both mitigation and adaptation planning activities are encouraged; however, the proposed project may just focus on one type of assessment and planning activities. You may propose to undertake planning efforts for your organization alone or as part of a consortium of humanities organizations. Consortium proposals consist of two or more humanities organizations working together and can include shared consultants, training, or resources. Project outcomes must include actionable climate smart plans for each consortium member. You may also create a climate smart plan for future partnership activities, including the roles and responsibilities of each consortium member.

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are nonprofit organizations, accredited institutions of higher education, state and local governments and their agencies, and federally recognized Native American Tribal governments.

This program is intended to increase the operational resilience of humanities organizations such as museums, libraries, archives, historic houses, and humanities-centered subunits of colleges and universities. The application should clearly articulate how your organization engages with humanities themes through collections, sites, and/or programming.

Current recipients of an award from the Office of Challenge Programs may apply to this program if they have completely met the required match and had all gifts certified and processed by the Office of Grant

Management and met all the requirements of the offer and/or award letters, including submission of timely performance and financial reports.

Funding

In FY 2024-2025, approximately $2.5 million is available to support 10-20 awards of up to $300,000 per application round through this program. The period of performance is up to 24 months. Projects submitted in 2024 must start between May 1 and September 1, 2025. For 2025 submissions, projects must start between May 1 and September 1, 2026.

Matching and Cost Sharing

The funding agency requires successful recipients to certify one dollar of third-party, non-federal gifts for each dollar released by the funding agency (1:1 ratio). Matching funds can come from individual donors, private foundations, corporations, state or local grants, among other sources, and must be consistent with the NEH Federal Matching Funds Guidelines. In-kind gifts and funds derived from the recipient or subrecipient organizations are not eligible sources of certified gifts in this program. Award recipients must certify at least 25 percent of total required match prior to the approved project period. Award recipients must certify all remaining gifts by one of the following dates:

- March 31, 2026, for applications received by September 18, 2024
- March 31, 2027, for applications received by September 17, 2025

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https://www.neh.gov/program/climate-smart-humanities-organizations-0

FEDERAL
GRANT PROFILE



Department: U.S. National Endowment for the Humanities
Agency: Division of Preservation and Access

FY 2025 Preservation Assistance Grants for Smaller Institutions

Grant Overview

The purpose of this program is to help small and mid-sized institutions to improve their ability to preserve and care for their significant humanities collections. Eligible applicants are nonprofit organizations with 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status, accredited public or nonprofit institutions of higher education, state and local governmental agencies, and federally recognized Native American tribal governments.

Program History

	Total Funding	# of Awards
2023	$600,000	60

Key Information and Tips

Total Funding: $550,000
Award Range: Up to $10,000
Match: Not required
Solicitation date: October 1, 2024
Proposal due: January 10, 2025

- An institution that previously received an award through this program may apply for another award to support the next phase of its preservation efforts

https://www.neh.gov/grants/preservation/preservation-assistance-grants-smaller-institutions

Awardee Profile

County of Beltrami, Bemidji, MN

AMOUNT: $8,910
YEAR: 2023

Training in preservation topics for the staff and volunteers of Beltrami County Historical Society, in response to needs identified in a recent preservation assessment. The in-person portion of the training would be free and open to other local stewards of cultural heritage.

Department: U.S. National Endowment for the Humanities
Agency: Division of Preservation and Access

FY 2025 Preservation Assistance Grants for Smaller Institutions

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to help small and mid-sized organizations preserve and manage humanities collections, ensuring their significance for a variety of users, including source communities, humanities researchers, students, and the public, by building their capacity to identify and address physical and intellectual preservation risks.

The Preservation Assistance Grants for Smaller Institutions program focuses on foundational activities in preservation and management of collections. Collections may include archives and manuscripts, prints and photographs, moving images, sound recordings, architectural and cartographic records, decorative and fine art objects, textiles, archaeological and ethnographic items, tribal collections, material culture, historical objects, special collections of books and journals, and digitized and born-digital materials. Supported activities should fall into the following general categories, though the lists of possible activities are not exhaustive:

- Preservation Assessments and Planning
    - General preservation assessments
    - Digital preservation assessments
    - Conservation assessments
    - Assessing environmental impacts of lighting systems or aging mechanical systems
    - Assessing collection documentation needs to identify an appropriate collection management system
    - Foundational conversations and/or consultations with source communities represented in collections to determine culturally appropriate preventive conservation practices and/or initiate or develop accurate vocabularies and/or descriptions of collection items resulting in a processing guide or written report with actionable recommendations
    - Consultations with scholars and subject matter experts to initiate or develop accurate vocabularies and/or descriptions of collection items resulting in a processing guide or written report with actionable recommendations
    - Development and revision of written plans, policies, and procedures such as emergency/disaster preparedness and response plans, digitization plans, storage plans, collection management plans, collecting plans, loan policies, and processing manuals
- Preventive Care
    - Purchase, shipping, and installation costs of storage and preservation supplies, including durable furniture and supplies (e.g., cabinetry, shelving units, storage containers, boxes, folders, and sleeves) for the purpose of rehousing collections for long-term storage or display, digital storage (e.g., external hard drives, RAID, NAS, LTO systems, and cloud-based storage), and discrete and reversible units to improve the environment (e.g., portable dehumidifiers, air conditioning units, UV filtering shades, and HEPA vacuums).

    - Implementing and improving environmental monitoring and/or integrated pest management programs, including the purchase of necessary monitoring supplies and related tracking software
    - Implementing and/or piloting environmentally sustainable preventive care strategies, which may have been recommended in previous preservation assessments or by a consultant, such as addressing water runoff systems to prevent moisture impacts on collections spaces or creating preservation microclimates for vulnerable collections
    - Workshops and/or training for staff and volunteers that address preservation topics, which might include preservation and care of specific material types, care and handling of collections during rehousing and/or digitization, preservation standards for digital collections, disaster preparedness and response, integrated pest management, or an overview of the agents of deterioration
- Collections Management
    - Initial steps that improve the management of collections and knowledge of the contents of collections, such as location and format surveys, inventories, updating condition reports, and/or other preparatory steps toward description of collections
    - Workshops and/or training courses for staff and volunteers that address intellectual control topics such as best practices for arrangement, description, and cataloging of collections

In the current fiscal year, the funding agency is particularly interested in supporting projects that advance humanities-related work in the following areas:

- American Tapestry: Weaving Together Past, Present, and Future: The initiative encourages humanities projects that elevate the role of civics in schools and public programs, advance knowledge of the country's history and political institutions, and examine threats to its democratic principles. The initiative also encourages projects that explore the untold stories of historically underrepresented groups and build capacity at cultural and educational institutions to benefit underserved communities. Finally, the initiative welcomes projects that promote research into the historical roots and cultural effects of climate change and support the cultural and educational sectors in building climate resilience.
- United We Stand: Connecting Through Culture: As a part of this initiative, NEH encourages humanities projects that further our understanding of the nation's racial, ethnic, gender, and religious diversity; examine the sources of hate and intolerance in the United States; and explore progress towards greater inclusiveness. NEH especially welcomes projects that preserve and extend the reach of collections chronicling Muslim American and/or Jewish American experiences, including the history of Islamophobia and/or antisemitism in the United States.
- NEH's Support for the Federal Indian Boarding School Initiative: As a part of NEH's partnership with the Department of the Interior, NEH encourages projects that further public understanding and knowledge of the Federal Indian boarding school system.

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are nonprofit organizations with 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status, accredited public or nonprofit institutions of higher education, state and local governmental agencies, and federally recognized Native American tribal governments. In addition, eligible applicants may apply on behalf of a consortium of collaborating organizations.

The funding agency encourages applications from:

- Small and mid-sized institutions that have never received an award from the funding agency
- Community colleges, minority-serving institutions that are Hispanic-serving institutions, historically Black colleges and universities, tribal colleges, and universities
- Native American tribes and tribal organizations
- Native Alaskan and Native Hawaiian organizations
- Organizations or collections that represent the contributions of historically excluded communities

Only one application may be submitted to this program by an institution; however, distinct collecting entities of a larger organization may apply in the same year, such as the library and museum of a university or two historic sites within a historical society.

Funding

In FY 2025, approximately $550,000 is available per deadline to support an estimated 55 awards through this program. The maximum amount for standard awards is $10,000. Organizations located in a non-contiguous state or jurisdiction may request an additional $5,000 for consultants' travel and shipping costs.

The expected duration of the period of performance is up to eighteen months with a start date between September 1, 2025, and December 1, 2025. Project periods must start on the first day of a month and end on the last day of a month.

Matching and Cost Sharing

Matching funds are not required for this program. Applicants may provide a voluntary cost sharing if the total project costs exceed the amount awarded by NEH. Matching contributions/cost share will not be criterion during the application evaluation process.

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GRANT PROFILE

Department: U.S. National Endowment for the Humanities
Agency: Division of Preservation and Access

FY 2025 Sustaining Cultural Heritage Collections

Grant Overview

The purpose of this program is to help cultural institutions meet the complex challenge of preserving large and diverse holdings of humanities materials for future generations by supporting environmentally sustainable preventive care measures that mitigate deterioration, prolong the useful life of collections, reduce energy consumption, and strengthen institutions' ability to anticipate and respond to disasters. Eligible applicants are nonprofit organizations, state and local governments, Native American tribal governments, and institutions of higher education.

Program History

	Total Funding	# of Awards
2024	$3,072,548	10
2023	$2,856,644	17

Key Information

Total Funding: $2 million
Award Range: Varies by project type
Match: Not required
Solicitation date: October 4, 2024
Proposal due: January 10, 2025

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NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES

Awardee Profile

Cleveland Museum of Natural History, Cleveland, OH

AMOUNT: $350,000
YEAR: 2024

The Cleveland Museum of Natural History received funds to replace a 35-year-old HVAC system and associated ductwork and controls to improve the museum's sustainable environment for its cultural anthropology, fine arts, and rare books collections.

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FY 2025 Sustaining Cultural Heritage Collections

Detailed Summary

This program helps cultural institutions (libraries, archives, museums, and historical organizations) meet the complex challenge of preserving large and diverse holdings of humanities materials for future generations by supporting environmentally sustainable preventive care measures that mitigate deterioration, prolong the useful life of collections, reduce energy consumption, and strengthen institutions' ability to anticipate and respond to disasters. This program offers three levels of funding: Planning, Implementation Level I, and Implementation Level II.

Planning: This category provides funding to develop and assess environmentally sustainable preventive care strategies in collection spaces. Eligible projects under this category include those that will plan, study, evaluate, examine, measure, and/or test:

- collection space temperature and relative humidity targets considering environmentally sustainable guidelines
- passive (nonmechanical) and low-energy systems for managing environmental conditions such as: preservation microclimates, collection space and/or building envelope thermal and moisture buffering performance, collection space and/or building envelope air leaks, and natural ventilation methods
- actively managed mechanical systems to achieve desired conditions along with energy and cost savings, such as: adjusting the operating protocols for climate control systems (planned shutdowns, setbacks, seasonal setpoints), reducing outside air intake, adjusting fan speeds, recommissioning or tuning small-scale climate control systems, replacing components of HVAC systems, and energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions
- installation of on-site renewable energy sources
- lighting collection spaces that protect collections while improving energy efficiency and reducing heat load
- institutional resilience in the face of disasters resulting from current and future effects of climate change or other disasters such as: risk assessment and mitigation, building performance during extended power outages or other emergency situations, and landscaping to mitigate risks to buildings holding collections

Implementation Level I: This category provides funding to implement environmentally sustainable preventive care projects that address specific, discrete preservation challenges that have been identified through an assessment. Level I awards support projects that derive from a general preservation needs assessment, risk assessment, or other targeted collections assessment conducted by internal or consulting professionals who have identified preservation challenges and priorities and prepared an assessment report or summary.

Implementation Level II: This category provides funding to implement environmentally sustainable preventive care projects. Projects may address large or multifaceted preservation challenges that have been identified through assessments. Projects must be informed by a planning phase conducted by a multidisciplinary collaborative professional team appropriate to the goals of the project such as architects, HVAC engineers, building engineers, lighting specialists, conservators, curators, facilities managers, and specialists in environmentally sustainable preventive care and/or disaster preparedness.

Eligible projects for Implementation Level I or II funding include those that will implement, upgrade, install, and/or improve:

- passive (nonmechanical) and low-energy systems for managing environmental conditions to reduce risk and/or improve energy efficiency, and allow for greater temperature and relative humidity ranges in building-wide spaces such as: improving the thermal and moisture performance of a building envelope by installing, UV blocking window filters or shades, sealing windows and doors, sealing ducts, weatherproofing, insulation, or vapor barriers; reorganize collections by material type, locating more vulnerable collections in spaces that are more naturally stable; and create preservation microclimates for vulnerable collections
- actively managed mechanical systems to achieve desired conditions along with energy and cost savings such as: building automation systems to enable more active management of heating, ventilating, and air conditioning (HVAC) systems to improve energy efficiency; and HVAC systems or components to improve energy efficiency
- renewable energy systems such as: solar panels, heat pumps, and geothermal
- lighting systems and controls to achieve energy efficiency and light levels suitable for collections
- institutional resiliency in the face of disasters resulting from current and future effects of climate change or other disasters such as: improve security; building and landscaping improvements to protect collections from fire, floods, pollutants, and other disasters; and storage systems to rehouse vulnerable collections

Implementation projects, both Level I and Level II, may cover costs associated with building alterations and renovations necessary to implement environmentally sustainable preventive care measures for collection spaces. Awards may support planning or implementing the rehousing and movement of collections into a new building if the primary purpose of the move advances institutional environmental sustainability and/or resilience.

The primary differences between Implementation Level I and Implementation Level II are:

1. **The scope and size of the project**. Level I projects are typically smaller, distinct projects while Level II projects can be large and/or multifaceted.
2. **The planning pre-requisites**. Both levels require a preservation needs assessment or other focused assessment that informs the project. For Level II projects, that assessment should be performed by a multidisciplinary collaborative team appropriate to the project.

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations, state and local governments, Native American tribal governments, and institutions of higher education. Before applying to any level of this program, entities should have established an environmental monitoring program (collecting temperature and relative humidity data) and completed a basic preservation assessment or conservation assessment that identified preservation

challenges, risks, and priorities. Applicants may also consider developing a collection management plan, a preservation plan, an emergency plan, and/or a climate action plan prior to applying.

Previous award recipients through this program may apply for a new or subsequent stage of the awarded project. Applicants may submit multiple applications for separate and distinct projects. An individual may serve as project director for multiple proposed projects under this notice.

Two or more applications and/or approved award budgets may not include overlapping project costs. However, applicants may submit multiple proposals for complementary aspects of the same overall project.

Funding

In FY 2025, approximately $2 million is expected to be available to support 15 awards through this program as follows:

- Planning Projects - awards of up to $50,000
- Level I Implementation Projects – awards of up to $100,000
- Level II Implementation Projects – awards of up to $350,000

Planning awards and Level I Implementation awards may have a period of performance of up to two years. Level II Implementation awards may have a period of performance of up to three years.

Projects periods must start between October 1, 2025, and January 31, 2026.

Matching and Cost Sharing

There is no required cost sharing or matching for this program unless you request federal matching funds.

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