

AGENDA

Historic Village Improvement Committee

Tuesday, August 7, 2018

Members: DJ Noyes, William Douglas, Dick Blodgette, (Brian Cooper on vacation).
Guest attendees Bob Carlson.

Juliet Hodge has provided several good websites that offer grant opportunities:
Key Take-Aways:

1. · Funding is available (and pretty easy to get) from SHPO for towns (and other eligible grantees) to conduct historic resource inventories as well as for site-specific predevelopment work.
2. ○ A good first step for municipalities interested in preserving historic resources is to apply for SHPO funding to prepare a Historic Resources Inventory.
3. ○ Project funds are available for properties in a local historic district or state or federal registers of historic places. The property does not need to be town-owned. The easiest/fastest way to get a property eligible is to nominate it to the state register.
4. ○ Funding for renovation of single-family homes is also available up to \$30,000 per request.
5. ○ Municipalities that have local historic districts can be designated Certified Local Governments, which permits easier access to SHPO funds that don't have match requirements. (The "district" can be a single property or just municipally-owned properties.)
6. · Historic Registers vs Historic Districts vs Village Districts- from most restrictive to least:
7. ○ Historic Districts have locally-determined regulations that can regulate quite a bit. Their creation must be approved by 2/3 of the residents of the district. Properties in a historic district are automatically added to the state register.
8. ○ Village districts are adopted by the local zoning commission (no resident approval required). Generally they only kick in for larger-scale activity like new construction or substantial renovation.
9. ○ National Register: Honorary. Makes a property eligible for funding. CT Environmental Protection Act allows private parties or SHPO to sue to prevent demolition. This has happened only a couple of times.
10. ○ State Register: Honorary. Getting on this list makes a property eligible for various funding programs but does not restrict the use or prevent the property from demolition. Jason noted that getting a property listed on the State Register also opens up flexibility re flood insurance requirements.
11. · Historic Preservation & Resiliency: SHPO received Sandy-relief funds a few years ago that supported the development of a number of resources, including digitization of the National and

State Register properties/districts in CT's coastal counties. A lot of the deliverables are not yet released, but here is a [link to the GIS shapefiles for New London County](#).

12. CT Trust for Historic Preservation also administers similar planning grants, but doesn't have much available funding at the moment.

To learn more, contact:

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 - o Most municipal grants: Mary Dunne mary.dunne@ct.gov 860-500-2356
 - o Historic Homes Tax Credit: Alyssa Lozupone Alyssa.lupozone@ct.gov
 - o Section 106 reviews (impact of state & federally-funded activities on historic resources): marina.wisnieski@ct.gov, cathy.labadia@ct.gov, or todd.levine@ct.gov
 - o State and Federal Tax Credits: Julie.carmelich@ct.gov

Hello Planners,

The People for bikes has put out a solicitation for grants for bike projects. So if you have a:

- Bike paths, lanes, trails, and bridges
- Mountain bike facilities
- Bike parks and pump tracks
- BMX facilities
- End-of-trip facilities such as bike racks, bike parking, bike repair stations and bike storage
- Programs that transform city streets, such as Ciclovías or Open Streets Days
- Campaigns to increase the investment in bicycle infrastructure

...that you would like to fund up to 50%/\$10,000 you may be interested in this resource.

Fall 2018 Grant Cycle

Online application opens:	June 11, 2018
Online Letter of Interest due:	July 23, 2018
Notification of LOI status:	August 31, 2018
Full Applications due:	October 19, 2018
Grant Award notifications:	by December 3, 2018

See more at:

<https://peopleforbikes.org/grant-guidelines/>

14. Greetings Planners,

Yesterday I attended the 2nd Annual CT SHPO conference and picked up information on resources available for municipalities interested in better preserving historic sites/districts and/or archaeological resources. Many of the grants do not require matching funds. The grants are listed below. Please let me know if you would be interested in attending a session at SCCOG with SHPO staff to learn more about these funding programs.

Thank you!

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15. The Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation

- **Vibrant Communities Initiative (VCI):** A community planning grant to assist municipalities in producing action plans for the preservation, redevelopment or revitalization of underutilized historic structures or places. Up to \$50,000 with no match required.
- **Historic Preservation Technical Assistance Grant (HPTAG):** Available to non-profits and municipalities for feasibility studies, condition assessments, engineering analyses and Historic Structures Reports for structures listed on the State or National Register of Historic Places. Up to \$20,000 with a 1:1 match required.
- **Making Places Grant (MPG):** A strategic planning and pre-development grant for non-profits, municipalities, private developers partnered with these entities for underutilized historic industrial buildings and sites. Up to \$50,000 with no match required.

CT State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO)

- Historic Preservation Enhancement Grants (HPEG): HPEG may be used to support activities sponsored by municipal historic district commissions that enhance the historic district commissions administrative capabilities, strengthen local preservation programs and produce public education materials and activities.
- Supplemental Certified Local Government Grants: SCLG grants may be used to support activities sponsored by CLG municipalities for a wide range of historic preservation planning activities.
- Historic Restoration Fund Grants: matching, reimbursement Historic Restoration Fund Grants to Connecticut municipalities and 501(c)3 and 501(c)13 nonprofits to be used for the restoration, rehabilitation, stabilization or archaeological investigation of Connecticut's historic resources which are listed in the State or National Registers of Historic Places. Grant awards range from \$5,000-\$50,000. 1:1 match required.
- Survey and Planning Grants Survey and Planning Grants can be used to fund a variety of historic designation reports including:
 - National Historic Landmark Nominations
 - National Register of Historic Places Nominations
 - Connecticut State Register of Historic Places Nominations
 - Local Historic District or Properties Reports

- Municipal Historic Preservation Planning Reports: Historic Preservation Planning Reports can assist a municipality with integrating historic preservation and a community's cultural resources into the local planning and design process. Survey and Planning Grants can be used to hire a qualified consultant to complete pre-development studies on historic resources owned by Connecticut 501(c)3 or 501(c)13 nonprofits or municipalities, or if a municipality has a financial interest in the resource.
- Partners in Preservation Grants: Funds for municipalities of 501c3s to do
 - Public Education and Awareness
 - Promotion
 - Outreach
 - Visioning
- Threatened Properties Fund Grants Overview (TPF): For historic resources which have been damaged by unanticipated man-made or natural acts and circumstances beyond the owner's control, including: acts of nature, fire, vandalism, etc. TPF grants are available to Connecticut municipalities and 501(c)3 and 501(c)13 nonprofits to be used for the restoration or stabilization of Connecticut's historic resources which are listed in the State or National Registers of Historic Places. By invitation only.

16. Additional topics:

- a. Proposed installation of signage at the boundaries of the Historic district, a non restrictive designation established by the National Parks services under the National register of historic places. Why is that unique? What are the benefits?
- b. Our primary focus is re installing sidewalks , where, what materials. Show enlarged historic photos of previous sidewalks.
- c. Historically appropriate lighting.
- d. Landscaping including disease resistant trees that can be planted as part of a long term approach to beautifying the Historic village.
- e. Farmers Market.
- f. Bike lane
- g. Proposed study on how to make the village safer for pedestrians.
- h. Discuss a public relations campaign to build on what we have and expand awareness of the uniqueness of Historic North Stonington
- i. Discuss timing for questionnaire.

17. Discuss process to create a master Village plan with the following items.

- a. How do we engage the Schools, Churches and library. Can they source any grants under their domains.
- b. What grant options are available?

- c. Are fundraisers a consideration?
- d. Discuss how to take advantage of the unique and historical aspects of North Stonington. What do we want, B&B's Restaurants, retail etc?