

FUNDING DIRECTORY FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROJECTS IN VERMONT

Vermont Division for Historic Preservation

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Many funding sources require that an applicant provide money or in-kind time or services to match a grant. Check with the source for specific information on matching requirements.

1. Certified Local Government Program

Grants for resource identification and planning, National Register nominations, downtown planning, public education, archeological studies, building feasibility studies.

Range: \$500 - \$25,000.

Eligibility: Municipalities that are Certified Local Governments through the Division for Historic Preservation.

Deadlines: Usually due in early March.

Contact: Chris Cochran, Vermont Division for Historic Preservation, National Life Building Drawer 20, Montpelier, VT 05620-0501. Telephone: (802) 828-3047; e-mail: chris.cochran@state.vt.us

Internet: www.historicvermont.org

2. Chittenden Bank's Socially Responsible Banking Fund

Deposit program supports community development lending in affordable housing, economic development, conservation, agriculture, downtown revitalization and community facilities. Loans available with flexible rates and terms for purchase of historic properties, rehabilitation, and new construction, bridge loans (to cover costs while waiting for grant funding or waiting for pledges to be paid in on a capital campaign), or lines of credit for working capital. Currently offering a special Downtown Revitalization Loan program for facade improvements, upgrades for accessibility and safety installations with special rates and terms.

Range: Depends on the project, owner equity, risk factors, etc.

Eligibility: Individual business owners, small businesses, non-profit organization, municipalities, and lessees

Deadlines: None, loans are made throughout the year

Contact: Arne Hammarlund, SRB Loan Officer, Chittenden Bank, P. O. Box 804, Brattleboro, VT 05302-0804, Telephone: 802-258-4090; e-mail: ahammarlund@chittenden.com or Gayle

McKinnon-Alexander, SRB Business Development Officer, Chittenden Bank, P.O. Box 820, Burlington, VT 05402-0820 Telephone: 802-660-1595; e-mail: [\[alexander@chittenden.com\]\(mailto:alexander@chittenden.com\) Internet: \[www.chittenden.com\]\(http://www.chittenden.com\) or \[sociallyresponsible.chittenden.com\]\(http://sociallyresponsible.chittenden.com\)](mailto:gmckinnon-</p></div><div data-bbox=)

3. Community Development Block Grant Program - Planning Grants

Federal grants for community development planning, downtown planning studies, project development planning for individual buildings. Projects must potentially benefit people with low to moderate incomes and/or eliminate “slums and blight.”

Range: \$3,000 - \$40,000

Eligibility: Municipalities for eligible municipal projects and/or may apply on behalf of organizations and private owners for projects with community benefit.

Deadlines: six cycles per year

Contact: Department of Housing & Community Affairs, National Life Building, Drawer 20, Montpelier, VT 05620-0501. Telephone: (802) 828-5218; e-mail: molly.dugan@state.vt.us

4. Community Development Block Grant Program - Implementation Grants

Federal grants for projects that involve economic development, housing, public facilities, and public services that will have direct benefit for persons of low and moderate income, eliminate slums or blight, or address an urgent need. Projects supporting normal municipal functions are not eligible. Projects in municipal facilities are eligible if they meet the benefit requirement.

Range: \$50,000 - \$750,000

Eligibility: Municipalities for eligible municipal projects and/or may apply on behalf of organizations and private owners for projects with community benefit.

Deadlines: multiple cycles per year.

Contact: Department of Housing & Community Affairs, National Life Building, Drawer 20, Montpelier, VT 05620-0501. Telephone: (802) 828-5218; e-mail: molly.dugan@state.vt.us

5. Community Development Block Grant Program - Accessibility Modifications Grants

Federal grants for projects that bring municipal buildings that serve a municipal function and community non-school libraries into compliance with the American Disabilities Act (ADA).

Range: \$5,000 - \$50,000

Eligibility: Municipalities for eligible municipal projects and/or may apply on behalf of organizations and private owners for projects with community benefit.

Deadlines: multiple cycles per year.

Contact: Department of Housing & Community Affairs, National Life Building, Drawer 20, Montpelier, VT 05620-0501. Telephone: (802) 828-5218; e-mail: molly.dugan@state.vt.us

6. Community Facility Grants

Federal grants to assist rural communities develop or improve essential community facilities, including theaters, community centers, museums, libraries, and municipal buildings. May be used for acquisition, construction or improvements to buildings and equipment.

Range: Up to \$50,000 or 75% of the project cost, whichever is less.

Eligibility: Non-profit corporations and public bodies serving certain rural communities (see list on website).

Deadlines: Ongoing, but priority for applications received by December 15.

Contact: Gary Beem or Naomi Hatch, USDA Rural Development, 3rd Floor City Center, 89 Main Street, Montpelier, VT, 05602. Telephone: (802) 828-6032.

Internet: www.rurdev.usda.gov/vt/

7. Connecticut River Partnership Program

Grants for projects that address identification and protection of historic resources, improve water quality, provide river-related recreation opportunities, enhance tourism in the valley, and promote the Connecticut River Scenic Byway. Program focuses on implementing recommendations in the Connecticut River Corridor Management Plan and the Connecticut River Scenic Byway Plan.

Range: \$500 - \$5,000

Eligibility: municipalities, regional and non-profit organizations in the Connecticut River watershed.

Deadlines: Generally in March. Call for details.

Contact: Sharon Francis, Executive Director, Connecticut River Joint Commissions, P.O. Box 1182, Charlestown, NH 03603 Telephone: (603) 826-4800. Internet: www.crjc.org

8. Cultural Facilities Grants

Operated in partnership with the Vermont Historical Society, the Vermont Division for Historic Preservation, the Vermont Arts Council and the Vermont Museum and Gallery Alliance, the program offers state grants to improve facilities used for providing cultural events and activities for the public. Includes wiring, heating, lighting, stage work, bathrooms and accessibility improvements.

Structural work and routine maintenance are not usually funded. Grantseekers' workshops offered.

Range: \$750 - \$5,000.

Eligibility: Municipalities and non-profit organizations.

Deadlines: Early fall.

Contact: Vermont Arts Council, 136 State Street, Montpelier, VT 05633-6001

Telephone: (802) 828-3778. Internet: www.vermontartscouncil.org

9. Cynthia Woods Mitchell Fund for Historic Interiors

Grants for technical consultants, production and marketing of print and video communications materials, workshops, and education programs, all related to the preservation of historic interiors. Acquisition and construction/rehabilitation projects are ineligible.

Range: \$5,000 - \$10,000.

Eligibility: Government agencies, non-profit organizations, for-profit businesses, and individuals.

Deadlines: February 1.

Contact: Leigh Seyfert, National Trust for Historic Preservation, Northeast Regional Office, 7 Faneuil Hall Marketplace, Boston, MA 02109. Telephone (617) 523-0885.

e-mail: leigh_seyfert@nthp.org Internet: www.nthp.org

10. Disabled Access Tax Credit

Federal tax credit of 50% of eligible access expenditures (architectural adaptations, equipment purchase and services like sign language interpreters) that exceed \$250 but do not exceed \$10,250. Range: Up to \$5,000.

Eligibility: Small businesses with under \$1 million in revenues or 30 or fewer full-time employees.

Deadlines: File at end of tax year.

Contact: Internal Revenue Service. Internet: www.usdoj.gov/crt/ada/taxpack.htm

11. Historic Bridge Adaptive Use Program

Program provides design and construction assistance in rehabilitating historic bridges at either a new site or at their existing location for non-vehicular use. Bridges rehabilitated to date under this program have been metal truss bridges. Bridges must be owned by and open to the public year-round. Typical adaptive use locations might include bike paths, snowmobile trails, parks, recreation trails, and scenic overlooks.

Range: Generally 80 - 90% of project costs.

Eligibility: Local and state governments, and non-profit organizations.

Deadline: ongoing

Contact: Sue Scribner, Vermont Agency of Transportation, Program Development Division, National Life Building, Drawer 33, Montpelier, VT 05633-5001. Telephone: (802) 828-3615. Internet : <http://www.aot.state.vt.us/progdev/Sections/LTF/VermontHistoricBridgeProgram/HBP00VermontHistoricBridgeProgram.htm>

12. Inner-City Ventures Fund

Offers below-market rate loans to help revitalize older, historic neighborhoods for the benefit of low and moderate income residents. Funds may be used for acquisition, rehabilitation and related capital costs for projects that offer housing, neighborhood services and commercial opportunities for area residents.

Range: Up to \$350,000.

Eligibility: Non-profit organizations and public agencies.

Deadlines: Rolling

Contact: Jenifer Eggleston, National Trust for Historic Preservation, 1785 Massachusetts Ave., NW, Washington, D.C. 20036. Telephone (202) 588-6000, e-mail: jenifer_eggleston@nthp.org Internet: www.nthp.org

13. Johanna Favrot Fund

Grants for projects that contribute to the preservation or the recapture of an authentic sense of place, through support of consultants, conferences, workshops, and development of educational programs.

Range:\$5,000 - \$10,000

Eligibility: Non-profit organizations, government agencies, for-profit businesses, and individuals.

Deadlines: February 1.

Contact: Leigh Seyfert, National Trust for Historic Preservation, Northeast Regional Office, 7 Faneuil Hall Marketplace, Boston, MA 02109. Telephone (617) 523-0885.
e-mail: leigh_seyfert@nthp.org Internet : www.nthp.org

14. Lake Champlain Basin Program Opportunities for Action Local Implementation

Grants

Federal grants to support local community involvement in the implementation of the comprehensive management plan, Opportunities for Action: An Evolving Plan for the Future of the Lake Champlain Basin. Offers Organizational Support Grants, Partnership Grants, and Annual Priorities Grants. Requires 25% match.

Range: Average \$5,000 - \$20,000.

Eligibility: Municipalities, non-profit organizations, schools, and informal citizen groups, businesses and organizations under the auspices of the former.

Deadlines: 2003 deadline was May 2. Call for deadline for 2004.

Contact: Lake Champlain Basin Program, P.O. Box 204, 54 West Shore Road, Grand Isle, VT 05458. Telephone (800) 468-5227. Internet: www.lcbp.org

15. Lake Champlain Basin Program Technical Assistance Grants

Federal grants to support grassroots projects for historic preservation and recreation projects in the Lake Champlain Basin including archeological assessments, design development, interpretation, conditions assessments, State and National Register nominations, museum mentoring, and educational programs and economic assessments related to cultural heritage tourism and downtown revitalization. Cash or in-kind 1:3 match.

Range: Up to \$1,000

Eligibility: Municipalities, non-profit organizations, and schools, or informal citizen groups, businesses and organizations under the auspices of the former.

Deadlines: June 13, 2003. Call for details.

Contact: Lake Champlain Basin Program, P.O. Box 204, 54 West Shore Road, Grand Isle, VT 05458. Telephone (800) 468-5227. Internet: www.lcbp.org

16. Municipal Planning Grant Program

Grants for municipal land use plans, zoning and subdivision bylaws, including conservation work described in an adopted town plan. Grants may also be used for special studies related to the plan or bylaws, including historic survey work.

Range: \$500 - \$15,000.

Eligibility: Municipalities with adopted plans confirmed by their regional planning commission.

Deadline: Usually in September or October.

Contact: Peg Elmer or Wendy Tudor, Vermont Department of Housing and Community Affairs, National Life Building, Drawer 20, Montpelier, VT 05620-0501. Telephone: (802) 828-3211; e-mail wendy.tudor@state.vt.us

17. National Preservation Loan Fund

Below market rate loans, lines of credit, or participation loans with other lenders can be used to acquire, stabilize, rehabilitate or restore an historic property for use, lease or resale; establish a revolving fund; purchase easements or options to acquire historic properties; or finance pre-development activities. Innovative project models are encouraged, and threatened National Historic Landmarks receive the highest priority for funding.

Range: \$50,000 - \$350,000

Eligibility: Public agencies and non-profit organizations.

Deadlines: None

Contact: Jenifer Eggleston, National Trust for Historic Preservation, 1785 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Washington, D.C. 20036. Telephone (202) 588-6000.

e-mail: jenifer_eggleston@nthp.org Internet : www.nthp.org

18. Preservation Services Fund

Matching grants to initiate historic preservation projects through support of consultants, conferences and curriculum development.

Range: \$500 - \$5,000 (average \$500 - \$1,500)

Eligibility: Non-profit organizations, universities, and public agencies.

Deadlines: October 1, February 1.

Contact: Leigh Seyfert, National Trust for Historic Preservation, Northeast Regional Office, 7 Faneuil Hall Marketplace, Boston, MA 02109. Telephone (617) 523-0885.

e-mail: leigh_seyfert@nthp.org Internet: www.nthp.org

19. Preservation Trust of Vermont – Robert Sincerbeaux Fund Grants

Matching grants up to \$500 are available to municipalities and community organizations for hiring consultants to provide technical assistance for preservation projects. Eligible activities may include hiring a preservation architect or contractor to do building condition assessments, organizational development, project planning, fundraising consultation, feasibility assessments, and other project development activities. The grants are offered through the Field Services Program, a partnership of the Preservation Trust of Vermont and National Trust for Historic Preservation.

Range: \$250 for a building assessment

Up to \$500 for other activities.

Eligibility: Local organizations and municipalities.

Deadlines: Rolling.

Contact: PTV-NTHP Field Representatives: Ann Cousins, PTV, 104 Church St., Burlington, VT 05401, Telephone (802) 434-5014; e-mail: ann@ptvermont.org; or, Doug Porter, 92 Church Street, Jeffersonville, VT 05464, Telephone (802) 644-2815, e-mail:

doug@ptvermont.org Internet: www.ptvermont.org

20. Preservation Trust of Vermont - Preservation Grants

A partnership of the Preservation Trust of Vermont and the Freeman Foundation, Preservation Grants are available to non-profit organizations and municipalities for rehabilitating historic buildings. These grants have helped local groups save and use a variety of special places; a list of recipients is available on the Preservation Trust website. Eligible projects must have strong community support, as demonstrated by volunteer and fundraising efforts.

Range: \$5,000 - \$50,000. Average \$25,000 - \$35,000.

Eligibility: Communities and non-profit organizations.

Deadlines: Ongoing.

Contact: Paul Bruhn, Preservation Trust of Vermont, 104 Church Street, Burlington, VT 05401. Telephone: (802) 658-6647; e-mail paul@ptvermont.org; or Ann Cousins, PTV, 104 Church St., Burlington, VT 05401, Telephone (802) 434-5014; e-mail: ann@ptvermont.org; or, Doug Porter, 92 Church Street, Jeffersonville, VT 05464, Telephone (802) 644-2815, e-mail: doug@ptvermont.org Internet: www.ptvermont.org

21. Rehabilitation Investment Tax Credit.

Federal investment tax credit for 20% of the rehabilitation costs (including labor, materials and architects or other consultant fees) for income-producing buildings listed in the National Register of Historic Places. The tax credit may apply to properties such as a retail store, office building, apartment building or vacation rental. Private homes, which do not generate income, are not eligible for the credit.

Range: 20% of eligible expenditures

Eligibility: Owners or long-term lessees of historic buildings used for income-producing purposes.

Deadline: File application before construction. File for approved credit at end of tax year. Contact: Chris Cochran, Division for Historic Preservation, National Life Building, Drawer 20, Montpelier, VT 05620-0501. Telephone: (802) 828-3047;

e-mail: chris.cochran@state.vt.us Internet: www.historicvermont.org

22. Regional Block Grant Program

State funds distributed to Regional Development Corporations (RDC's), Regional Planning Commissions (RPC's), and regional marketing organizations (RMO's) in grants for planning, economic development and regional promotion. Eligible activities include heritage tourism promotion projects.

Range: Distribution by formula based on annual legislative appropriation.

Eligibility: RDC's, RPC's and RMO's

Deadline: Annual regional work plans are developed and approved by their boards in May.

Contact: Local RMO for promotion projects, RPC for planning projects, and RDC for economic development projects.

23. Rural Business Enterprise Grants

Federal grants to support the development of small and emerging businesses in rural areas, including work on buildings to house those businesses.

Range: Usually up to \$25,000

Eligibility: Public bodies and private non-profit corporations. Grants do not go directly to businesses.

Deadlines: Contact office for details.

Contact: Sherry Paige, USDA, Rural Development, Business Programs, City Center, 3rd Floor, 89 Main Street, Montpelier, VT 05602. Telephone: (802) 828-6034;

e-mail sherry.paige@vt.usda.gov Internet : www.rurdev.usda.gov/vt/

24. Save America's Treasures

A public-private partnership of the National Park Service and the National Trust for Historic Preservation. NPS offers grants for preservation and conservation work on nationally significant intellectual and cultural artifacts and nationally significant historic structures and sites.

Range: Minimum \$50,000 for collections, \$250,000 for historic property projects. Maximum \$1 million.

Eligibility: Federal, state and local government agencies, and nonprofit institutions (except active religious congregations.) Buildings must have national significance.

Deadlines: 2003 deadline was May 20. Call for deadline for 2004.

Contact: National Trust for Historic Preservation, 1785 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20036, telephone (877) 873-2787 or (202) 588-6202; or, Save America's Treasures, National Park Service, Heritage Preservation Services, 1201 Eye St. NW, 6th floor, Washington, D.C. 20005, telephone (202) 513-7270, Ext. 6. Questions concerning collections projects should be addressed to the National Endowment for the Arts, telephone (202) 682-5516. Internet: www.saveameericastreasures.org

25. SOS! (Save Outdoor Sculpture) - Assessment Awards

Grants to hire a professional conservator or art historian to conduct a condition assessment or scholarly research of outdoor sculpture. (Girl Scouts can earn SOS! patch for projects.)

In 2003, eligible sculptures must relate to police officers, firefighters, or Abraham Lincoln.

Range: up to \$850.

Eligibility: State and local agencies and non-profit organizations which own sculptures. Non-profit groups may partner with owners.

Deadlines: October 1, 2003

Contact: Save Outdoor Sculpture (SOS!), Heritage Preservation, 1625 K Street, NW, Suite 700, Washington, D.C. 20007. Telephone: (888) 767-7285; e-mail: sos!@heritagepreservation.org

Internet: www.heritagepreservation.org

26. Tax Deduction to Remove Architectural and Transportation Barriers to People with Disabilities and Elderly Individuals

Federal tax deduction for expenditures that improve accessibility for a facility owned by the taxpayer for use in his or her business.

Range: Up to \$15,000.

Eligibility: Business owners (including active ownership of apartment buildings)

Deadlines: File at end of tax year.

Contact: Internal Revenue Service. Internet: www.usdoj.gov/crt/ada/taxpack.htm

27. Transportation Enhancements Program

Federal reimbursement grants for projects that enhance multi-modal transportation goals in the areas of historic preservation, bike and pedestrian paths, scenic protection, archeological planning, mitigation of highway water runoff, tourist and welcome centers, and transportation museums. Preservation projects must have a direct, evident and strong relationship to the surface transportation system. Proximity to a road alone is not sufficient. Buildings listed in the National Register and/or located within a state scenic byway or along an alternate designated scenic or historic route are most competitive.

Range: \$10,000 to approximately \$400,000; match required.

Eligibility: Local, state and federal governments and non-profit organizations.

Deadlines: Call for new deadlines.

Contact: Laurie Smith or Curtis Johnson, Enhancement Program Coordinators, Local Transportation Facilities, Agency of Transportation, National Life Building, Drawer 33, Montpelier, VT 05633-5001. Telephone: (802) 828-3885 or (802) 828-0583.

28. Trees for Local Communities Grants

The Urban and Community Forestry Program offers matching grants for community tree planting, maintenance, and planning projects.

Range: Planting, Maintenance and Mini-Grants. Call or visit website for details.

Eligibility: Call or visit website for details.

Deadlines: Mid-February.

Contact: Urban and Community Forestry Program, 103 South Main Street, Building 10 South, Waterbury, VT 05671-0601. Telephone: (802) 241-3678. Internet: www.vtcommunityforestry.org

29. Upper Connecticut River Mitigation and Enhancement Fund

Grants for river restoration work, wetland protection and restoration, and shoreland protection in the Connecticut River watershed upstream of the confluence of the White River. The shoreland category includes protection of cultural, historic and archeological resources.

Range: Project Grants up to \$5,000 and Strategic Focus Grants of more than \$5,000.

Eligibility: Non-profit organizations, community organizations, educational institutions, and federal, state and local government agencies.

Deadlines: October 31. Concept papers for grants greater than \$25,000 due by August 31.

Contact: Kevin Peterson, Upper Connecticut River Mitigation and Enhancement Fund, Upper Valley Community Foundation, 16 Buck Rd., P.O. Box 995, Hanover, NH 03755-0995.
Telephone:(603) 653-0387; e-mail kp@nhcf.org Internet: www.vermontcf.org/uvcf

30. Vermont Barn Preservation Grants

State 50/50 matching grants for the repair and restoration of historic agricultural buildings.

Applications available late September.

Range: \$1,000 - \$10,000.

Eligibility: Owners of historic barns and other agricultural buildings that are listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

Deadlines: January.

Contact: Vermont Division for Historic Preservation, National Life Building, Drawer 20, Montpelier, VT 05620-0501. Telephone: (802) 828-3043; e-mail: eric.gilbertson@state.vt.us
Internet: www.historicvermont.org

31.Vermont Arts Council – Integrated Arts Education Grants

Matching grants available to partnerships of arts organizations and schools for work in the community and school to develop or continue arts integration programs in preschool - 12.

Range: Education Grants up to \$7,500.

Planning grants up to \$2,500

Eligibility: Arts organizations and schools.

Deadlines: Education Grants - September 15, 2003

Planning Grants - available on a rolling deadline, July 1 - December 31, 2003.

Contact: Janet Ressler, Director of Arts Education and Community Programs, Vermont Arts Council, 136 State Street, Montpelier, VT 05633-6001. Telephone (802) 828-3778.

Internet: www.vermontartscouncil.org

32. Vermont Arts Council – Local Community Arts Partnership Grants

Available to arts organizations for work in the community to develop or continue partnerships with, primarily, non-arts organizations, and can include partnerships with municipalities, social service organizations, educational institutions, regional planning and marketing organizations, etc. Require a 1:1 match, at least half from the partner organization.

Range: Partnership Grants - up to \$10,000.

Planning grants - up to \$2,500

Eligibility: Arts organizations.

Deadlines: Partnership Grants - April 2004. Call for current status.

Planning Grants - available on a rolling deadline, July 1 – December 31, 2003.

Contact: Janet Ressler, Director of Community Programs, Vermont Arts Council, 136 State Street, Montpelier, VT 05633-6001. Telephone (802) 828-3778.

Internet: www.vermontartscouncil.org

33. Vermont Arts Council - Opportunity Grants

Opportunity grants are the primary vehicle by which the Council supports artists, arts organizations, arts in communities, and arts in education. Matching grants are given to fund program activities, not capital expenditures. Projects must be primarily arts projects.

Range: \$250 to \$7,000

Eligibility: Municipalities and non-profit organizations.

Deadlines: May 12, 2003 and October 6, December 8, and March 8. Call for details.

Contact: Michele Bailey, Director of Creation and Presentation Programs, Vermont Arts Council, 136 State Street, Montpelier, VT 05633-6001. Telephone (802) 828-3294.

Internet: www.vermontartscouncil.org

34. Vermont Collections Care Program

Matching grants for the survey and treatment of museum collections including paintings, textiles, paper, furniture, etc.

Range: Initial Collections Surveys - \$125 - \$750 with 1:1 match.

Specific Collection Surveys - \$500 - \$1,000 with 1:1 match.

Implementation of Survey Recommendations - Up to \$1,000 with 2:1 match.

Treatment - Up to \$1,000 with 2:1 match.

Eligibility: Non-profit organizations who are VMGA members

Deadline: March 31, October 31.

Contact: MJ Davis, Vermont Collections Care Program, c/o Fairbanks Museum, 1302 Main Street, St. Johnsbury, VT 05819. Telephone: (800) 639-2330; e-mail: vccp@kingcon.com

35. Vermont Downtown Program

Downtown Designation - Provides benefits for public improvements and rehabilitation of income-producing buildings (and some in non-profit ownership) in downtowns that have achieved designation as "downtown development districts." To qualify for designation, communities must meet certain requirements including having a local organization (with staff) whose mission is long-term downtown revitalization. Among the financial benefits are: three different state income tax credit programs for rehabilitation and code improvements to older and historic income-producing buildings, two of which can be awarded in the form of a mortgage credit certificate; loans and grants to municipalities up to \$75,000 for capital transportation projects; and the reallocation of sales tax on construction materials for approved downtown building projects.

Village Center Designation - Municipalities with a confirmed planning process may request designation of the commercial core of their village as a "designated village center." Income-producing buildings within the village center are eligible for two state income tax credit programs for rehabilitation and code improvements.

Contact: Vermont Downtown Program, Division for Historic Preservation, Agency of Commerce and Community Development, National Life Building, Drawer 20, Montpelier, VT 05620-0501.

Telephone: Jane Lendway (802) 828-3042 or Joss Besse (802)828-5212.
e-mail jane.lendway@state.vt.us or joss.besse@state.vt.us
Internet: www.historicvermont.org

36. Vermont Housing and Conservation Board

Grants and loans for the conservation of agricultural and recreational land, natural areas, historic resources, archeological sites, and for the development of housing for low and moderate-income households. Archeological projects may involve fee simple acquisition or purchase of conservation easements on important sites. Historic buildings must be of outstanding local or regional significance, on/eligible for the National Register of Historic Places, owned by a municipality or eligible non-profit, and be regularly used by the public.

Range: Local Conservation (historic properties, natural areas, or recreational lands) up to \$100,000; Local Farmland Conservation up to \$125,000 plus associated costs; Statewide Conservation (historic properties, natural areas, or recreational lands) no limit; Statewide Agricultural Conservation up to \$350,000 per application.

Eligibility: Municipalities, non-profit organizations, and certain state agencies.

Deadlines: Multiple cycles per year.

Contact: Karen Freeman, Vermont Housing and Conservation Board, 149 State Street, Montpelier, VT 05602. Telephone: (802) 828-5067; e-mail kfreeman@vhcb.org

Internet: www.vhcb.org

37. Vermont State Historic Preservation Grants

State 50/50 matching grants for the repair and restoration of historic buildings that are used by the public, e.g. town halls, churches, grange halls, museums, schools, etc. Applications available late September.

Range: \$1,000 - \$15,000

Eligibility: Municipalities and non-profit organizations.

Deadlines: Late fall.

Contact: Vermont Division for Historic Preservation, National Life Building, Drawer 20, Montpelier, VT 05620-0501. Telephone: (802) 828-3043; e-mail: eric.gilbertson@state.vt.us

Internet: www.historicvermont.org

38. Vermont Watershed Grants

Funded from proceeds from the sale of Vermont Conservation License Plates, these grants are awarded by the Agency of Natural Resources for local and regional water-related projects, including the identification and protection of historic and cultural resources.

Range: Watershed Mini-Grants - \$200 to \$1,000

Watershed Grants - \$1,000 to \$5,000

Eligibility: Municipalities, local or regional governments, nonprofit organizations and citizen groups.

Deadlines: Usually late October.

Contact: Vermont Agency of Natural Resources, Water Quality Division, Building 10 North, 103 Main Street, Waterbury, Vermont 05671-0408. Telephone: (802) 241-3771.

Internet: <http://www.anr.state.vt.us/dec/waterq/lakesgrants.htm>

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Guide for Foundation Grants for Rivers, Trails and Open Space Conservation, 2nd edition, June 1996, Prepared by the National Center for Recreation and Conservation, National Park Service, U.S. Department of the Interior.

Lists sources for funding river, trail and open space conservation projects. Can be obtained from the Foundation Center, (212) 620-4230.

Historic Preservation Resources, Rural Information Center Publication Series, No 36, Revised Edition, Elinor R. Snow, Rural Information Center, National Agricultural Library, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1994.

Lists information and funding sources related to rural preservation.

Preserving and Revitalizing Older Communities: Sources of Federal Assistance, Lesley Slavitt, Preservation Assistance Division, National Park Service, U.S. Department of the Interior, 1993.

Lists federal programs that can aid downtown and community preservation efforts.

Vermont Directory of Foundations, Christine Graham, CPG Enterprises, 2000.

Lists foundations located in Vermont and foundations that regularly give to projects in Vermont. Includes 16 foundations that give to historic preservation projects, usually in a very limited local geographic area.

Guide for Grantseekers, Website of the Vermont Community Foundation, www.vermontcf.org/grants-rounds.html

Sources of Financial Assistance for Historic Preservation Projects, Website of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, www.achp.gov/funding.html

Please send additions and corrections for the next edition of the Funding Directory to :

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