

## **Barn Preservation Grants Frequently Asked Questions**

### **Do I qualify for a Barn Preservation Grant?**

Agricultural buildings owned by non-profit organizations, municipalities or individuals are eligible for funding through this state grant program. A building must also be either listed or determined eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places to qualify. You may contact the Division for Historic Preservation to learn if your building is listed or has been determined eligible for listing.

Qualified buildings include any historic structure historically used for agricultural purposes, including barns, silos, corn cribs, sugar houses, equipment sheds etc. In-town carriage barns are not eligible for funding. A structure does not need to be in active agricultural use to qualify. If you have questions regarding eligibility, you may contact Caitlin Corkins at the Division for Historic Preservation.

### **How much funding is available?**

Grants of up to \$15,000 are available on a 1 to 1 matching basis. This is a reimbursement program, which means that if you are awarded a grant, you are responsible for paying for the full amount of the project and the State will then reimburse you once the project and required paperwork are complete. Annually, and pending legislative approval, the program has \$200,000 available in grant funds.

### **Can I start my project before I get a grant?**

No. You may not apply for funding to support projects that have already been completed or are in progress. If your project is large with many components, you may be able to do work on your building before you get a grant, if the portion of the project to be funded with a grant has NOT started.

### **What work is eligible for funding?**

Projects to repair and/or restore historic building features are eligible and work must meet the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation to qualify for funding. This could include:

- Work on a failed structural component, such as the building's frame, foundation or roof;
- Repairs to damaged or deteriorated components of the historic building, such as windows, doors, and siding; and
- Preservation or restoration of significant historic features of a building, including cupolas, animal stalls or integral agricultural equipment such as a hay fork.

**Ineligible work** includes new construction, additions, electrical, plumbing or heating projects and weatherization or code improvements. Work that is generally considered maintenance such as cleaning or painting, will not be funded. Planning projects are also not eligible for funding.

### **What information must be provided with an application?**

In addition to completing a Historic Preservation Application, all applicants must provide the following information to the Division for Historic Preservation in order to be considered for grant funding:

- Estimate – a detailed, written estimate from a qualified contractor for your project
- Photographs – digital photographs documenting your building and the issues you are trying to resolve
- Proof of non-profit status (if applicable)

### **When can I apply?**

Applications for funding are generally made available during August and the deadline for applications is the first Monday of November each year. To receive notification regarding the next round of Grants and be added to our mailing list, contact Caitlin Corkins at 802-828-3047.

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