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Historic Preservation Project Funding Resources for Municipalities, Non-Profits, and Religious Organizations

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Preservation projects can involve a wide range of activities from documentation efforts and surveys, to brick-and-mortar rehabilitations. Therefore, funding a preservation project often benefits from or necessitates a combination of public and private dollars. This is not intended to be an exhausted list of all possible funding avenues but rather a collection of consistently successful programs. Please note that the majority of funding resources for historic preservation projects require that the property be listed or eligible for listing on the NYS and/or National Register of Historic Places, or designated as a landmark under a local preservation ordinance.

NATIONAL

Institute of Museum and Library Services

Conservation Assessment for Preservation Program (CAP) provides an assessment of a museum's collections, buildings, and building systems as well as its policies and procedures relating to collections care. The resulting comprehensive report then outlines recommendations for improved collections care tailored specifically to the participating institution.

Current deadline: February 2018

More information: <https://www.ims.gov/grants/available/collections-assessment-preservation-program-cap>

National Endowment for the Arts (NEA)

Art Works is the NEA's principle grant program that supports public engagement with, and access to art within 13 different disciplines. The Design discipline supports a broad range of historic preservation activities, including plans, surveys, and outreach efforts but does not support actual renovation or construction costs.

Currently deadline: February 15, 2018

More information: <https://www.arts.gov/grants-organizations/art-works/design>

National Parks Service (NPS)

African American Civil Rights Grant Program supports efforts to documents, interprets, and preserves sites and stories related to the African American struggle to gain equal rights as citizens in the 20th Century.

More information: <https://www.nps.gov/preservation-grants/civil-rights/>

Battlefield Protection Grant provides seed money for projects that lead directly to the identification, preservation, and interpretation of battlefield land or historic sites associated with battlefields.

Current deadline: January 18, 2018

More information: <https://www.nps.gov/abpp/grants/battlefieldgrants/2018grants.html>

Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit, for those for-profit institutions, there is a federal 20% tax credit for rehabilitating income-producing historic buildings. Buildings must be listed on the National Register of Historic Places and be within an eligible census tract. Please note that as part of Public Law No. 115-97, passed in December 2017, the Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit was modified and provides certain transition rules that may affect a taxpayer's ability to use the tax credit.

More information: <https://www.nps.gov/tps/tax-incentives.htm>

Save America's Treasures is a competitive, dollar-for-dollar match grant program that supports the preservation of nationally significant historic properties and collections.

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Current deadline: February 21, 2018

More information: www.nps.gov/preservation-grants/sat/index.html

Underrepresented Community Grant Program supports the survey, inventory, and designation of historic properties that are associated with communities currently underrepresented in the National Register of Historic Places and among National Historic Landmarks. All funded projects must result in either the submission of a new nomination to the National Register or National Historic Landmark program, *or* an amendment to an existing National Register or National Historic Landmark nomination to include underrepresented communities.

More information: <https://www.nps.gov/preservation-grants/community-grants.html>

National Trust for Historic Preservation (NTHP)

African-American Cultural Heritage Action Fund ongoing preservation activities for historic places such as sites, museums, and landscapes representing African American cultural heritage. The fund supports Capital Projects, Organizational Capacity Building, Project Planning, and Programming and Interpretation. Grants made from the African-American Cultural Heritage Action Fund will range from \$50,000 to \$150,000.

Current deadline: Letters of intent for the program are due January 31, 2018 by 11:59 pm local time.

More information: <http://forum.savingplaces.org/build/funding/grant-seekers/specialprograms/aachactionfund>

Emergency/Intervention Fund (E/I) Grants is awarded in emergency situations when immediate and unanticipated work is needed to save a historic structure, such as when a fire or other natural disaster strikes. Funding is restricted to nonprofit organizations and public agencies. Emergency grants typically range from \$1,000 to \$5,000; a cash match is not required for intervention projects.

More information: Contact the NTHP Grant Office at 202-588-6277, grants@savingplaces.org

National Trust Preservation Fund supports preservation at the local level by providing seed money for preservation projects. A matching grant, awards generally start at \$2,500 and range up to \$5,000. The selection process is very competitive. Eligible activities include education and outreach activities aimed at the public as well as planning activities like hiring preservation professionals for surveys or plans.

Current deadline: February 1; June 1; October 1

More information: <http://forum.savingplaces.org/build/funding/grant-seekers/preservation-funds>

*Please note that in addition to the aforementioned programs, the National Trust for Historic Preservation operates several other grant programs of more specific funds with various deadlines throughout the year, for more information visit <http://bit.ly/2CusIUR>.

STATE

New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA)

The Architecture, Planning and Design Program stimulates and promotes excellence in design and planning in the public realm for the benefit of all New Yorkers. The Program supports work in the fields of contemporary and restoration architecture, landscape architecture, urban and rural planning, urban design, historic preservation, graphic and industrial design, and architectural theory and history.

Current deadline: March 21, 2017

More information: <http://www.nysca.org/public/guidelines/architecture/index.htm>

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New York State Office of Community Renewal (OCR)

New York Main Street grant program provides funds to units of local government, and not-for-profit organizations for revitalizing projects which are within eligible target areas. The program also provides technical assistance and other resources to support community revitalization efforts.

More information: <http://www.nyshcr.org/programs/nymainstreet>

New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP)

The Certified Local Government Program (CLG) supports and strengthens local preservation activities by encouraging communities to develop an action plan in order to achieve their preservation goals. All certified CLGs are eligible to receive a variety of services from the SHPO, including grant money designated exclusively for CLG projects.

More information: <http://www.nysparks.com/shpo/certified-local-governments>

The NYS Environmental Protection Fund (EPF) provides grants for projects to improve, protect, preserve, rehabilitate or restore properties on the State or National Register for use by all segments of the population for park, recreation, conservation or preservation purposes. This highly competitive program provides grants of up to 50% of eligible project costs, with funding caps, deadlines and priorities established each year.

More information: <http://www.nysparks.com/grants/historic-preservation/default.aspx>

State Tax Credits for those for-profit institutions, there is a NYS 20% commercial tax credit that can be used in conjunction with the 20% federal historic tax credit for rehabilitating income-producing historic buildings. Buildings must be listed on the National Register of Historic Places and be within an eligible census tract. Please note that as part of Federal Public Law No. 115-97, passed in December 2017, the Federal Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit was modified and provides certain transition rules that may affect a taxpayer's ability to use the tax credit and as some of these changes may also affect the ability to use the state credit.

More information: <http://www.nysparks.com/shpo/tax-credit-programs/>

New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT)

The Transportation Enhancements Program (TEP), a federal reimbursement program which enables funding for transportation projects of cultural, aesthetic, historic and environmental significance. Eligible projects must have a relationship with the surface transportation system and must be available for public access and use. Project applications may be developed by any municipality or nonprofit organization, but must be sponsored by a municipality, a state agency, or an Authority.

More information: <https://www.dot.ny.gov/programs/tep>

Preservation League of New York State (PLNYS)

Preserve New York provides support for completion of historic structure reports, building condition reports, cultural landscape reports, and cultural resource surveys. The program provides support up to 80% of the project cost. Applicants must provide 20% of the total project cost as a cash match. Grants are likely to range between \$3,000 and \$10,000.

Current deadline: March 26, 2018

More information: <https://www.preservenys.org/preserve-new-york.html>

Technical Assistance Grant (TAG) provides support provides support for consulting projects that preserve New York State's cultural and historic resources. The grants will support professional services of architects, engineers, and other design and preservation professionals. Grants awards are up to \$3,000, with a required \$500 match from the applicants and are available to non-profit groups and municipalities that manage historic

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sites, museums, arts facilities and other important institutions that serve an arts or cultural purpose and are open to the public.

Current deadline: **September 18, 2018.**

More information: <https://www.preservenys.org/tag---technical-assistance-grants.html>

New York Landmarks Conservancy

Sacred Sites Program assists religious organizations with two statewide matching grant programs: Sacred Sites Grant and Sacred Sites Challenge Grants. The grants provide financial and technical assistance for the maintenance, repair, and restoration of religious properties as well as professional services.

Current deadline: January 15; June 1

More information: http://www.nylandmarks.org/programs_services/grants/sacred_sites_program/

LOCAL

Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo

Community Foundation Competitive Grants The first step of the competitive grant process is to submit a Letter of Intent outlining how your proposed program addresses at least one of the Solutions listed under the Community Foundation's four Community Goals. The Letter of Intent is a simple form which determines if a project merits further consideration in light of available resources and current Community Foundation priorities. If accepted, then you will receive an invitation to submit a full grant application.

Current deadline: February 2, 2018

More information: <http://www.cfgb.org/for-nonprofits/for-grant-seekers/community-foundation-grants/>

*Please note that the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo also manages several other grant programs of more specific funds with various deadlines throughout the year, for more information visit

<http://www.cfgb.org/for-nonprofits/for-grant-seekers/>.

Erie County

Cultural Funding provides financial assistance and strategic focus and direction to Erie County's cultural sector to promote the economic and cultural benefits of the County's tourism, arts, culture, and heritage industry.

More information: <http://www2.erie.gov/environment/index.php?q=arts-amp-culture>