

2017 Vermont Historic Preservation Grant Application

Due Monday, October 3, 2016

IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS:

Please refer to the *2017 Vermont Historic Preservation Grant Application Manual* **before** completing your application. The manual contains directions to help you respond to each section below and clarifies what information is required. The manual is available [online](#) or you may request a paper copy by sending an email to debra.sayers@vermont.gov or by calling 802-828-3213.

1A. APPLICANT

Name: Town of Bethel

Address: 134 South Main Street

City: Bethel

State: VT

Zip Code: 05032

Daytime phone: (802) 234-9340

Email address: bethelassistmgr@comcast.net

1B. PERSON AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS FOR APPLICANT

Name: Keith O. Arlund, Town Manager

Address: Town of Bethel, 134 South Main Street

City: Bethel

State: VT

Zip Code: 05032

Daytime phone: (802) 234-9340

Email address: betheltownmgr@comcast.net

1C. PERSON AUTHORIZED TO ADMINISTER THE PROJECT

Name/Title: Abbie Sherman, Assistant Town Manager

Address: Town of Bethel, 134 South Main Street

City: Bethel

State: VT

Zip Code: 05032

Daytime phone: (802) 234-9340

Email address: bethelassistmgr@comcast.net

1D. PROPERTY OWNER (if different from applicant)

Name:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Ownership Status: (check one)

Municipality Non-Profit

1E. HISTORIC NAME AND LOCATION

Historic Name: Bethel Old Town Hall

Physical Address: 318 Main Street, Bethel, VT 05032

2. GRANTEE EXPERIENCE

2A. Has any previous rehabilitation work on this building been funded with a State Historic Preservation Grant? If yes, please list the year and purposed of the grant.

Yes No If yes, please comment:

In 2010, Historic Preservation Grant funds were used in connection with the overall rehabilitation project to make repairs to the façade of the building. Repairs included removal of the former fire department bays and replacing with replicas of the original doors and window. Assistance from Historic Preservation for this piece of the rehabilitation project was \$15,000.

2B. Does your organization have experience with similar federal or state grant programs?

Yes No If yes, please comment:

The Town of Bethel frequently accesses federal and state grant programs, including Save America’s Treasures, FEMA Disaster Recovery, and various highway rehabilitation state grants.

2C. Does your organization use a manual or automated Accounting system?

Manual Automated

3. BUILDING INFORMATION

You can determine whether a building is listed or has been determined eligible for listing in the State or National Register by looking at the Vermont Division for Historic Preservation’s **Online Resource Center**, available at

<http://www.orc.vermont.gov/Resource/Show-Resource-Table.aspx>.

3A. Date(s) of Original Construction, Major Additions (can be approximate): Original Construction: 1892

Roof Replacement/Repairs: 2007

Major Rehabilitation: 2010

3B. Original Building Type:

House Barn Church Town Hall School Commercial

Other (explain)

3C. Is the building listed in the State Register of Historic Places?

Yes No, but determined eligible No

3D. Is the building listed in the National Register of Historic Places?

Yes No, but determined eligible No

CRITERION 4. PRESERVATION OF HISTORIC FEATURES

For each subsection below rate the condition of building elements (excellent, good, fair, poor). Then write a short summary of the work needed to repair/restore this element including methods of repair and materials to be used. If no work is needed in any subsection, say do. Do not leave sections blank. For each section where funding is sought through this grant application, check the "Grant Funds Requested" box for that section.

4A. Roof

Condition:

Excellent.

Repairs Needed:

None at this time.

Grant Funds Requested

4B. Frames & Structure

Condition:

Excellent.

Repairs Needed:

None at this time.

Grant Funds Requested

4C. Exterior (siding, trim, etc.)

Condition:

Excellent.

Repairs Needed:

None at this time.

Grant Funds Requested

4D. Interior (plaster, trim, rooms etc.)

Condition:

Excellent.

Repairs Needed:

None at this time.

Grant Funds Requested

4E. Windows & Doors

Condition:
Excellent.

Repairs Needed:
None at this time.

Grant Funds Requested

4F. Foundation (masonry)

Condition:
Excellent.

Repairs Needed:
None at this time.

Grant Funds Requested

4G. Special Features (steeple, cupolas, porches, etc.)

Condition:
Poor.

Repairs Needed:

The roofing material on the exterior of the bell/clock tower is comprised of original pressed metal tiles. The bell/clock tower itself is the crowing piece of the façade of the building. Paint on the tiles is peeling away and rust has become prevalent throughout the roof, beginning to seep onto the brickwork of the building. The paint on these historic tiles needs to be carefully stripped and an exterior latex-based paint applied. After careful investigation into the best treatment of these tiles, it was found the cost to repaint them would be much higher than anticipated. This is in part due to the location of the tiles and the need to rent a lift to complete the project.

Grant Funds Requested

4H. Site (drainage, roads, sidewalks, etc.; conditions that cause damage to the building)

Condition:
Excellent

Repairs Needed:
None at this time.

Grant Funds Requested

CRITERION 5: LONG TERM USE

5A. Briefly describe the building and give a short summary of the building's history. What was the original use of the building and what is the building's current use?

Designed by architect George H. Guernsey, construction of the Town Hall commenced in 1892 at a final cost of \$7,000. The architectural design is a mix of styles, including Italianate for the arched windows and French 2nd Empire for the bell/clock tower and cupola. The tower was capped with a golden eagle weathervane, now housed in a protected display within the Town Hall, a replica taking its former place. The Town Hall has seen a number of uses over the years including former home of the public library, roller rink, basketball court, fire station, and home of the Freemasons for more than 40 years. At the start of the century plans began to develop for renovation of the Town Hall to return it to its original glory. The first major repairs were made with replacement of the roof in 2007. In 2010, all other major renovations were undertaken, preserving as much of the original features as possible, including the painted theater curtain. The building is currently used for public events and meetings, school theatrical performances and concerts, private parties, weddings, holiday parties, and is home to the Bethel Historical Society.

5B. Describe any substantial work that has been performed on the building in the last five years:

All major rehabilitation was completed in 2010, in part by using funds from Vermont Historic Preservation. In the Spring of 2013 a sign at the front of the building was added to display public events at the Town Hall.

5C. What is the planned use of the building following this project? If the building is rehabilitated, will it have a new use? Describe changes that will be made to the building in order to accommodate this new use. Will these changes impact historic features?

The planned use of the building will continue as before being a community hall and civic and cultural center for public or private use, as well as the centerpiece to Bethel Village.

5D. Describe any additional work that needs to be done following the completion of this project. Do you have a plan for routine maintenance and long-term preservation of the building?

With the development of the reconstruction project of the Town Hall, a fund was established to as donations were received. The fund continues, being supplemented with donations or tax appropriations for special or continued maintenance projects.

CRITERION 6: PUBLIC BENEFIT

6A. Is the building open to and/or used by the public? Yes No
If yes, please describe:

The Town Hall is open for public use and/or visibility either through rental of the facility or by attending one of the many public events held there. The Bethel Historical Society

hosts a semi-annual art show, with public viewing every weekend for about a month. The Bethel Selectboard has recently opted to move their bi-monthly meetings to the Town Hall. The Town Hall is has also become a pivotal location for the annual Bethel Community Forward Festival, the Safe and Seen Halloween Event, "Bethel University," and other civic and cultural events.

If no, please describe any plans for public use:

6B. Describe the public benefit of this project. Is the building easily visible from public places? Is it important to the history of the community or an important local symbol or landmark?

The Bethel Town Hall continues to be the centerpiece to Bethel Village, situated on Main Street, greeting passerby's as they cross over the bridge on Route 12. The Town Hall has long been used as the Town's logo on stationary and in the local newspaper. Many Bethelites can recall when the Town Hall was used for basketball games and for roller skating. Prior to its rehabilitation, it was the former home of Bethel's Fire Department and meeting location for the Freemasons. The Town Hall was rehabilitated in 2010 to revitalize its use as an integral piece of the community, and it is expected to continue that way well into the next century. Additional information as to the historic significance of the Town Hall can be found in section 5A and the "Architectural Description and History" attached.

6C. Does the community support the project? Are other organizations involved in the project?

Bethel citizens have voiced concern at the appearance of the Town Hall's bell/clock tower for the past few years. At the 2016 Town Meeting, the Selectboard requested an appropriation of funds to be used for repainting of bell/clock tower. This appropriation was approved by Bethel voters through a voice vote. The Bethel Historical Society and the Bethel Revitalization Initiative support the completion of this project as it improves the appearance of the Town Hall as the centerpiece of Bethel Village.

CRITERION 7: BUDGET

7A. Summarize items from Section 4 that will be funded through this grant request. Please only include items for which you are seeking grant funding through this program. You may add more lines if necessary.

WORK DESCRIPTION IN PRIORITY ORDER

1. Site Setup and Lift Rental
Estimated Cost: \$6,000
2. Stripping of tiles
Estimated Cost: \$8,000

3. Prime with Direct to Metal Primer and Top Coat (2 coats)

Estimated Cost: \$5,000

4.

Estimated Cost: \$

5.

Estimated Cost: \$

6.

Estimated Cost: \$

7.

Estimated Cost: \$

8.

Estimated Cost: \$

TOTAL ESTIMATED GRANT PROJECT COST: \$19,000

7B. GRANT REQUEST

REMINDER: the *maximum* grant amount you may request is **\$20,000.00**

GRANT AMOUNT REQUESTED: \$9,500

7C. MATCHING AMOUNT SUMMARY

List all sources of matching funding below. Matching funds that equal your grant request *must* be in-hand at the time of application. You may add more lines if necessary.

SOURCE: FY2017 Budget Appropriation

AMOUNT: \$5,000.00

SOURCE: Town Hall Fund

AMOUNT: \$4,500.00

SOURCE:

AMOUNT: \$

TOTAL AMOUNT OF MATCHING FUNDING: \$9,500.00

(Should match grant request)

7D. SOURCES OF ADDITIONAL FUNDS

Tell us about any sources of additional funds in addition to matching funds that will be used to pay for work prior to reimbursement. Indicate whether these funds are in hand or must still be raised. You may add more lines if necessary.

The Town of Bethel has sufficient cash flow to pay for work completed prior to reimbursement from the grant program.

7E. PARTIAL AWARD

Could your organization accept a partial award to successfully complete a phase of this project? Yes No

Describe what funds are necessary to support each discrete portion of the project.

7F. ADDITIONAL BUDGET COMMENTS

CRITERION 8: ACCESSIBILITY FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

8A. Is the building handicapped accessible? Yes No

If yes, please describe:

All levels of the Town Hall are handicapped accessible to the maximum extent possible given the design of the building and the layout of the property. Accessible parking is located to the back of the building, marked as such, and provide access to the main hall floor. A lift is located at the main hall which accesses the kitchen below and the stage above. The basement level of the hall, containing the Bethel Historical Society and a conference room, is accessible by the front doors. The basement, kitchen, and main hall each contain accessible, gender-neutral bathrooms. Water fountains provided on the main hall level are positioned at two levels. All thresholds, where existent, are designed to be wheelchair accessible.

If no, please describe any plans to make it accessible.

CRITERION 9: DESIGNATED DOWNTOWNS AND VILLAGE CENTERS

9A. Is your building in a Designated Downtown or Village Center under the Downtown Development Act?

Yes No

10. REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS

The following attachments are **required** parts of the grant application. See Grant Manual for a full description of each item. Check off the boxes to make sure you have included all the required attachments. **Incomplete applications will not be considered.**

Project Estimate(s)

Location Map

Sketch Map

N/A Proof of non-profit status [IRS 501 (c)(3) certification] (for non-profit, tax-exempt organizations) – *N/A – we are a municipality.*

CD of .jpg images

(OPTIONAL) Preservation Plans, Reports, Evaluations, or Maintenance Plans of the building

11. LEGISLATORS

Please list your State Senators and Representatives

Senator John F. Cambell – Windsor District

Representative Sandy Haas – Windsor-Rutland

Senator Dick McCormack – Windsor District

Senator Alice W. Nitka – Windsor District

12. CERTIFICATION:

A. If you are submitting your application via email you MUST check the box below to certify your application.

I am submitting this Application digitally. I am applying for a 2017 Historic Preservation Grant and am authorized to submit this application on behalf of the Applicant. I certify that the information presented in this Application is complete and accurate and I am authorizing the Division for Historic Preservation to accept the submittal for review and potential award. I understand that upon submission to the State, I relinquish sole rights to ownership or control over the photographs and digital images I am submitting and that the photographs shall become the property of the State upon receipt by the State.

B. If you are submitting a paper copy of the application you MUST sign and enter the date in the box below.

By signing this application, I certify I am applying for a 2017 Historic Preservation Grant and am authorized to submit this application on behalf of the Applicant. I certify that the information presented in this Application is complete and accurate and I am authorizing the Division for Historic Preservation to accept the submittal for review and potential award. I understand that upon submission to the State, I relinquish sole rights to ownership or control over the photographs and digital images I am submitting and that the photographs shall become the property of the State upon receipt by the State.

APPLICANT NAME:

Keith O. Arlund, Town Manager

SIGNATURE:



DATE: (mm/dd/yyyy)
10/03/2016

Applications are to be submitted via e-mail to accd.hpgrants@vermont.gov by midnight October 3, 2016.

If you are unable to submit your application via e-mail you may submit a paper copy to the address below. **Applications must be postmarked or hand-delivered by 4:30 on October 3, 2016.**

Vermont Division for Historic Preservation
Attention: Caitlin Corkins
One National Life Drive
Davis Building, 6th Floor
Montpelier, VT 05620-0501

**Thank you for applying to the
Vermont Division for Historic Preservation's
Historic Preservation Grant Program!**