

# FUNDING DIRECTORY FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROJECTS IN VERMONT

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Many funding sources require that an applicant provide money or in-kind time or services to match a grant. Check with the source for specific information on matching requirements.

## 1. Certified Local Government Program

Grants for resource identification and planning, National Register nominations, downtown planning, public education, archeological studies, building feasibility studies.

Range: \$500 - \$25,000.

Eligibility: Municipalities that are Certified Local Governments through the Division for Historic Preservation.

Deadlines: December

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## 2. Chittenden's Socially Responsible Banking Program

Deposit program supports community development lending in downtown revitalization, housing, agriculture, energy, environment, non-profits and education.

Loans available for purchase of historic properties, rehabilitation, and new construction, bridge loans (to cover costs while waiting for grant funding or waiting for pledges to be paid in on a capital campaign), or lines of credit for working capital. Currently offering a special Downtown Revitalization Loan program for facade improvements, upgrades for accessibility and safety installations with special rates and terms.

Range: Depends on the project, owner equity, risk factors, etc.

Eligibility: Individual business owners, small businesses, non-profit organizations, municipalities, and lessees

Deadlines: None, loans are made throughout the year

Contact: Arne Hammarlund, SRB Loan Officer, Chittenden, P. O. Box 804, Brattleboro, VT 05302-0804, Telephone: 802-258-4090; e-mail: [ahammarlund@chittenden.com](mailto:ahammarlund@chittenden.com) or Gayle

McKinnon-Alexander, SRB Business Development Officer, Chittenden, P.O. Box 820, Burlington, VT 05402-0820 Telephone: 802-660-1595;

e-mail: [gmckinnon-alexander@chittenden.com](mailto:gmckinnon-alexander@chittenden.com) Internet: [www.chittenden.com](http://www.chittenden.com) or [www.sociallyresponsible.chittenden.com](http://www.sociallyresponsible.chittenden.com)

### **3. Community Development Block Grant Program - Planning Grants**

Federal grants for community development planning, downtown planning studies, project development planning for individual buildings. Projects must potentially benefit people with low to moderate incomes and/or eliminate “slums and blight.”

Range: \$3,000 minimum – 30,000 or \$40,000 maximum

\$30,000 maximum for single municipality planning grants; \$40,000 maximum allowed for required regional applications.

Eligibility: Municipalities for eligible municipal projects and/or may apply on behalf of organizations and private owners for projects with community benefit.

Deadlines: On-line applications accepted in three funding cycles per year.

Contact: Department of Housing & Community Affairs, National Life Building, Drawer 20, Montpelier, VT 05620-0501. Telephone: (802) 828-5201; e-mail: [josh.hanford@state.vt.us](mailto:josh.hanford@state.vt.us)

Internet: [www.dhca.state.vt.us/vcdp](http://www.dhca.state.vt.us/vcdp)

### **4. Community Development Block Grant Program - Implementation Grants**

Federal grants for projects that involve economic development, housing, public facilities, and public services that will have direct benefit for persons of low and moderate income, eliminate slums or blight, or address an urgent need. Projects supporting normal municipal functions are not eligible. Projects in municipal facilities are eligible if they meet the benefit requirement.

Range: \$50,000 minimum - \$200,000 or \$750,000 maximum

\$200,000 maximum for community public facility projects (i.e. community centers, senior centers, day care centers, etc) and public service projects.

Eligibility: Municipalities for eligible municipal projects and/or may apply on behalf of organizations and private owners for projects with community benefit.

Deadlines: On-line applications accepted in three funding cycles per year.

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Internet: [www.dhca.state.vt.us/vcdp](http://www.dhca.state.vt.us/vcdp)

### **5. Community Development Block Grant Program - Accessibility Modification Grants**

Federal grants for projects that bring existing municipal buildings that serve a municipal function and community non-school libraries into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Range: \$5,000 - \$50,000

Eligibility: Municipalities for eligible municipal projects and/or may apply on behalf of organizations and private owners for projects with community benefit.

Deadlines: On-line applications accepted in three funding cycles per year.

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Internet: [www.dhca.state.vt.us/vcdp](http://www.dhca.state.vt.us/vcdp)

## **6. Community Facility Grants**

Federal USDA Rural Development grants to assist rural communities develop or improve essential community facilities, including theaters, community centers, museums, libraries, adult and childcare centers, and municipal buildings. Funds may be used for acquisition, construction or improvements to buildings and equipment.

Range: Up to \$50,000 or 75% of the project cost, whichever is less. A larger than 25 percent match may be required based on the applicant's population and income level (see list on website)

Eligibility: Non-profit corporations and public bodies serving certain rural communities (see list on website).

Deadlines: Ongoing, but contact appropriate Rural Development office early in project development.

Contact: USDA Rural Development at [www.rurdev.usda.gov/vt](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/vt) for program information, eligible communities, and list of staff serving your county.

## **7. Conservation Assessment Program (CAP)**

The Conservation Assessment Program provides a general conservation assessment of a museum's collections, environmental conditions and sites, including historic buildings. Conservation priorities are identified by professional conservators who spend two days on-site and three days writing a report. CAP is supported through a cooperative agreement with the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

Range: Program supports professional fees for a conservator (and preservation architect, if applicable) and travel costs up to museum's allocated amount.

Eligibility: Non profit or public museums open at least 90 days/year with at least 1 full-time paid or volunteer staff person or equivalent.

Deadline: The 2009 applications will be mailed October 10, 2008. The postmark deadline is December 1, 2009.

Contact: Heritage Preservation, 1012 14th St. NW, Suite 1200, Washington, DC 20005.

Telephone 202-233-0800. E-mail [cap@heritagepreservation.org](mailto:cap@heritagepreservation.org)

Internet: <http://www.heritagepreservation.org/CAP/index.html>

## **8. Cultural Facilities Grants**

Operated in partnership with the Vermont Arts Council, the Vermont Division for Historic Preservation, the Vermont Historical Society and the Vermont Museum and Gallery Alliance, the program offers state grants to improve facilities used for providing cultural events and activities for the public. Includes wiring, heating, lighting, stage work, bathrooms and accessibility improvements. Structural work and routine maintenance are not usually funded. Grantseekers' workshops offered.

Range: \$750 - \$20,000.

Eligibility: Municipalities and non-profit organizations.

Deadlines: Early fall.

Contact: Sonia Rae, Vermont Arts Council, 136 State Street, Montpelier, VT 05633-6001

Telephone: (802) 828-3778. Email: [srae@vermontartscouncil.org](mailto:srae@vermontartscouncil.org)

Internet: [www.vermontartscouncil.org](http://www.vermontartscouncil.org)

## **9. Cynthia Woods Mitchell Fund for Historic Interiors**

The Cynthia Woods Mitchell Fund for Historic Interiors provides nonprofit organizations and public agencies grants ranging from \$2,500 to \$10,000 to assist in the preservation, restoration, and interpretation of historic interiors. Individuals and for-profit businesses may apply only if the project for which funding is requested involves a National Historic Landmark. Funds may be used for professional expertise, print and video communications materials, and education programs . Acquisition and construction/rehabilitation projects are ineligible.

Range: \$2,500 - \$10,000. Grants must be matched on a one-to-one basis.

Eligibility: Government agencies and non-profit organizations. For-profit businesses and individuals are eligible only if property is an NHL.

Deadlines: February 1.

Contact: Brent Leggs, Program Assistant, or Rebecca Williams, Field Representative, or Northeast Office, National Trust for Historic Preservation, Seven Faneuil Hall Marketplace, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Boston, MA 02109. Telephone: 617-523-0885.

Email: [Brent Leggs@nthp.org](mailto:Brent_Leggs@nthp.org) or [Rebecca Williams@nthp.org](mailto:Rebecca_Williams@nthp.org)

Internet: [www.PreservationNation.org](http://www.PreservationNation.org)

## **10. Disabled Access Tax Credit**

Federal tax credit of 50% of eligible access expenditures (architectural adaptations, equipment purchase and services like sign language interpreters) that exceed \$250 but do not exceed \$10,250.

Range: Up to \$5,000.

Eligibility: Small businesses with under \$1 million in revenues or 30 or fewer full-time employees. Note that the credit cannot be used for the costs of new construction. It can be used only for adaptations to existing facilities.

Deadlines: File at end of tax year.

Contact: Internal Revenue Service. Internet: [www.usdoj.gov/crt/ada/taxpack.htm](http://www.usdoj.gov/crt/ada/taxpack.htm)

## **11. Hart Family Fund for Small Towns**

Grant from the National Trust for Historic Preservation to assist small town preservation and revitalization initiatives around the country. Award may be used for community revitalization, feasibility studies for endangered buildings and sites, architectural planning, landscape research and planning, development of heritage education programs, and cosponsorship of workshops or conferences.

Range : \$5,000 - \$10,000. Grants must be matched on a one-to-one basis.

Eligibility : Non-profit organizations, universities, and public agencies.

Deadlines: February 1. Uses Preservation Fund application.

Contact: Rebecca Williams, Field Representative, or Brent Leggs, Program Assistant, Northeast Office, National Trust for Historic Preservation, Seven Faneuil Hall Marketplace, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Boston, MA 02109. Telephone: 617-523-0885.

Email: [Rebecca Williams@nthp.org](mailto:Rebecca_Williams@nthp.org) or [Brent Leggs@nthp.org](mailto:Brent_Leggs@nthp.org)

Internet: [www.PreservationNation.org](http://www.PreservationNation.org)

## **12. Historic Bridge Adaptive Use Program**

Program provides design and construction assistance in rehabilitating historic bridges at either a new site or at their existing location for non-vehicular use. Bridges rehabilitated to date under this program have been metal truss bridges. Bridges must be owned by and open to the public year-round. Typical adaptive use locations might include bike paths, snowmobile trails, parks, recreation trails, and scenic overlooks.

Range: Generally 80 - 90% of project costs.

Eligibility: Local and state governments, and non-profit organizations.

Deadline: Funding currently not available. Check for future availability.

Contact: Sue Scribner, Vermont Agency of Transportation, Program Development Division, National Life Building, Drawer 33, Montpelier, VT 05633-5001. Telephone: (802) 828-3615. Internet :

<http://www.aot.state.vt.us/progdev/Sections/LTF/VermontHistoricBridgeProgram/HBP00VermontHistoricBridgeProgram.htm>

## **13. Johanna Favrot Fund**

The Johanna Favrot Fund for Historic Preservation provides nonprofit organizations and public agencies grants ranging from \$2,500 to \$10,000 for projects that contribute to the preservation or the recapture of an authentic sense of place. Individuals and for-profit businesses may apply only if the project for which funding is requested involves a National Historic Landmark. Funds may be used for professional advice, conferences, workshops and education programs.

Range:\$2,500 - \$10,000

Eligibility: Government agencies and non-profit organizations . For-profit businesses and individuals are eligible only if property is an NHL.

Deadlines: February 1.

Contact: Brent Leggs, Program Assistant or Rebecca Williams, Field Representative, or , Northeast Office, National Trust for Historic Preservation, Seven Faneuil Hall Marketplace, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Boston, MA 02109. Telephone: 617-523-0885.

Email: [Brent\\_Leggs@nthp.org](mailto:Brent_Leggs@nthp.org) or [Rebecca\\_Williams@nthp.org](mailto:Rebecca_Williams@nthp.org)

Internet: [www.PreservationNation.org](http://www.PreservationNation.org)

## **14. Lake Champlain Basin Program**

Federal grants to support local community involvement in the implementation of the comprehensive management plan, Opportunities for Action: An Evolving Plan for the Future of the Lake Champlain Basin

Range: Call for current availability.

Eligibility: Municipalities, non-profit organizations, schools, and informal citizen groups, businesses and organizations under the auspices of the former. Projects must be located within the Lake Champlain Basin to be eligible for funding.

Deadlines: Call for current availability.

Contact: Lake Champlain Basin Program, 54 West Shore Road, Grand Isle, VT 05458.

Telephone (802) 372-3213. Internet: <http://www.lcbp.org/grants.htm>

### **15. Municipal Planning Grant Program**

Grants for municipal land use plans, zoning and subdivision bylaws, designated downtown and village planning, historic resource and conservation work as described in an adopted town plan. Grants may also be used for special studies related to the plan or bylaws, including historic building survey work.

Range: \$500 - \$15,000. (Consortia applications from more than one municipality may apply for up to \$25,000.)

Eligibility: Municipalities with adopted plans confirmed by their regional planning commission. (Municipalities without confirmed town plans may also apply for funding for the writing of a town plan in order to gain RPC confirmation.)

Deadline: Fall.

Contact: Wendy Tudor, Vermont Department of Housing and Community Affairs, National Life Building, Drawer 20, Montpelier, VT 05620-0501. Telephone: (802) 828-3211; e-mail [wendy.tudor@state.vt.us](mailto:wendy.tudor@state.vt.us) Internet: [www.dhca.state.vt.us/planning](http://www.dhca.state.vt.us/planning)

### **16. Municipal Education Grants**

Small grants are available to help assist with local capacity-building and decision-making. The Municipal Education Grants are to be used to bring specified trainers (from an approved list) to municipalities for a one-time, or a short series of, trainings for municipal officials. Designed as a simple, direct and reimbursable program with applications funded as long as funding is available.

Range: \$800

Eligibility: Municipalities

Deadline: Open

Contact: Wendy Tudor, Vermont Department of Housing and Community Affairs, National Life Building, Drawer 20, Montpelier, VT 05620-0501. Telephone: (802) 828-3211; e-mail [wendy.tudor@state.vt.us](mailto:wendy.tudor@state.vt.us) Internet: [www.dhca.state.vt.us/planning](http://www.dhca.state.vt.us/planning)

### **17. National Trust Loan Funds**

The National Trust Loan Fund (NTLF) has more than 35 years of experience in supporting preservation-based community development projects across the country. As a certified Community Development Financial Institution, it has a mission of providing financial and technical resources to organizations that use historic preservation to support the revitalization of underserved and distressed communities. NTLF specializes in predevelopment, acquisition, mini-permanent, bridge and rehabilitation loans for residential, commercial and public use projects. Eligible borrowers include not-for-profit organizations, revitalization organizations or real estate developers working in certified Main Street communities, local, state or regional governments, and for profit developers of older and/or historic buildings.

Range: \$50,000 - \$350,000 Eligibility: Public agencies and non-profit organizations.

Deadlines: None

Contact: NT CDFI, Inc., National Trust for Historic Preservation, 1785 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20036, Phone: 202.588.6054 Fax: 202.588.6475

Email: [NationalTrust\\_LoanFund@nthp.org](mailto:NationalTrust_LoanFund@nthp.org)

Internet: <http://www.preservationnation.org/resources/find-funding/loans/national-trust-loan-fund/> Includes an on-line inquiry form.

### **18. National Trust Small Deals Fund**

Offered by the National Trust Community Investment Corporation (NTCIC), a for-profit subsidiary of the National Trust for Historic Preservation in partnership with Tax Credit Capital LLC of New Orleans, the Small Deals Fund (SDF) invests in smaller scale historic tax credit projects – those earning as little as \$200,000 in federal tax credits. It is capitalized by Chevron Texaco.

Range : Project size ranges from \$1.2 million to \$3.5 million

Eligibility : Rehabilitation Investment Tax Credit (RITC) projects including hotels, offices, restaurants, entertainment facilities, retail, rental residential and mixed-use properties.

Deadlines : open

Contact : Rebecca Williams, Field Representative, Northeast Office, National Trust for Historic Preservation, Seven Faneuil Hall Marketplace, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Boston, MA 02109.

Telephone: 617-523-0885. Email: [Rebecca\\_Williams@nthp.org](mailto:Rebecca_Williams@nthp.org)

Or

National Trust Community Investment Corp., 1785 Massachusetts Ave., NW,

Washington, D.C. 20036. Telephone : 202-588-6279. Email : [ntcic\\_mail@ntcicfunds.com](mailto:ntcic_mail@ntcicfunds.com)

Internet : [www.nationaltrust.org/ntcicfunds](http://www.nationaltrust.org/ntcicfunds)

### **19. National Trust Preservation Fund**

The National Trust Preservation Fund includes funds that provide two types of assistance to nonprofit organizations and public agencies: 1) matching grants from \$500 to \$5,000 for preservation planning and educational efforts, and 2) intervention funds for preservation emergencies. Matching grant funds may be used to obtain professional expertise in areas such as architecture, archeology, engineering, preservation planning, land-use planning, fund raising, organizational development and law as well as to provide preservation education activities to educate the public.

Range: \$500 - \$5,000 (average \$500 - \$1,500)

Eligibility: Non-profit organizations, universities, and public agencies.

Deadlines: October 1, June 1, February 1.

Contact: Brent Leggs, Program Assistant or Rebecca Williams, Field Representative, Northeast Office, National Trust for Historic Preservation, Seven Faneuil Hall Marketplace, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Boston, MA 02109. Telephone: 617-523-0885.

Email: [Brent\\_Leggs@nthp.org](mailto:Brent_Leggs@nthp.org) or [Rebecca\\_Williams@nthp.org](mailto:Rebecca_Williams@nthp.org)

Internet: [www.PreservationNation.org](http://www.PreservationNation.org)

### **20. National Wildlife Refuge System Preserve America Grant Program**

This National Wildlife Refuge System Preserve America Grant program provides competitive grants (\$10,000 - \$15,000) to help fund national wildlife refuge interpretive and education projects focusing on history and historic sites and how they contribute to our conservation and understanding of natural resources. It is a collaborative effort between the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Range: \$10,000 - \$15,000 Eligibility: Non-profit organizations

Deadlines: 2007 deadline was 11/01/2007. Check for 2008 deadline.

Contact Ellen Gabel at NFWF, 1120 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Suite 900, Washington, DC 20036, or call (202) 857-0166. Internet:

[http://www.nfwf.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Browse\\_All\\_Programs&TEMPLATE=/CM/ContentDisplay.cfm&CONTENTID=8032](http://www.nfwf.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Browse_All_Programs&TEMPLATE=/CM/ContentDisplay.cfm&CONTENTID=8032)

## **21. Preservation Trust of Vermont – Robert Sincerbeaux Fund Grants**

Matching grants up to \$500 are available to municipalities and community organizations for hiring consultants to provide technical assistance for preservation projects. Eligible activities may include hiring a preservation architect or contractor to do building condition assessments, organizational development, project planning, fundraising consultation, feasibility assessments, and other project development activities. The grants are offered through the Field Services Program, a partnership of the Preservation Trust of Vermont (PTV) and National Trust for Historic Preservation (NTHP).

Range: \$250 for a building assessment, up to \$500 for other activities.

Eligibility: Local organizations and municipalities.

Deadlines: Rolling.

Contact: PTV-NTHP Field Representatives: Ann Cousins, Telephone (802) 434-5014.

Email: [ann@ptvermont.org](mailto:ann@ptvermont.org); Eric Gilbertson, Telephone: (802) 272-8543. E-mail: [eric@ptvermont.org](mailto:eric@ptvermont.org) ;or, Meg Campbell (for Bennington County projects), Telephone (802) 442-8951. E-mail : [meg@ptvermont.org](mailto:meg@ptvermont.org) . Internet: [www.ptvermont.org](http://www.ptvermont.org)

## **22. Preservation Trust of Vermont - Preservation Grants**

A partnership of the Preservation Trust of Vermont and the Freeman Foundation Preservation Grants are available to non-profit organizations and municipalities for rehabilitating historic buildings in the Northeast Kingdom. These grants have helped local groups save and use a variety of special places; a list of recipients is available on the Preservation Trust website. Eligible projects must have strong community support, as demonstrated by volunteer and fundraising efforts.

Range: \$5,000 - \$50,000. Average \$15,000 - \$30,000.

Eligibility: Communities and non-profit organizations. Deadlines: Ongoing.

Contact: Paul Bruhn, Preservation Trust of Vermont, 104 Church Street, Burlington, VT

05401. Telephone: (802) 658-6647. Email [paul@ptvermont.org](mailto:paul@ptvermont.org); or PTV-NTHP Field

Representatives: Ann Cousins, Telephone (802) 434-5014. Email: [ann@ptvermont.org](mailto:ann@ptvermont.org); or,

Eric Gilbertson, Telephone: (802) 272-8543. Email: [eric@ptvermont.org](mailto:eric@ptvermont.org) ; or, Meg

Campbell (for Bennington County projects), Telephone (802) 442-8951.

E-mail :[meg@ptvermont.org](mailto:meg@ptvermont.org) Internet: [www.ptvermont.org](http://www.ptvermont.org)

## **23. Preservation Trust of Vermont - Barn Grants**

Though a partnership with the Burlington Free Press and the Gannett Foundation, the Preservation Trust of Vermont has a grants program to help with condition assessments for historic barns. The planning grants are available to offset the cost of a qualified contractor to evaluate the condition of an historic barn and make recommendations for its care.

The consultant will prepare a report that prioritizes repairs and gives rough cost estimates.

Range: The condition assessments cost \$500, of which a grant from the Preservation Trust pays \$350.

Eligibility: Owners of historic barns.

Deadline: Ongoing

Contact: Ann Cousins, Telephone (802) 434-5014. Email: [ann@ptvermont.org](mailto:ann@ptvermont.org); or, Eric

Gilbertson, Telephone: (802) 272-8543. Email: [eric@ptvermont.org](mailto:eric@ptvermont.org) ; or, Meg Campbell (for

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Internet: [www.ptvermont.org](http://www.ptvermont.org)

## **Preservation Trust of Vermont – Other Grants**

The Preservation Trust of Vermont has offered occasional grants through the generosity of funding partners. Please visit their website for a current listing of available grants opportunities. Internet: [www.ptvermont.org](http://www.ptvermont.org)

### **24. Preserve America**

*Preserve America* is a White House initiative in cooperation with the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, the U.S. Department of the Interior, and other federal agencies.

Communities may apply for special designation as a *Preserve America* community which brings national recognition, enhanced community visibility and pride, and eligibility for federal grants when funding is appropriated. The following Vermont municipalities were designated as of 4/08 : **Barre, Bennington, Brandon, Bradford, Brattleboro, Burlington, Middlebury, Montpelier, Morristown, Poultney, Richford, Rockingham, Rutland, St. Albans, St. Johnsbury, Vergennes, White River Junction, Windsor, and Winooski.**

*Preserve America* grants support planning, development, implementation, or enhancement of innovative activities and programs in heritage tourism, including documentation of cultural resources, interpretation/education, planning, marketing, and training. Successful applicants will emphasize creative projects that involve public-private partnerships and serve as models to communities nationwide for heritage tourism, education, and economic development.

50/50 match required.

Range : \$20,000 to \$250,000

Eligibility : Designated Preserve America communities, SHPO offices.

Deadlines : June 30, 2008

Contact : See <http://www.cr.nps.gov/hps/hpg/PreserveAmerica/application.htm> and [www.preserveamerica.gov](http://www.preserveamerica.gov) .

### **25. Rehabilitation Investment Tax Credit.**

Federal investment tax credit for 20% of the rehabilitation costs (including labor, materials and architects or other consultant fees) for income-producing buildings listed or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. The tax credit may apply to properties such as a retail store, office building, apartment building or vacation rental. Private homes, which do not generate income, are not eligible for the credit.

Range: 20% of eligible expenditures

Eligibility: Owners or long-term lessees of income-producing historic buildings.

Deadline: File application before construction. File for approved credit at end of tax year.

Contact: Chris Cochran, Division for Historic Preservation, National Life Building, Drawer 20, Montpelier, VT 05620-0501. Telephone: (802) 828-3047;

e-mail: [chris.cochran@state.vt.us](mailto:chris.cochran@state.vt.us) Internet: [www.historicvermont.org](http://www.historicvermont.org)

### **26. Regional Block Grant Program**

State funds distributed to Regional Development Corporations (RDC's), Regional Planning Commissions(RPC's), and regional marketing programs (RMP's) in grants for planning, economic development and regional tourism promotion. Eligible activities include heritage tourism promotion projects.

Range: Varies.

Eligibility: RDC's, RPC's and RMP's

Deadline: Annual regional work plans are developed and approved by their boards in May.  
Contact: Local RMP for regional tourism projects, RPC for planning projects,  
and RDC for economic development projects.

## **27. Rural Business Enterprise Grants**

Federal grants to support the development of small and emerging businesses statewide in Vermont. Funds are used for the financing or development of a small and emerging business. Eligible uses are: Technical assistance (providing assistance for marketing studies, feasibility studies, business plans, training etc.) to small and emerging businesses; purchasing machinery and equipment to lease to a small and emerging business; creating a revolving loan fund (providing partial funding as a loan to a small and emerging business for the purchase of equipment, working capital, or real estate); or constructing a building for a business incubator for small and emerging businesses.

Range: Typically under \$100,000, Up to \$200,000 in Northeast Kingdom.

Eligibility: Public bodies and private non-profits. Grants do not go directly to businesses.

Deadlines: Usually March 1.

Contact: Sherry Paige, USDA, Rural Development, Business Programs, City Center, 3rd Floor, 89 Main Street, Montpelier, VT 05602. Telephone: (802) 828-6034.

E-mail: [sherry.paige@vt.usda.gov](mailto:sherry.paige@vt.usda.gov)

Internet : [www.rurdev.usda.gov/vt/](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/vt/)

## **28. Save America's Treasures**

A partnership of the National Park Service, the National Endowment for the Arts, the National Endowment for the Humanities, and others, the program offers grants for preservation and conservation work on nationally significant intellectual and cultural artifacts and nationally significant historic structures and sites. The collection or property must be threatened or endangered. 50/50 match required.

Range: Minimum \$25,000 for collections, \$125,000 for historic property projects. Maximum \$700,000.

Eligibility: Federal, state and local government agencies, and nonprofit institutions (including active religious congregations.) Buildings must have national significance.

Deadlines: May 20, 2008. Register for on-line application process 4 weeks prior to deadline.

Contact: See website. For historic property projects, contact the National Park Service at (202) 354-2020, Ext.1, or e-mail [NPS\\_treasures@nps.gov](mailto:NPS_treasures@nps.gov). Questions concerning collections projects should be addressed to the National Endowment for the Arts, telephone (202) 682-5457. Internet: <http://www.cr.nps.gov/hps/treasures/application.htm>

## **29. Save Our History**

The Save Our History Grant Program, sponsored by The History Channel, funds partnerships between history/preservation organizations and schools or youth groups on projects that teach students about their local history and engage them in its preservation. Also offers Educator's Manual and monthly lesson plans.

Range : Up to \$10,000.

Eligibility : History organizations with 501(c)(3) designation, including museums, historical societies, preservation organizations, archives, and libraries, and local government agencies. Applicants must partner with a local school or organization that offers educational programming for children.

Deadlines : June 6, 2008    Contact : Address questions to [saveourhistory@rockpa.org](mailto:saveourhistory@rockpa.org),  
(212) 812-4313.                    Internet : <http://www.saveourhistory.com>

### **30. Scenic Byways**

Scenic byways are designated at the federal or state level based on the intrinsic resources (e.g., historic, archeological, natural, cultural, scenic or recreational) that lie along the byway. A map of byways in Vermont is available at <http://www.vermont-byways.us/> . Designation can qualify byways for federal transportation funds to assist with improvements related to either tourism, preservation, or resource conservation. The federal funds can be used for traveler facilities, interpretive centers, rest areas, recreation area investments, protecting cultural and historic resources along the road and providing tourist information.

Range: See website for details.

Eligibility: State and local governments and non-profits (other than institutions of higher learning) in partnership with state departments of transportation.

Deadlines: 2008 deadline was April 11. Check website for next deadline.

Contact: John Labarge, Program Manager for Vermont Byways, Vermont Agency of Transportation, Telephone: 802-828-3508. E-mail [john.labarge@state.vt.us](mailto:john.labarge@state.vt.us).

For the Vermont Byways Program, [www.vermont-byways.us/](http://www.vermont-byways.us/) . For federal grant information and applications [www.bywaysonline.org/grants](http://www.bywaysonline.org/grants)

### **31. 1772 Foundation**

The 1772 Foundation provides grants for: bricks and mortar restoration projects; revolving or endangered properties funds; agricultural, transportation, and industry museums and sites; restoration carpentry and crafts schools; agricultural education at historic sites; historic farmsteads; mill restorations; maritime entities; sustainable/green restoration and preservation; greenways that link historic sites.

Most successful applicants show a full match for their request, have solid visitor numbers, and show a positive impact on their community.

Range : \$15,000 to \$50,000, although they have made grants from \$4,000 to \$250,000.

Eligibility : Non-profit organizations. They do not fund schools, religious institutions, or publicly-owned properties unless there is an active friends group.

Deadline : Accepting letters of inquiry after September 15, 2008 for 2009 funding consideration.

Contact : See instructions for submitting a letter of inquiry at [www.1772foundation.org](http://www.1772foundation.org)

### **32. Tax Deduction to Remove Architectural and Transportation Barriers to People with Disabilities and Elderly Individuals**

Federal tax deduction for expenditures that improve accessibility for a facility owned by the taxpayer for use in his or her business. Can be combined with Disabled Access Tax Credit, see 11 above.

Range: Up to \$15,000.

Eligibility: Business owners (including active ownership of apartment buildings)

Deadlines: File at end of tax year.

Contact: Internal Revenue Service. Internet: [www.usdoj.gov/crt/ada/taxpack.htm](http://www.usdoj.gov/crt/ada/taxpack.htm)

### **33. Transportation Enhancements Program**

Federal reimbursement grants for projects that enhance multi-modal transportation goals in the areas of historic preservation, bike and pedestrian paths, scenic protection, archeological planning, mitigation of highway water runoff, tourist and welcome centers, and transportation museums. Preservation projects must have a direct, evident and strong relationship to the surface transportation system. Proximity to a road alone is not sufficient. Buildings listed in the National Register and/or located within a state scenic byway or along an alternate designated scenic or historic route are most competitive.

Range: \$10,000 to approximately \$300,000; 80:20 match required.

Eligibility: Local, state and federal governments and non-profit organizations.

Deadlines: Funding not expected for 2009. Check for availability.

Contact: Curtis Johnson, Enhancement Program Coordinator, Local Transportation Facilities, Agency of Transportation, National Life Building, Drawer 33, Montpelier, VT 05633-5001.

Telephone: (802) 828-0583. E-mail: [curtis.johnson@state.vt.us](mailto:curtis.johnson@state.vt.us)

### **34. Trees for Local Communities Grants**

The Urban and Community Forestry Program offers matching grants for community tree education, planting, maintenance, and planning projects.

Range: Education, Planning, Planting, and Maintenance up to \$4,000. Mini-Grants \$200.

Call or visit website for details.

Eligibility: Municipalities, community tree boards, local volunteer organizations, educational institutions, civic groups and approved nonprofit organizations

Deadlines: 2008 deadline was March 28. Check for future rounds.

Contact: Urban and Community Forestry Program, Danielle Fitzko, 103 South Main Street, Building 10 South, Waterbury, VT 05671-0601. Telephone: (802) 241-3673.

Internet: [http://www.vtfpr.org/urban/for\\_urbcomm\\_grants.cfm](http://www.vtfpr.org/urban/for_urbcomm_grants.cfm)

### **35. Upper Connecticut River Mitigation and Enhancement Fund**

Grants for river restoration work, wetland protection and restoration, and shoreland protection in the Connecticut River watershed upstream of the confluence of the White River.

Range: Express Grants up to \$5,000 and Community Impact Grants of more than \$5,000.

Eligibility: Non-profit organizations, community organizations, educational institutions, and federal, state and local government agencies.

Deadlines: November 30.

Concept papers for grants greater than \$25,000 due by September 30.

Contact: Kevin Peterson, Upper Connecticut River Mitigation and Enhancement Fund, New Hampshire Charitable Foundation--Upper Valley Region, 16 Buck Rd., Hanover, NH 03755

Telephone:(603) 653-0387 ext 1270. E-mail: [kp@nhcf.org](mailto:kp@nhcf.org)

Internet: <http://www.nhcf.org/uppervalley>

### **36. Vermont Barn Preservation Grants**

State 50/50 matching grants for the repair and restoration of historic agricultural buildings.

Details on website. Applications available in July.

Range: \$1,000 - \$10,000.

Eligibility: Owners of historic barns and other agricultural buildings that are listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

Deadlines: Early October

Contact: Vermont Division for Historic Preservation, National Life Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Montpelier, VT 05620-0501. Telephone: (802) 828-3043. E-mail: [nancy.boone@state.vt.us](mailto:nancy.boone@state.vt.us)  
Internet: [www.historicvermont.org](http://www.historicvermont.org)

### **37. Vermont Arts Council – American Masterpieces Grants**

The Vermont Arts Council in partnership with the Vermont Folklife Center offers funding to support presentations, residencies, performances, and/or workshops by designated American Masterpiece artists at local schools, libraries, community organizations, parks & recreation departments, libraries etc., that celebrate the cultural heritage of Vermont. For a list of designated American Masterpieces Artists please visit the website. All grants require a 1:1 non-federal cash match unless the applicant organization is making a case for serving an underserved constituency.

Range: \$500 - \$1,500

Eligibility: Not-for-profit community organizations and educational institutions

Deadlines: Rolling

Contact: Sonia Rae, Community Programs, Vermont Arts Council, 136 State Street, Montpelier, VT 05633-6001. Telephone (802) 828-5425.

Email: [srae@vermontartscouncil.org](mailto:srae@vermontartscouncil.org)

Internet: [www.vermontartscouncil.org](http://www.vermontartscouncil.org)

### **38. Vermont Arts Council - Arts Learning Grants**

Arts Learning Grants provide funding to develop, plan, and implement arts education programming for in-school and/or out-of-school activities that support extended learning in and through the arts. The Council encourages the development of collaborations among education institutions and arts organizations and artists to enhance student learning and seeks to support projects or programs that immerse participants in long-term, in-depth arts learning experiences.

If you have applied for or been awarded a Local Arts Partnership Grant or a Community Arts Grant for the FY09 grant year you may not apply for or receive an Arts Learning Grant.

Grants require a 1:1 non-federal cash match unless applicant organization is making a case for serving an underserved constituency.

Range: \$1,000 - \$5,000

Eligibility: Educational institutions and not-for-profit arts organizations

Deadline: May 1, 2008

Contact: Sonia Rae, Community Programs, Vermont Arts Council, 136 State Street, Montpelier, VT 05633-6001. Telephone (802) 828-5425. Email:

[srae@vermontartscouncil.org](mailto:srae@vermontartscouncil.org) website at Internet: [www.vermontartscouncil.org](http://www.vermontartscouncil.org)

### **39. Vermont Arts Council – Community Arts Grants**

The purpose of the Community Arts Grants is to provide support for arts activities that engage communities and/or audiences in an arts experience. The Council is interested in funding projects and programs that bring together diverse groups of people and link them through shared, arts-based experiences. Grants require a 1:1 non-federal cash match unless the applicant organization is making a case for serving an underserved constituency.

Range: Grants range from \$1000- \$5000 for Arts Organizations; \$1000 - \$2,500 for organizations whose primary focus is not the arts.

Eligibility: Non-profit organizations.

Deadlines: June 6, 2008

Contact: Sonia Rae, Community Programs, Vermont Arts Council, 136 State Street, Montpelier, VT 05633-6001. Telephone (802) 828-5425. Email:

[srae@vermontartscouncil.org](mailto:srae@vermontartscouncil.org) Internet: [www.vermontartscouncil.org](http://www.vermontartscouncil.org)

#### **40. Vermont Collections Care Program**

This program of the Vermont Museum and Gallery Alliance provides technical assistance and matching grants for projects that improve environmental, display and storage conditions for collections, as well as treatment for specific objects. Hands-on clinics, workshops, professional referrals, and consultations are also offered on a regular basis.

Range: Please contact Project Director for current availability of grants.

eligibility: Non-profit organizations who are VMGA members

Deadline: Please contact Project Director for current status.

Contact: Eileen Corcoran, Project Director, VMGA , c/o Lake Champlain Maritime Museum 4472 Basin Harbor Rd, Vergennes, VT 05491. Telephone: (802) 475-2022

Email: [vccp@sover.net](mailto:vccp@sover.net) .

Internet: <http://www.vmga.org/aboutVMGA/memberpage/collectioncare.html>

#### **41. Vermont Community Foundation**

The Vermont Community Foundation administers a number of grant funds, some statewide and some available only to certain towns or regions. Some of the programs include historic preservation projects as eligible activities – i.e. **Vermont Discretionary Grant Round**, **Walter Cerf Community Fund**, and the **IDX Fund**. Grant range, eligibility requirements, and deadlines vary by program. Consult the full listing of VCF's grant programs at <http://www.vermontcf.org>

#### **42. Vermont Downtown Program**

Downtown Designation - Provides benefits for public improvements and rehabilitation of income-producing buildings (and some in non-profit ownership) in downtowns that have achieved designation as "downtown development districts." To qualify for designation, communities must meet certain requirements including having a local organization whose mission is long-term downtown revitalization. Among the financial benefits are: three different state income tax credit programs for rehabilitation and code improvements to older and historic income-producing buildings, which can be exchanged to a bank for cash or as a loan payment; grants to municipalities up to \$75,000 for capital transportation projects; and the reallocation of sales tax on construction materials for approved downtown building projects. They also receive priority consideration for all state programs administering state or federal funding or other aid. Designated communities will also be eligible for technical assistance visits by the Vermont Downtown Program staff to assist in the development and sustainability of the community's comprehensive downtown revitalization program.

Village Center Designation - Municipalities with a confirmed planning process may request designation of the mixed use core area of their village as a "designated village center." Income-producing buildings within the village center are eligible for the same three state income tax credit programs for rehabilitation and code improvements as the Designated Downtowns (see above). They also receive priority consideration for Municipal Planning Grants and Community Development Block Grants. Some technical assistance visits by the Vermont Downtown program will be available to a Village Center on a case by case basis.

Contact: Vermont Downtown Program, Agency of Commerce and Community Development, National Life Building, Drawer 20, Montpelier, VT 05620-0501. Joss Besse, telephone: (802)828-5212, e-mail: [joss.besse@state.vt.us](mailto:joss.besse@state.vt.us), or Leanne Tingay, telephone (802) 828-3220, e-mail [leanne.tingay@state.vt.us](mailto:leanne.tingay@state.vt.us) Internet: [www.historicvermont.org](http://www.historicvermont.org)

#### **43. Vermont Housing and Conservation Board**

Grants and loans for the conservation of agricultural and recreational land, natural areas, historic resources, archeological sites, and for the development of housing for low and moderate-income households. Conservation projects may involve fee simple acquisition or purchase of conservation easements, and historic preservation project awards include acquisition and rehabilitation. Historic buildings must be of outstanding local or regional significance, on/eligible for the National Register of Historic Places, owned by a municipality or eligible non-profit, and be regularly used by the public.

Range: Local Conservation (agricultural land, historic/archeological resources, natural areas, or recreational lands) up to \$150,000 (although historic properties are not typically funded above \$100,000); Statewide Conservation (historic/archeological resources, natural areas, or recreational lands) not limited by policy, but consult with staff on requested amount; Statewide Agricultural Conservation up to \$400,000 per application/ \$2100 per acre. Conservation projects in the early stages of development are eligible for Feasibility Grants of up to \$10,000 to cover the costs of appraisals, options, engineering and environmental studies, or other predevelopment costs. Feasibility grants are considered on an ongoing basis by VHCB staff.

Eligibility: Municipalities, non-profit organizations, and certain state agencies.

Deadlines: Multiple cycles per year.

Contact: Karen Freeman, Vermont Housing and Conservation Board, 149 State Street, Montpelier, VT 05602. Telephone: (802) 828-5067; e-mail [kfreeman@vhcb.org](mailto:kfreeman@vhcb.org)

Internet: [www.vhcb.org](http://www.vhcb.org)

#### **44. Vermont Old Cemetery Association (VOCA) Grants**

Grants for restoration of abandoned or neglected cemeteries. Projects that include local volunteers are highly encouraged and if only volunteer labor is used, no match is required. VOCA may also provide technical assistance on restoration projects.

Range: Up to \$500, occasionally more.

Eligibility: Individuals and groups interested in cemetery preservation.

Deadlines: Ongoing

Contact: Request application from Arthur L. Hyde, Grants Administrator, 1991 Upper Plain, Bradford, VT 05033. Telephone: (802)-222-4088.

Internet: <http://www.rovers.net/~hwdbr/voca/>

#### **45. Vermont Recreation Trails Program**

Vermont's Recreation Trails Program (RTP) is administered by the Department of Forests, Parks & Recreation (FPR) in cooperation with the Vermont Agency of Transportation (AOT) and the Federal Highway Administration. The RTP is an assistance program making funds available to develop and maintain recreational trails and trail-related facilities for both non-motorized and motorized recreational trail uses. Requires 20% match which may be federal funds.

Range: Varies                      Eligibility: Municipalities and non-profit organizations

Deadlines: 2008 deadline was January 15. Check for next deadline.

Contact: Sherry Smecker Winnie, Recreation Trails Program Administrator.

Telephone: 802-241-3690    E-mail: [sherry.winnie@state.vt.us](mailto:sherry.winnie@state.vt.us)

Internet: <http://www.vtfpr.org/recgrant/trgrant.cfm>

#### **46. Vermont State Historic Preservation Grants**

State 50/50 matching grants for the repair and restoration of historic buildings that are used by the public, e.g. town halls, churches, grange halls, museums, etc. Details on website.

Applications available in July.

Range: \$1,000 - \$15,000

Eligibility: Municipalities and non-profit organizations.

Deadlines: Early October

Contact: Vermont Division for Historic Preservation, National Life Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Montpelier, VT 05620-0501. Telephone: (802) 828-3043.

E-mail: [devin.colman@state.vt.us](mailto:devin.colman@state.vt.us)    Internet: [www.historicvermont.org](http://www.historicvermont.org)

#### **47. Vermont Watershed Grants**

Funded from proceeds from the sale of Vermont Conservation License Plates, these grants are awarded by the Agency of Natural Resources to projects that are watershed related and can include monitoring, education, conservation, recreation, and/or the identification and protection of historic and cultural resources..

Range: Watershed Mini-Grants - \$200 to \$1,000

Watershed Grants - \$1,000 to \$5,000

Eligibility: Municipalities, local or regional governmental agencies, nonprofit organizations, and citizen groups

Deadlines: 2007 deadline was December 7. Check for next deadline.

Contact: Vermont Agency of Natural Resources, Department of Environmental Conservation, Building 10 North, 103 South Main Street, Waterbury, Vermont 05671-0408.

Rick Hopkins, Telephone: (802) 241-3769. Email: [rick.hopkins@state.vt.us](mailto:rick.hopkins@state.vt.us) Or, Rod

Wentworth, Department of Fish and Wildlife, Telephone: (802) 241-3709. E-mail:

[rod.wentworth@state.vt.us](mailto:rod.wentworth@state.vt.us)

Internet: [http://www.vtfishandwildlife.com/support\\_watershed.cfm](http://www.vtfishandwildlife.com/support_watershed.cfm)

## **Bibliography of Funding Directories for Further Reference**

### **Websites**

*Vermont Directory of Foundations On-line* at Vermont Community Foundation website [www.vermontcf.org](http://www.vermontcf.org) . Lists foundations located in Vermont and foundations that regularly give to projects in Vermont, including foundations that give to historic preservation projects, usually in a very limited local geographic area.

*Sources of Financial Assistance for Historic Preservation Projects*, Website of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, [www.achp.gov/funding.html](http://www.achp.gov/funding.html)

National Trust for Historic Preservation, <http://www.nationaltrust.org/funding/>

[www.Grants.gov](http://www.Grants.gov) The federal government's website for information on all federal agency grant opportunities, including on-line applications. Search by program or keywords.

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