

Historic and Cultural Resources

Am I Eligible to Apply?

Are you a Municipality or other political subdivision of the state of New Hampshire? **Yes, you are eligible to apply.**

Are you a Publicly-supported nonprofit corporation exempt from federal income taxation under section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code? **Yes, you are eligible to apply.**

If you represent other interested parties, you may still partner or work with an eligible organization or government entity but may not apply directly to the program.

Do I Have an Eligible Resource?

Prior to applying for LCHIP funds, resources must either be listed, or officially determined eligible for listing, on either the State or National Register of Historic Places.

To determine if your property is already listed or to obtain a Determination of Eligibility (DOE), contact the NH Division of Historical Resources at 603-271-3483.

What Else do I Need?

If the proposed project is a rehabilitation or restoration of an historic resource, and has a Total Project Cost of \$50,000 or more, you must submit an Historic Building Assessment with Preservation Guidelines or Historic Structure Report. These are planning studies prepared by preservation professionals that take into account a resource's history and historic fabric, assessing current conditions, recommending treatments and phasing, and estimating probable costs.

What Types of Projects Can I Apply For?

Eligible applicants may apply for grant funds for the protection, restoration or rehabilitation of the following cultural or historic resources (as listed in statute):

1. archaeological sites;
2. historic buildings and structures which house cultural events and programs;
3. historic properties including buildings and structures;

4. historic and cultural lands and features

What Costs are Eligible for LCHIP Funding?

1. Acquisition of real property in fee simple;
2. Acquisition of easement interests in real property;
3. Restoration or rehabilitation of cultural or historic buildings or structures which are publicly-owned, or which are owned by a qualified publicly-supported nonprofit corporation, except for the following activities:
 - a. routine maintenance and/or modernization that does not require specialized historic preservation services, unless the routine maintenance and/or modernization is necessary to fulfill the recommendations of a Historic Structure Report or preservation plan for the property;
 - b. furnishings (modern or historic);
4. Surveys, appraisals, title work, and other legal or ancillary work necessary to carry out acquisitions that can demonstrate linkage to the permanent protection or restoration and rehabilitation of eligible resources;
5. Resource inventories and planning that can demonstrate linkage to the permanent protection or restoration and rehabilitation of eligible resources;
6. Other professional services that can demonstrate linkage to the permanent protection or restoration and rehabilitation of eligible resources and limited to:
 - a. in-house or contracted services for the purposes of project application development to LCHIP;
 - b. plans and drawings;
 - c. feasibility studies;
 - d. historic structures reports;
 - e. architectural renderings;
 - f. environmental reviews;
 - g. archaeological reviews;
 - h. engineering studies;
 - i. condition assessments;
 - j. baseline documentation; and
 - k. historic building assessment with preservation guidelines.