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South Carolina Department of Archives & History

Historic Preservation Grants

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Who we are:

- Research and Genealogy
- Repository for State Government Records
- *State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO)*


8301 Parklane Road, Columbia



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SHPO functions:


- National Register of Historic Places
- Survey and Inventory
- Review and Compliance
- Grants and Tax Incentives



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SHPO grant programs:

- Pass-through grants from the Federal Historic Preservation Fund
- State Historic Preservation Grants



WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY?

2024 Federal grants (applications due in Spring '24, date TBA):

- ▶ Local governments
- ▶ Non-profit organizations

Projects in Certified Local Governments (CLGs) are required to receive 10% of our annual HPF grant. CLG projects are our first priority for funding, but we also fund non-CLG projects.

SOUTH CAROLINA'S CLG COMMUNITIES

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|---------------|--------------|-------------------|
| Abbeville | Clinton | Laurens |
| Aiken | Columbia | Lexington |
| Anderson | Conway | McClellanville |
| Beaufort | Darlington | McCormick |
| Bennettsville | Dillon | Mount Pleasant |
| Bluffton | Florence | Rock Hill |
| Blythewood | Fort Mill | Seneca |
| Charleston | Georgetown | Spartanburg |
| Cheraw | Greenville | Sullivan's Island |
| Chester | Greenwood | Summerville |
| Chesterfield | Greer | Sumter |
| | Hartsville | York |
| | Horry County | |

MONEY MATTER\$

- ▶ 50/50 match required
- ▶ Awards up to \$35,000
- ▶ Grant funds paid as reimbursement
- ▶ Funding is NOT retroactive for work completed prior to the grant award

RULES AND STANDARDS



- SHPO will review and approve all grant-funded activities.
- Only properly documented costs are reimbursed
- Competitive Procurement of Professional Services required

SELECTION CRITERIA



- Well-planned with sound methodology using qualified personnel
- Involve resources significant for architecture and/or association with significant people or events in history
- Involve threatened resources
- Public benefit
- Part of a larger planning process







STABILIZATION OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS



- Projects must be located in CLGs. CLG may designate a 3rd party recipient.
- Buildings must be listed in NRHP
- Submit bid-ready plans/specs with application

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- Completion report with before and after photos
- Covenant agreement required

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION GRANTS

2024 State Historic Preservation grants (applications due December 31, 2023)

- ▶ Local governments (non-CLGs only)
- ▶ Non-profit organizations
- ▶ Stabilization projects only, buildings must be listed in or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places
- ▶ Grant awards up to \$200,000 (20% match required)
- ▶ 2024 priorities: Rural areas, Underrepresented Resources

**OTHER PRESERVATION TOOLS FOR
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

Income and Property Tax Incentives

- ▶ For income-producing properties listed in the National Register: 20% Federal Tax Credit + 25% State Tax Credit for approved rehabilitation. SHPO has a review role.
- ▶ For owner-occupied residential use properties listed in or eligible for the National Register: 25% State Tax Credit. SHPO must review and approve work in advance.
- ▶ "Bailey Bill" aka Special Property Tax Assessment for historic properties+: local option property tax assessment incentive keeps property tax at pre-rehab level for up to 20 years (number of years may vary by local government).
