Historic and Cultural Resource

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.

Prior to applying for LCHIP funds, projects must have previously received a Determination of Eligibility (DOE) for the resource by the NH Division of Historical Resources or be listed in the National or State Registers of Historic Places. To determine if your property is already listed or to obtain a DOE, contact the NH Division of Historical Resources at 603-271-3483.

If the project is a rehabilitation, restoration, renovation or preservation of a historic structure, and has a Total Project Cost of $50,000 or more, a Guidelines for Rehabilitation or an Historic Structures Report must be prepared by a preservation professional. If you do not have any of the above documents, please contact our office to discuss your project.

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 Aspect of the Project could LCHIP Fund?

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 that does not require specialized historic preservation services, except when necessary to fulfill the recommendations of a Historic Structure Report or preservation plan for the property;
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) determining National or State Register eligibility;
   (c) plans and drawings;
   (d) feasibility studies;
   (e) historic structures reports;
   (f) architectural renderings;
   (g) environmental reviews;
   (h) archaeological reviews;
   (i) engineering studies;
   (j) condition assessments;
   (k) baseline documentation; and preservation guidelines for rehabilitation.

Questions?

Call the LCHIP Office at 603-224-4113 to discuss your potential project