

Ohio Historic Preservation Office
Historic Preservation Related Funding Sources
Program and Application Information

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| STATE PROGRAMS | | | | | | | |
| Ohio Historical Society/ | | | | | | | |
| Ohio Historic Preservation Office | | | | | | | |
| Certified Local Governments CFDA #15.904 | Encouraged not required | March | Projects to develop comprehensive plans for the preservation of historic, architectural, and archaeological resources, to survey and/or nominate properties to the NRHP, to develop master plans and/or feasibility studies for NRHP properties, to acquire and to develop properties listed on the NRHP, and conduct public education programs related to historic preservation. | \$5,000 minimum request. Grants typically \$9,000 to \$15,000 | 70 / 30 | CLG | Grants Manager Ohio Historic Preservation Office Ohio Historical Society 567 E. Hudson Street Columbus, OH 43211-1030 (614) 298-2000 (614) 298-2037 (Fax) www.ohiohistory.org/resource/histpres ohpo@ohiohistory.org |
| Ohio General Assembly | | | | | | | |
| State Capital Appropriations Bill | Talk to your legislator by summer of odd-numbered years. | Capital Bill enacted spring of even numbered years. | Biennial state capital appropriations bill funds acquisitions, rehabilitation, restoration, and exhibit curation for local historical organization improvement projects sponsored by state legislators. Bill enacted spring of even numbered years. Funded projects are administered by the Ohio Cultural Facilities Commission. Although there is not a formal application process, the commission offers guidance on how to pursue funding on its web site: www.culture.ohio.gov | Varies | None | | State Senator or Representative from your district. www.ohio.gov |
| Ohio Department of Development | | | | | | | |
| Economic Development Program | | Open Window Cycle | Provides funds to units of local government to provide gap financing for local business development. Except for local infrastructure needs, Economic Development Program funds are repaid to the local community's Revolving Loan Fund to provide funding for additional business assistance activities. | | | LG | Office of Housing and Community Partnerships Economic and Community Development Ohio Dept. of Development 77 S. High Street Columbus, OH 43216 (614) 466-2285 www.odod.state.oh.us |
| Comprehensive Downtown Revitalization Tier One Program | | Open Window Cycle | Provides funds to eligible communities to assist with the development of downtown revitalization planning documents. | | 50/50 | LG | Office of Housing and Community Partnerships Economic & Community Development Ohio Dept. of Development 77 S. High Street Columbus, OH 43216 (614) 466-2285 www.odod.state.oh.us |
| Comprehensive Downtown Revitalization Tier Two Program | FY 2008: May 23, 2008 | FY 2008: October 7, 2008 (by invitation only) | Provides funds to eligible communities to help eliminate blighted conditions, improve infrastructure and stimulate economic development in central business districts. | | | LG | Office of Housing and Community Partnerships Economic & Community Development Ohio Dept. of Development 77 S. High Street Columbus, OH 43216 (614) 466-2285 www.odod.state.oh.us |

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| Ohio Department of Development | | | | | | | |
| Microenterprise Business Development Program | | FY 2008: August 8, 2008 | Provides grants to eligible cities and counties and non-profit organizations to assist in the development of local microenterprise businesses and to create and retain long-term jobs in the private sector. Microenterprises are defined as for-profit entities with five or fewer employees, one of whom owns the business. | | | LG, NP, NPO | Office of Housing and Community Partnerships Economic & Community Development Ohio Dept. of Development 77 S. High Street Columbus, OH 43216 (614) 466-2285 www.odod.state.oh.us |
| Ohio Department of Natural Resources | | | | | | | |
| Natureworks | February 1 | | Nature Works provides up to 75% state reimbursement funds for acquisitions, development or rehabilitation of public park and recreation areas. | | 75/25 | LG, PD, CD | Mary Fitch ODNR, Real Estate & Land Management 2045 Morse Road, Bldg. C-4 Columbus, OH 43229-6693 (614) 265-6477 mary.fitch@dnr.state.oh.us |
| Land and Water Conservation Fund | February 1 | | The federal Land & Water Conservation Fund provides up to 50% for acquisition and development of outdoor recreation projects. | | 50/50 | Political subdivisions of the state | Mary Fitch ODNR, Real Estate & Land Management 2045 Morse Road, Bldg. C-4 Columbus, OH 43229-6693 (614) 265-6477 mary.fitch@dnr.state.oh.us |
| Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program | | | Through the Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program, the Federal Government assists States, tribes, local governments, and non-governmental organizations in purchasing conservation easements on farm and ranch land to limit its conversion to non-agricultural use. The Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program will pay up to 50 percent of the cost of purchasing a conservation easement or other interest in the land. | Up to 50% of the appraised fair market value of the conservation easement | 50/50 | LG, NGO | U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service Ohio State Office 200 North High Street, Room 522 Columbus, OH 43215-2479 (614) 255-2472 |
| Ohio Department of Transportation | | | | | | | |
| <i>Visit www.dot.state.oh.us and click on Divisions and then Local Programs to access the 2008 Program Resource Guide</i> | | | | | | | |
| Transportation Enhancement Program | Solicitations begin January 1 | Letter of Interest due to District office February 1 | The Federal Highway Administration's Transportation Enhancement Program provides funds for projects that enhance the transportation experience by improving the cultural, historic, aesthetic and environmental aspects of transportation infrastructure. Each state decides how to use its enhancement funds. In Ohio, funds are split between Ohio's 17 MPOs and the rest of the state. MPO and statewide funds are distributed competitively. Funds can be used for construction or major rehabilitation only. | Typical: \$500,000 to \$1,000,000, no cap | 80/20 cash only | GE, MPD | Randy Lane, Program Manager Ohio Dept. of Transportation Office of Local Projects 1980 W. Broad St., 2nd Floor Columbus, OH 43223 (614) 644-8211 www.dot.state.oh.us/local |

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| Ohio Department of Transportation cont. | | | | | | | |
| Transit Enhancement Funding | | | The SAFETEA-LU program requires that recipients of Federal mass transit funding in urbanized areas with a population of more than 200,000 certify that they will expend one percent of the funds for transit enhancements. The funding is part of the Urbanized Area Formula Program of the Federal Transit Administration. Eligible enhancements include historic preservation, rehabilitation, and operation of historic mass transportation buildings, structures, and facilities (including historic bus and railroad facilities). Projects must be designed to enhance mass transportation service or use and be physically or functionally related to transit facilities. | | 80/20 | GE, PA | Federal Transit Administration Region 5 200 West Adams Street, Suite 320 Chicago, IL 60606 www.fta.dot.gov For Northern Ohio: Reginald Arkell 312-886-3704 For Southern Ohio: Vanessa Adams 312-886-0309 |
| National Scenic Byways | February: Applications available April: Applications due to | May | The National Scenic Byways Program provides technical and financial assistance to help preserve America's scenic roads and promote tourism and economic development. The National Scenic Byways Discretionary Grants program provides funding for byway-related projects each year, as part of the Federal Highway Administration's Discretionary Grants Program. Projects to support and enhance National Scenic Byways, All-American Roads and State-designated byways are eligible. Applications are prepared online but submitted through the State's byway program agency. | Varies | 80/20 | | Paul Staley Ohio Department of Transportation Central Office 1980 West Broad Street Columbus, OH 43223 (614) 728-5078 |
| Ohio Arts Council (OAC) | | | | | | | |
| Capacity Building | | Ongoing | Capacity building funds are designed to strengthen Ohio's non-profit arts and cultural sector by helping applicants improve internal governance and leadership, cultivate strategic community linkages, and develop financial and human resources for long-term stability. Building organizational capacity is a long-term, evolutionary process that organizations must engage in purposefully. The program provides funding for work in three areas of capacity: Organizational Governance and Leadership, Strategic Community Linkages and Assets and Resources Development. | \$500 to \$5,000 | 50/50 | CAC, CE, LI, NPO | Ohio Arts Council 727 E. Main St. Columbus, OH 43205-1796 (614) 466-2613 www.oac.state.oh.us |
| Arts Access | Draft application due February 1 and August 1 | March 1 September 1 | Provides funds for organizations that have not applied for OAC funding, start-up organizations, community driven one-time projects and organizations with budgets under \$25,000. | \$500 to \$3,000 | 50/50 | CAC, CE, LI, NPO | Ohio Arts Council 727 E. Main St. Columbus, OH 43205-1796 (614) 466-2613 www.oac.state.oh.us |

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| Ohio Humanities Council (OHC) | | | | | | | |
| Major Grants | Proposals considered two times a year, draft due prior to deadline. | February 1 September 1 | Humanities must be the central focus. Best suited for projects with regional or statewide impact; those which attract large & diverse audiences, humanities institutes for teachers or professionals, film/video documentaries and media projects. | \$5,001-\$20,000 | 50/50 | NP | Jack Shortlidge Ohio Humanities Council 471 E. Broad Street, Suite 1620 Columbus, OH 43215-3857 (614) 461-7802 (800) 293-9774 (614) 461-4651 (Fax) www.ohiohumanities.org |
| Regular Grants | (minimum 8 weeks prior to project start) | First business day of each month | Short term projects of limited scope; one component of a larger project which receives funding from several sources, lectures for special occasions, panel discussion, and other single-site programs. | \$2,001-\$5,000 | 50/50 | NP | Frank Dunkle or Jack Shortlidge Ohio Humanities Council 471 E. Broad Street, Suite 1620 Columbus, OH 43215-3857 (614) 461-7802 (800) 293-9774 (614) 461-4651 (Fax) www.ohiohumanities.org |
| Mini-Grant | Applications accepted year-round (minimum of 5 weeks prior to project start) | | Short term projects of limited scope; one component of a larger project which receives funding from several sources, lectures for special occasions, panel discussion, and other single-site programs. | Up to \$2,000 | 50/50 | NP | Frank Dunkle Ohio Humanities Council 471 E. Broad Street, Suite 1620 Columbus, OH 43215-3857 (614) 461-7802 (800) 293-9774 (614) 461-4651 (Fax) www.ohiohumanities.org |
| <u>NON-PROFIT PROGRAMS</u> | | | | | | | |
| Heritage Ohio | | | | | | | |
| Ohio Main Street Program | 1. Call for Application Workshop - November 2008 2. Letter of Intent - December 2008 | February 13, 2009 | A program of professional advice and guidance in the use of the proven Main Street Four-Point Approach to start or strengthen revitalization efforts. | noncash - technical assistance | | LG | Heritage Ohio 846 1/2 East Main Street Columbus, OH 43205 (614) 258-6200 www.heritageohio.org |
| Cleveland Restoration Society (CRS) | | | | | | | |
| Heritage Home Program in Cuyahoga County | | | Assists owners of older and historic homes in fifteen Cuyahoga County communities with home improvement and restoration projects. | \$3,000-\$75,000 for up to 10 years. | 2% technical assistance fee \$99 origination fee | Property owners in certain Cuyahoga County communities | J.P. Kilroy Cleveland Restoration Society 3751 Prospect Avenue Cleveland, OH 44115 (216) 426-3116 www.clevelandrestoration.org |
| Heritage Home Program in Summit County | | | Assists owners of older and historic homes in the city of Akron with free technical advice and low-interest financing of home improvement and restoration projects. Non-owner occupied properties up to three family units are also eligible. There are no out-of-pocket costs, no closing costs and no points | 3.5% fixed rate rehabilitation loan | | Assists certain property owners in Akron | J.P. Kilroy Cleveland Restoration Society 3751 Prospect Avenue Cleveland, OH 44115 (216) 426-3116 www.clevelandrestoration.org |

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| Heritage Home Program in Lorain County | | | Assists owners of older and historic homes in the city of Oberlin with free technical advice and low-interest financing of home improvement and restoration projects. Non-owner occupied properties up to three family units are also eligible. | | | Assists certain property owners in Oberlin | J.P. Kilroy Cleveland Restoration Society 3751 Prospect Avenue Cleveland, OH 44115 (216) 426-3116 www.clevelandrestoration.org |
| Neighborhood Historic Preservation Program | | | Technical assistance is available free of charge to any homeowner in the City of Cleveland. Financial assistance is available in the form of low-interest loans with Key Bank. Houses must be built before 1956, 3 units or less for rental property, and located in a participating Ward. | Maximum loan amount determined by lender; 10-12 year term | | Cleveland homeowners of homes built before 1956 | J.P. Kilroy Cleveland Restoration Society 3751 Prospect Avenue Cleveland, OH 44115 (216) 426-3116 www.clevelandrestoration.org |
| National Trust for Historic Preservation | | | | | | | |
| BARN AGAIN! | | | BARN AGAIN! is a national program that provides information to help owners of old barns rehabilitate them and put them back to productive use on farms and ranches. Assistance includes information about demonstration projects, case studies, publications, technical assistance, and an awards program, which draws national attention to projects that demonstrate preservation techniques and new uses for older barns. Technical guides, such as the Barn Aid series, provide practical information for owners of historic barns. | noncash - technical assistance | | | National Trust for Historic Preservation 1785 Massachusetts Ave., NW Washington, DC 20036-2117 (202) 588-6000 (800) 944-6847 www.preservationnation.org/issues/rural-heritage/barn-again/ |
| Cynthia Woods Mitchell Fund for Historic Interiors | | February 1 | Provides nonprofit organizations and public agencies grants to assist in the preservation, restoration, and interpretation of historic interiors. Individuals and for-profit businesses may apply only if the project for which funding is requested involves a National Historic Landmark. Funds may be used for professional expertise, print and video communications materials, and education programs. | \$2,500 - 10,000 | 50/50 Cash only | NP, PA, GI | National Trust for Historic Preservation Midwest Regional Office 53 W. Jackson Blvd., Suite 350 Chicago, IL 60604 (312) 939-5547 mwro@nthp.org |
| Joanna Favrot Fund | | February 1 | Provides nonprofit organizations and public agencies grants for projects that contribute to the preservation or the recapture of an authentic sense of place. Individuals and for-profit businesses may apply only if the project for which funding is requested involves a National Historic Landmark. Funds may be used for professional advice, conferences, workshops and education programs. | \$2,500 - \$10,000 | 50/50 Cash only | NP, GE | National Trust for Historic Preservation Midwest Regional Office 53 W. Jackson Blvd., Suite 350 Chicago, IL 60604 (312)-939-5547 mwro@nthp.org |
| Jeffris Heartland Fund | | February 1, June 1 and October 1 | Established by the Jeffris Family Foundation to support important historic preservation projects in the states of Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri and Ohio. Applicants must be able to demonstrate the viability of their project through the submittal of early planning studies, and must be ready for the preparation of a Historic Structure Report or other advanced planning studies, leading toward a community-centered capital fund drive. | \$5,000 - \$50,000 | | NP, LG | Koren Vanzo, Program Assistant National Trust for Historic Preservation Midwest Regional Office 53 W. Jackson Blvd., Suite 350 Chicago, IL 60604 (312)-939-5547 mwro@nthp.org |

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| National Trust for Historic Preservation | | | | | | | |
| National Trust Preservation Funds | Contract the NTHP Regional Office prior to submitting application | February 1, June 1 and October 1 | National Trust Preservation Funds provide two types of assistance to nonprofit organizations and public agencies: 1) matching grants for preservation planning and educational efforts, and 2) intervention funds for preservation emergencies. Matching grant funds may be used to obtain professional expertise in areas such as architecture, archeology, engineering, preservation planning, land-use planning, fund raising, organizational development and law as well as to provide preservation education activities to educate the public. | Matching grants are \$500 - \$5,000 | 50/50 Cash only | NP, LG, CDC, CE | National Trust for Historic Preservation Midwest Regional Office 53 W. Jackson Blvd., Suite 350 Chicago, IL 60604 (312) 939-5547 mwro@nthp.org |
| National Trust Community Investment Corporation (NTCIC) | No deadlines for application | | The NTCIC makes equity investments in real estate projects that qualify for federal historic rehabilitation tax credits and when available, state historic tax credits and New Markets Tax Credits. NTCIC works with a wide variety of property owners including for-profit developers, non-profit organizations and local governments. Our focus is on projects that have a strong economic revitalization impact on the surrounding community. | The timing of the equity contributions is flexible and negotiable. Frequently used pay-in benchmarks include admission to the LLC, placement in-service, Part 3 approval, and project stabilization. | N/A | NP, LG, CDC, CE | National Trust Community Investment Corporation 1785 Massachusetts Ave., NW Washington, DC 20036 (202) 588-6001 (202) 588-6436 (Fax) ntcicfunds.com ntcic_mail@ntcicfunds.com |
| FEDERAL PROGRAMS | | | | | | | |
| National Park Service - Department of the Interior | | | | | | | |
| Save America's Treasures CFDA # 15.929 | Most recent: Application available March 2008 | May 20, 2008 | Grants are available for preservation and/or conservation work on nationally significant intellectual and cultural artifacts and nationally significant historic structures and sites. | \$125,000 - \$700,000 | 50/50 | NP, GE, SHPO, THPO, CLG, Educ. | Applications must be submitted online at www.grants.gov Organizations must register before beginning the application process. Paper applications will NOT be accepted. (202) 354-2020 ext. 1 www.nps.gov/history/hps/treasures |
| Preserve America | Most recent: Application deadline June 30, 2008 | | The Preserve America matching-grant program provides funding to designated Preserve America Communities to support preservation efforts through heritage tourism, education and historic preservation planning. | \$20,000 - \$250,00 | 50/50 | Designated Preserve America communities, neighborhoods, SHPOs, THPOs, CLGs that have applied for PA status | Heritage Preservation Grants National Park Service 1201 Eye Street NW (2256) Washington, DC 20005 (202) 354-2020 www.preserveamerica.gov |

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| National Park Service - Department of the Interior | | | | | | | |
| American Battlefield Protection Program | October: Announcement of new FY grant availability | January: Close of application acceptance | ABPP supports projects that lead to the protection of battlefield land and sites associated with battlefields. | \$5,000 - \$64,000 | Encouraged, but not required | Federal, tribal, state, and local governments as well as private-sector and non-profit organizations | American Battlefield Protection Program 1201 Eye Street NW (2255) Washington, DC 20005 (202) 354-2037 kristen_mcmasters@nps.gov www.nps.gov/history/hps/abpp/funding |
| National Center for Preservation Technology and Training | | | | | | | |
| Preservation Technology & Training Grants | Pre-proposal deadline October 15 | December for Invitees | NCPTT seeks innovative projects that advance the application of science and technology to historic preservation. PTT grants fund projects that develop new technologies or adapt existing technologies to preserve cultural resources. | Maximum \$50,000 | None Required | GE, HE, NPO | National Center for Preservation Technology & Training 645 University Parkway Natchitoches, LA 71457 (318) 356-7444 http://www.ncptt.nps.gov |
| National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) | | | | | | | |
| Challenge Grant CFDA # 45.130 | May 1 | | NEH challenge grants help institutions and organizations secure long-term improvements in and support for their humanities programs and resources. Awards are made to museums, public libraries, colleges, research institutions, historical societies and historic sites, public television and radio stations, universities, scholarly associations, state humanities councils, and other nonprofit entities. Where clearly related to the humanities, direct expenditures from Challenge Grant awards are allowable for items that have inherent longevity such as renovation of facilities. | \$30,000 - \$1,000,000 | 25/75 | | Office of Challenge Grants National Endowment for the Humanities Room 420 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue N.W. Washington, DC 20506 (202) 606-8309 www.neh.gov challenge@neh.gov |

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| LEGEND | | | | | | | |
| CAC | Community Arts Councils | | | NEH | National Endowment for the Humanities | | |
| CD | Conservancy districts | | | NGO | Non-government organization | | |
| CDC | Community Development Corporations | | | NP | 501(c) (3) non-profit organization | | |
| CE | Cultural and Community organizations | | | NPO | Non-profit organization | | |
| CLG | Certified Local Government | | | NPS | National Park Service | | |
| Educ. | Educational Institution | | | NRHP | National Register of Historic Places | | |
| GE | Government entity | | | NTHP | National Trust for Historic Preservation | | |
| GI | Group or individual | | | OAC | Ohio Arts Council | | |
| HE | Institutions of higher education | | | OHC | Ohio Humanities Council | | |
| HUD | United States Department of Housing and Urban Development | | | ODOD | Ohio Department of Development | | |
| LI | Library and other institutions with collections | | | ODOT | Ohio Department of Transportation | | |
| LG | Local governments | | | OHPO/OHS | Ohio Historic Preservation Office/Ohio Historical Society | | |
| MPD | Metropolitan Park Districts | | | PA | Public agencies | | |
| MPO | Metropolitan Planning Organization | | | PD | Park districts | | |
| NEA | National Endowment for the Arts | | | SHPO | State Historic Preservation Office | | |
| | | | | THPO | Tribal Historic Preservation Office | | |
| SOURCES | | | | | | | |
| Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance and Federal Register Programs | | | | | | | |
| National Endowment for the Arts; Design Arts Guidelines | | | | | | | |
| National Endowment for the Humanities: Overview of Endowment Program National Maritime Heritage Program sub-site, July 1990 | | | | | | | |
| National Trust for Historic Preservation: Financial Assistance Programs Report | | | | | | | |
| Ohio Arts Council: Guidelines | | | | | | | |
| Ohio Arts Council/Ohio Historic Council Joint Program in the Arts and Humanities: New Works and New Ideas; Human Values and the Built Environment | | | | | | | |
| Ohio Humanities Council: A Guide to Grants for Public Humanities Programs | | | | | | | |
| Ohio Historical Society, Ohio Historic Preservation Office: Certified Local Government Grant Management Manual | | | | | | | |
| U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development: Programs of HUD | | | | | | | |
| When looking for private foundation funding opportunities, please refer to Charitable Foundations Directory published by Ohio's Attorney General Office. Also, check with the reference librarian at your local library for grant information. Check with your local city planning department for other possible local programs and information about federal grants administered at the local level. | | | | | | | |
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