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2025 CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT GRANTS

Funds are Available for Historic Preservation Projects in Your Community!

When is the Application Due?

Applications for 2025 CLG Grants are due **Monday, December 16, 2024**. The Vermont Advisory Council on Historic Preservation will review the applications and award the grants at their meeting on January 23, 2025.

Who Can Apply?

The twenty (20) Vermont communities participating in the Certified Local Government (CLG) program are eligible to apply for grant funding. [Click here](#) for a list of Vermont's CLG communities.

How Much Money is Available?

We anticipate having approximately \$79,101.00 to award to eligible 2025 CLG Grant projects.

How Do I Apply?

The 2025 Grant Application, Budget Form, and Manual are available on our website [here](#).

When Does the Project Have to be Completed?

The grant period for 2025 CLG Grant projects is October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2027. This grant period follows the federal fiscal year.

All projects must be fully completed and submitted for final review and reimbursement no later than August 1, 2027.



What are the 2025 CLG Funding Priorities?

The Vermont Division for Historic Preservation is encouraging projects that focus on disaster preparation, mitigation, and resilience. Such projects could include a survey to document historic resources in flood-prone areas; an educational project to develop local guidance for property owners about flood adaptation and mitigation; or a pre-development project to undertake disaster preparedness assessments for National Register-listed properties in your community.

What are Eligible Projects?

This list is not comprehensive. If you have a project in mind that is not listed here, please email Laura.trieschmann@vermont.gov or call 802-505-3579 to explore.

- **SURVEY** projects must conform to the suite of survey/inventory forms maintained by the State Historic Preservation Office. These include Vermont Architectural Resource Inventory, Vermont Archaeological Inventory, Vermont Bridge Inventory, Vermont Landscape Inventory, Vermont Cemetery Inventory, and Vermont Stone Culvert Inventory. The survey identifies those buildings, structures, sites, objects, and districts that are significant in Vermont's history and pre-history. Depending on the extent of the survey required in the community, it may be advisable to phase the survey over more than one year. For assistance in designing a survey project, the applicant should contact SHPO in advance of preparing the grant application.
 - Survey projects are eligible for 60% CLG grant funding.
- **NATIONAL REGISTER** projects should focus on individual properties, historic districts, or multiple property nominations identified by the CLG commission. Prior to undertaking a nomination, the property or district must have been determined eligible by SHPO within the past five (5) years for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. Historic districts are physically grouped properties that are related historically and/or architecturally. Multiple property listings are those properties linked by a common property type or association, such as historic agricultural properties, bridges, mills, etc.
 - Nominations to the National Register are eligible for 60% CLG funding.
- **PRESERVATION PLANNING** must be coordinated with the Vermont Historic Preservation Plan, the statewide preservation planning process. The current plan was published in 2023 and is available online [here](#). The primary goals of the plan are 1) Advocate for Historic Preservation; 2) Recognize Historic Places; 3) Expand Public Outreach and Information Collaboration; and 4) Cultivate Pride of Place and Stewardship. The plan describes important themes in Vermont's history and pre-history, the historic resources associated with them, and goals for their preservation. Through the survey and National Register process, and applying the information from the plan's themes, a community can identify and evaluate its significant properties and establish

goals and priorities for their continued use and protection. This information should be integrated into the community's land planning documents and conservation efforts.

- Preservation Planning projects are eligible for 60% CLG grant funding.
- **INFORMATION AND EDUCATION** projects inform the public about the value of historic preservation. Public information and education components are excellent ways to publicize the workings of the CLG Commission. For example, the CLG could sponsor programs, design and print brochures or facilitate an audio series about local historic resources. Special events in May for “National Historic Preservation Week” can be eligible for funding. Training sessions for CLG commission members and municipal staff working with the commission are eligible for funding. Contact the Division for clarification on allowable costs.
 - Information and Education projects are eligible for 60% CLG grant funding.
- **PRE-DEVELOPMENT** projects plan for the work necessary to design and plan construction work. Architectural plans and specifications, historic structures reports, engineering studies, archaeological testing and feasibility studies are types of pre-development work. To be eligible to apply for a pre-Development grant, the project must be for a property, or properties, listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Properties determined eligible by the Vermont Advisory Council on Historic Preservation are eligible but must be nominated prior to or as part of the pre-development project. The project must provide information necessary to carry out a development project that will meet the *Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties*.
 - Pre-Development projects are eligible for 50% grant funding, or up to 60% if enough CLG funds are available.
- **DEVELOPMENT** projects are actual bricks-and-mortar construction work. To be eligible to apply for a CLG grant for a development project, the property must be listed in the National Register; must be owned by the municipality; must be open to the public; must be accessible to the handicapped; and must conform to local and regional plans. In addition, the project must be for stabilization or restoration work – new additions, code improvements, utility systems work, and routine maintenance are **not** eligible for funding. The project must meet the *Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties*.