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New Grant Round Opens for the Land and Community Heritage Investment Program
LCHIP to hold Mandatory Application Writing Workshop for Interested Organizations

CONCORD, NH – The Staff and Board of Directors of the Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP) will open a new grant round on September 1st, 2009. Organizations interested in applying must attend a mandatory application writing workshop on September 10th. The grant round will close at noon on Friday, October 16th, 2009. Funding decisions are expected to be made sometime in January of 2010.

“We are excited to publicly announce the opening of this next grant round,” says Executive Director Deborah Turcott Young, “especially because it marks our first round using a new funding mechanism.” Historically, LCHIP has been funded through appropriation in the state’s general budget. As of July 1st, 2008, funds for LCHIP grants have been collected through a recording surcharge on four documents at the County Registry of Deeds; mortgages, discharges, plans, and deeds. Turcott Young continues, “This means that LCHIP grant funds are tied more directly to real estate transactions and not placing a demand on the state’s already tight budget. We are pleased to be able to make grant awards to so many important projects throughout the state when organizations and towns need as much help as ever during these down economic times.”

The Natural Resource Application Writing Workshop will be held on Thursday, September 10th from 9:30 to 11:30 AM and the Historic and Cultural Resources Application Writing Workshop will be held on Thursday, September 10th from 1:30 to 3:30 PM. Both workshops will be held at the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (DES) Auditorium on Hazen Drive in Concord, NH.

One person from each applicant organization must attend the applicable workshop. To register for a workshop please email the participant’s name, organization, contact information, the project name and which session you will be attending to info@lchip.org. You will receive a confirmation email with further instructions once your registration email has been received. Please note, due to limited space, only one person may attend per applicant organization. You may request that a second person be added to the waiting list, and you will be notified should space become available.

The Land and Community Heritage Investment Program is an independent state authority that provides matching grants to New Hampshire communities and non-profits in an effort to protect and preserve the state’s most important natural, cultural, and historic resources. Its mission is to ensure the perpetual contribution of these resources to the state’s economy, its environment, and the quality of the life in New Hampshire. LCHIP funds have helped 107 New Hampshire communities conserve 220,000 acres and 87 historic structures to date. For more information about LCHIP call 603.224.4113 or visit www.lchip.org.

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