

Community Affairs

New Jersey Historic Trust

Notice of Available Grant Funds

Garden State Historic Preservation Trust Fund

Take notice that in compliance with the NJ Garden State Preservation Trust Act, the NJ Historic Trust anticipates the following availability of funds.

Grant Name: Garden State Historic Preservation Trust Fund Grant Round 2010 Historic Site Management Grants and Capital Preservation Grants Level I and II.

Purpose: The Garden State Historic Preservation Trust Fund provides capital and historic site management grants for a variety of preservation projects to improve and protect New Jersey's historic legacy. The program encourages careful planning for the restoration, rehabilitation and preservation of a variety of historic resources. Through its matching requirements, the program stimulates broader support and participation in these historic preservation projects.

Historic Site Management grants support a range of professional services for conducting research and preparing planning documents such as preservation plans, historic structure reports, adaptive-use studies, materials analysis and planning and construction documents prior to the start of capital projects. Historic Site Management grants also fund site-specific interpretive initiatives, fundraising plans and certain kinds of studies to improve site management and operations. Historic site management grants range from \$5,000 to \$50,000 and require matching funds.

Capital Preservation Grants fund construction and architectural/engineering expenses of preservation, restoration and rehabilitation projects and associated non-construction expenses. Level I grants are for smaller construction projects and range from \$5,000 to \$150,000. Level II grants are for larger projects and range from \$150,001 to \$750,000. All grants require matching funds.

All applicants must meet certain criteria established in the Garden State Preservation Trust Act (N.J.S.A. 13:8C-1 et seq.). All work must be performed in compliance with the *Secretary for Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties, 1995*. Any construction work related to providing access for handicapped or disabled persons must be in accord with the New Jersey Barrier Free Subcode.

Amount of Money in the Grant Program: In the 2010 grant round, approximately \$10.2 million in matching grants will be available for both historic site management grants and capital preservation grants. Funding for the grants is dedicated from the Garden State Preservation Trust Fund, which voters approved in November 2009.

Eligible applicants are agencies or entities of State government, agencies or entities of county government, agencies or entities of municipal government, and nonprofit organizations organized under the New Jersey Nonprofit Corporation Act (N.J.S.A. 15A:101 et seq.) that qualify for tax-exempt status under Section 501© of the Internal Revenue Code (26 U.S. 501(c)). To comply with the New Jersey Charitable Registration and Investigation Act of 1994 (CRI Act), all nonprofit applicants must include documentation of their tax-exempt status and a

copy of a current registration number issued by the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Consumer Affairs, Office of Consumer Protection/Charities Registration, or submit a letter from that agency confirming exemption from the requirements of charitable registration.

Eligible Properties must be listed in, or eligible to be listed in, the New Jersey Register of Historic Places and/or the National Register of Historic Places per N.J.A.C. 7:4 as follows:

1. Individually listed in the New Jersey Register of Historic Places and/or the National Register of Historic Places
2. Situated within the boundaries of an historic district listed in the New Jersey Register of Historic Places and/or the National Register of Historic Places, and identified in the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form inventory as a resource contributing to the significance of that district.
3. Certified by the state Historic Preservation office as a property that is eligible to be listed in the New Jersey Register of Historic Places. Though a property need only be certified eligible for listing in order to apply for funding.

For the purposes of a grant request through GSPT programs, a property may include a single building, structure, site landscape and/or associated buildings, structures, etc. that are identified in the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form inventory as resources that contribute to the significance of a property.

Criteria for Review

The following criteria are used to evaluate and rank applications for historic site management grant funds:

1. Significance of resource, including level of significance determined by the evaluation criteria for the New Jersey and National Registers of Historic Places and the physical condition of the property
2. Project Concept and Team, including the quality of the project, proposed consultants, budget and schedule
3. Organization ability of applicant, and availability of matching funds
4. Public Benefit and Distribution, including the impact of the project, community support for the project, distribution of funds throughout the state and to a variety of projects, and ability of this grant to make a difference in the quality of the project.

The following criteria are used to evaluate and rank applications for capital grant funds:

1. Significance of resource, including level of significance determined by the evaluation criteria for the New Jersey and National Registers of Historic Places and the physical condition of the property
2. Project Concept and Team, including the preliminary planning
3. Organization ability of applicant, including availability of matching funds, and viability of the property's long-term protection
4. Public Benefit and Distribution, including the impact of the project, community support for the project, distribution of funds throughout the state and to a variety of projects, and ability of this grant to make a difference in the quality of the project.

Application Instructions

There are three ways to obtain a copy of the guidelines and applications:

1. Download the files from the Trust's Web site (www.njht.org/library.htm) after June 17, 2010.
2. Call (609) 984-0473 and request a hard copy by mail.
3. Email njht@dca.state.nj.us and request a copy by attached email file.

Schedule for Review, Funding and Implementation of Project

- l **June 17, 2010** – Applications and Guidelines available to public
- l **July 22, 2010** - Declaration of Intent to Apply due in the offices of the NJ Historic Trust by 4:00 P.M.
- l **July 28, 2010** – Applicant Workshop scheduled to be held July 28, 2010, 1-3 P.M. at the Rutgers EcoComplex in Bordentown. To register, e-mail njht@dca.state.nj.us, or call (609) 984-0473.
- l **September 16, 2010** – Applications due in the office of the NJ Historic Trust by 4:00 P.M. Application materials must be delivered to the Trust's office by 4:00 p.m. on or before this date, or sent certified mail and postmarked by this date.
- l **October/November 2010** – Trust completes review of applications and site visits.
- l **January 2011** - The Trust's Grants Committee will evaluate application materials and make its recommendations for funding to the Board.
- l **March 2011** – The Trust's Board will make its decision on recommended awards at a public meeting.

l **March – June 2011** – The Trust’s Board will forward its recommendations to the Garden State Preservation Trust, which will review the recommendations and submit a final list of recommended projects to the Legislature and the Governor for approval.

After the enactment of an appropriation bill to make grant funds available, grant assisted projects must be underway 12 months after the bill is signed (for Historic Site Management grant recipients) and 18 month after the bill signed (for Capital Preservation grant recipients)