



# Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization Grants Program



Paul Bruhn (1947 - 2019)

Photo courtesy of the Preservation Trust of Vermont

Waitsfield Village, VT

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## Eligible Applicants

- Nonprofit, tax-exempt US organizations, with *or* without 501(c)(3) designation
- Tribal Historic Preservation Offices
- State Historic Preservation Offices
- Certified Local Governments (list provided at [go.nps.gov/clglist](https://www.nps.gov/clglist))

## Eligible Subgrant Recipients

- Properties listed in or determined eligible for the National Register of Historic Places
- Properties located in areas defined as rural by the US Bureau of the Census (less than 50,000) (more information available at <https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/>)
- Properties within the grantee's jurisdiction

## What Is Funded

The goal of the Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization Grants Program is to support subgrant programs that enable the rehabilitation of rural historic properties at the National, State, and local level of significance and rehabilitate, protect, and foster economic development of rural communities. States, Tribes, Certified Local Governments, and non-profits will submit applications describing their proposed subgrant program and their ability to support and administer it.

Those subgrant programs will fund preservation projects for historic sites to include architectural/engineering services and physical building preservation that meet the Secretary of the Interior's *Standards & Guidelines for Archeology and Historic Preservation*.

## What Is Not Funded

- Work on grantee-owned property
- Work on projects that have not been competitively selected
- Construction of new buildings
- Acquisition of collections or historic sites
- Long-term maintenance or curatorial work beyond the grant period
- Reconstructing historic properties (recreating all or a significant portion that no longer exists)
- Moving or work on moved historic properties no longer eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places
- Cash reserves, endowments, revolving funds, or fund-raising costs
- Work performed prior to grant award or costs for work already completed or funded through other federal programs
- Lobbying or advocacy activities
- Administrative costs may not exceed 25% of the total program budget
- Miscellaneous costs, contingencies, reserves, and overhead

## Grant Amounts

Grant awards may range from \$100,000 to \$750,000. Please note that the selection panel may, at its discretion, award less than these minimum grant requests. An estimated number of 7-9 grants will be awarded.

## Selection Process

NPS personnel, and qualified Federal employees if needed, will review all complete proposals using the criteria outlined below. Reviewers' evaluations are based solely on the material provided in the application. Additional materials not specifically required by the application, and materials sent separately from the application, will not be considered. A summary of the review panel comments may be provided to the applicant if requested after the grant process is complete. Panel recommendations will be made to the Secretary of the Interior for final approval. NPS will conduct risk assessments on all programs prior to funding.

## Evaluation and Selection Criteria

Program descriptions must address, and applications will be rated on, each of the criteria listed below. NPS will evaluate and consider only **complete** applications that separately address and answer each of the five criteria. All criteria are rated equally.

- 1. Subgrant Program Objectives:** The applicant must explain the proposed subgrant(s) or subgrant programs objectives, including:
  - Discuss how this program will preserve the history of the rural community for future generations.
  - Define how the program will foster economic development of rural communities.
  - Describe the historic resources the program may affect and their significance at the National, State, Tribal, or local level
  - Describe organizational experience with and ability to programmatically and financially manage a Federal subgrant program and support the continued monitoring of easement/covenant/preservation agreements that will be required.
- 2. Need/Urgency/Threat:** Describe the need, urgency, and threat the subgrant program addresses and what activities are necessary to achieve the program objectives. Include preservation and economic factors. Discuss how the program is the next logical step toward preservation within the proposed jurisdiction.
- 3. Feasibility:** List and describe all program tasks and their anticipated results.
  - Discuss elements in budget justification (separate document) to show that costs are necessary, reasonable, and allowable. Match is not required, but will be considered as a competitive factor. Programs requesting low administrative costs will also be judged more competitive.
  - Demonstrate how the program will be accomplished within the given timeframe (3 years) and with the given resources, while meeting all federal requirement and guidelines. Administrative costs are eligible, however lower relative administrative costs will be considered as a competitive factor. Applicants with administrative costs of no more than 5% will receive the highest rating for this portion of the Feasibility rating criteria.
  - Briefly describe who will be involved in managing the program and their qualifications, attach resumes/CVs as applicable.
- 4. Sustainability:** Describe how the subgrant program meets the goals of relevant Statewide, Tribal or local historic preservation plans. Identify the specific goals, plan(s), and when they were developed and adopted.
  - Describe the impacts of the program after completion, including long lasting effects and how those results will be measured.
  - Describe the public-private partnerships and community engagement involved in the program and how these partnerships will sustain and continue to support the resource(s) after the subgrants are complete, including how easements will be monitored and enforced.
- 5. Department Priorities:** Describe how your program advances the Department of Interior priorities:
  - Modernizing our infrastructure: Remove impediments to infrastructure development and facilitate private sector efforts to construct infrastructure projects serving American needs; and
  - Restoring trust with local communities: Expand the lines of communication with Governors, state natural resource offices, Fish and Wildlife offices, water authorities, county commissioners, Tribes, and local communities.

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## Process and Deadlines

This program is administered by the National Park Service. Congress has again appropriated \$5 million in FY19 for this program. Applications will likely be available in fall or winter 2020. Applications must be submitted through Grants.gov. Registration in Grants.gov, sam.gov, and other required federal systems to submit an application can take up to four weeks, so please start early. Extensions will not be granted due to incomplete registrations in these systems or applications.

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## Additional Information

Visit [go.nps.gov/revitalization](https://www.nps.gov/revitalization) for information about this grant program.

For more information on our other programs, please visit [www.nps.gov/stlpg](https://www.nps.gov/stlpg)

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