

What is the Keystone Historic Preservation Grant Program?

The PA SHPO administers the Keystone Historic Preservation Grant program, which was established under the Keystone Recreation, Park and Conservation Fund, to support projects that identify, preserve, promote and protect historic and archaeological resources of Pennsylvania for both the benefit of the public and the revitalization of communities.

Since its inception in 1993, this program has provided over \$54 million in funding to over 1,000 community projects preserving the Commonwealth's diverse array of historic properties including covered bridges, county courthouses, roller coasters, and museums.



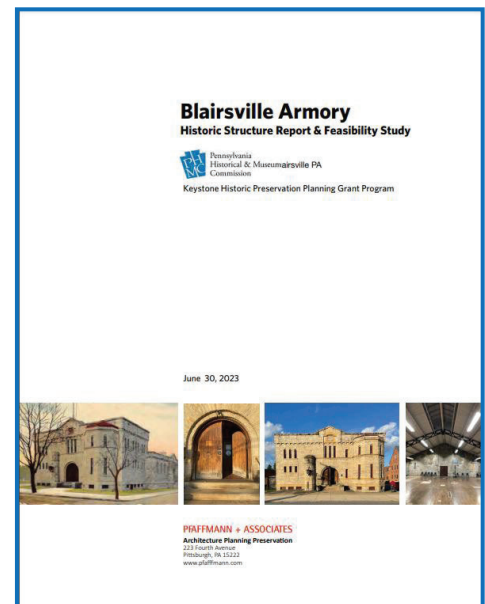
Old Caln Meeting House, Chester County

What types of grants are available through this program?

There are two type of grants under this program, Planning Grants and Construction Grants. These are both reimbursable grants and do require a 50/50 cash match.

Planning Grants provide financial assistance of \$5,000 to \$25,000 as a matching grant to nonprofit organizations and local governments for the planning and development for publicly accessible historic resources listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. Funding is available in the categories of:

- Cultural Resource Surveys, such as historic sites surveys, architectural surveys, archaeological surveys, and thematic surveys
- National Register Nominations, such as nominations for historic districts, including rural historic districts, multiple property nominations, and archaeological sites
- Planning and Project Development Assistance, including preparation of historic preservation plans for a municipality or county or region, historic structure reports, design guidelines, feasibility studies, preservation plans for the treatment of archaeological sites, plans for adaptive use of historic properties, and preparation of plans that assist communities in the preservation and revitalization of historic resources
- Archaeology projects, such as development of regional site sensitivity models, preparation of regional and/or temporal syntheses, research and artifact analysis, and problem-oriented excavation projects.



Construction Grants provide financial assistance of \$5,000 to \$100,000 as a matching grant to nonprofit organizations and local governments for small construction projects for publicly accessible historic resources listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. Funding is available in the categories of:

- Preservation, which includes activities to sustain the existing building interiors and exterior, its materials, and its integrity such as stabilization, general maintenance and repair, and limited upgrading of building systems.
- Rehabilitation, which includes modifying the interior and/or exterior of a building for a new use while preserving its historic and architectural features, such as sensitively installing new building systems, completing repairs, installing accessibility features, and making minor modifications to the floorplan.
- Restoration, which includes returning a building to the way it looked at a specific point in time by removing materials and features that were installed before or after the restoration period or recreating, based on evidence, materials and features that had been removed, such as replacing inappropriate windows and doors, painting exterior or interior spaces in a color appropriate for the time period, or removing a later addition.



Bellefonte Train Station, Centre County

Projects funded by a Keystone Preservation Construction Grant must be reviewed and approved by PHMC prior to construction to ensure that the scope of work meets the Secretary of the Interior's *Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties*. Along with accepting a declaration of covenant, grantees must ensure they will continue maintenance and preservation of the historic building and public accessibility for at least 10 years after the grant is received.

What are the eligibility requirements and application process for a Keystone Historic Preservation Grant?

For both grants, historic resources must be listed in, or eligible for listing in, the National Register of Historic Places. Additionally, applicants must be based in Pennsylvania, have tax exempt status or be an entity of local government, and must be incorporated and serving the public for at least five years prior to application.

The annual application deadline is March 1. Applicants are encouraged to contact the grants manager early in the application process to check property and applicant eligibility and understand the application requirements. Awardees are selected through a competitive application process once a year.

For more information, please visit the PHMC website at
<https://www.pa.gov/agencies/phmc/historic-preservation/grants-and-funding.html>

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