



Historic Preservation Technical Assistance Grants (HPTAG)

What is HPTAG: A collaborative historic preservation technical assistance granting program, administered by the Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation and funded through the Connecticut Humanities Council's Cultural Heritage Development Program.

The purpose of HPTAG: to support efforts that help communities throughout the state plan for the preservation, restoration and rehabilitation of historic places.

Historic Preservation Technical Assistance Grants (HPTAGs) will serve as catalysts to enable communities to move forward with preservation projects as well as to encourage preservation-oriented community planning. Grants will be given for identification and evaluation of historic resources and for plans for restoration of historic resources. Grants will be given to projects that build and strengthen local preservation/community organizations.

Grant Awards: All grants are either technical assistance or preservation planning grants. No HPTAG awards will be for Construction related projects. All grants require a one to one match. Those over \$5,000 will require a percentage be a cash match from an external source.

Most grant awards are between \$5,000 and \$10,000, though smaller amounts are accepted.

For 2005-06, the Connecticut Trust welcomes proposals that request up to \$25,000 that fit the following priorities:

1. Project will have impact on a neighborhood
2. Project will have community visibility
3. Project ties into other preservation and/or development projects in the community.

Examples of HPTAG grants:

◆ Direct Preservation Planning Assistance:

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- ◆ Feasibility studies for re-use of a historic resource, business plans and strategic plans for resource adaptability.
- ◆ Historic Resource surveys: this includes surveys of a town's historic resources, or surveys of a type of resource, such as barns, mills, modernist architecture in the state, etc.
- ◆ State and National Register of Historic Places nominations.
- ◆ Structural and engineering analyses of historic resources.
- ◆ Historic Structures Reports

Organizational Development and Program Support: grant awards will be offered for:

- ◆ Projects or plans that strengthen the organizational structure and direction of an organization whose mission is directed to community preservation, including governance, financial management, fundraising, staffing.
- ◆ Preservation projects that have potential to connect with larger/broader preservation efforts or plans in a community.
- ◆ Projects or programs that add to the technical expertise of preservationists or a collaborative group.

➤ **Priority Considerations:**

- *Projects that fill a demonstrated need and provide a clear benefit to the organization and the community.*
- *Projects that will leverage or serve as a catalyst for further investment.*
- *Organizations whose missions are directly related to the protection and preservation of Connecticut's historic built environment and historic landscapes.*
- *Projects that involve properties eligible for or listed on the State or National Register of Historic Places or National Historic Landmarks.*
- *Properties identified in a community's local historic resource survey.*

Eligibility requirements:

- Incorporated non-profit organizations or municipalities in the state of Connecticut.
 - Partnerships between public and private non-profits are encouraged.
- Organizations must have the ability to administer the grant, both fiscal and project management.
- Preservation/restoration/engineering/other consulting professionals must be part of any grant request.
- Demonstration of one-to-one in-kind or cash match for the amount of the grant award. Grants over \$5,000 will be considered for a partial cash match, in addition to in-kind.

Not Eligible:

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- Projects from for-profit organizations or institutions, from the State of Connecticut or from individuals without an organizational or institutional base.
- Projects for general operating expenses or for purchase of office equipment for the purpose of general operations.
- Acquisition money
- Costs, such as refreshments, associated with social events or fundraising events.
- Construction related costs.

How to Apply:

Please print out the Pre-Application form found on www.cttrust.org and fill in the requested information completely. Pre-Applications are due on the first of any month. Please note actual grant application deadlines below.

Send completed Pre-Application to:

Historic Preservation Technical Assistance Grants
c/o Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation
940 Whitney Avenue
Hamden, CT 06517

The HPTAG Review Committee will review the Pre-Application and applicants will be notified shortly thereafter whether they have been selected to submit a full grant application. All applicants MUST work with a Connecticut Circuit Rider in preparing the full application. The Trust will not accept applications without Circuit Rider assistance to the applicant.

Full Application Deadlines:

**November 1, 2005, notification by the end of December, 2005.
April 1, 2006, notification by end of May, 2006.**