National Park Service

Notice of Funding Opportunity

FY2025 Historic Preservation Fund- Save America's Treasures - Preservation Grants

Funding Opportunity Number

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BASIC INFORMATION

Announcement Type: Initial

Funding Opportunity Number: P25AS00469

Assistance Listing Number(s): 15.929

Estimated Total Program Funding: $25,500,000

Expected Number of Awards: 55

Award Ceiling: $750,000

Award Floor: $125,000

Cost Sharing Required?
Yes

Closing Date Explanation
Electronically submitted applications must be submitted no later than 11:59 PM, ET, on the listed application due date.

Have Questions?
All questions can be sent to STLPG@nps.gov or our voicemail line at 202-354-2020.

Executive Summary
Save America's Treasures (SAT) grants from the Historic Preservation Fund provide preservation and/or conservation assistance to nationally significant historic properties and collections. Grants are awarded through a competitive process and require a dollar-for-dollar, non-Federal match, which can be cash or documented in-kind. The grant program is administered by the National Park Service (NPS) in partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA), the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), and the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS).

There are separate opportunities for preservation and collections projects. The preservation opportunity can be found under opportunity number P25AS00469. The collections opportunity can be found under opportunity number P25AS00508.

FY2025 Public Law 119-4 provides $25.5 million for the SAT Grant Program.

ELIGIBILITY

Eligible Applicants
State governments

County governments

City or township governments

Public and State controlled institutions of higher education

Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized)

Native American tribal organizations (other than Federally recognized tribal governments)

Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education

Nonprofits without 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education

Private institutions of higher education

Others (see text field entitled "Additional Information on Eligibility" for clarification)

Additional Information on Eligibility
Eligible applicants and organizations also include:

- Federal agencies funded by the Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, *with the exception of the National Park Service (NPS).*
    - Grants **will not** be available for work on sites or collections owned or leased by the NPS, or in which the NPS holds a property interest.
- Other federal agencies collaborating with a nonprofit partner to preserve the historic properties or collections owned by the federal agency may submit applications through the nonprofit partner.
- Federally-recognized Indian Tribes, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiian Organizations, *as defined by 54 U.S.C. § 300309, 54 U.S.C. § 300313 and 54 U.S.C. § 300314.*

Restrictions and Requirements for Non-U.S. Entities or Projects

- We do not fund countries supporting terrorism subject to U.S. sanctions.
- We do not fund countries under U.S. Treasury sanctions without licenses.
- You must get all required approvals for work outside the U.S. We are not responsible for your compliance with local rules.
- For projects over $500,000, you may need to comply with 2 CFR 175.105(b) before we make an award.

Cost Sharing Requirement

Cost Sharing Required?

Yes

In accordance with 54 U.S.C. § 308903(f)(1), non-Federal cost share in the amount of 50% is required to be eligible for an award under this NOFO. The non-Federal entity must be willing to contribute at least 50% of the total project cost from non-Federal sources as evidenced in the application documentation from the applicant. Eligible non-Federal sources of contributions must be in accordance with 2 C.F.R. § 200.306 and may include: cash, in-kind contributions, and/or volunteer services. Non-Federal entity cost share or cost match contributions shall be annotated within the SF-424A or C and Detailed Budget submitted by the applicant.

Matching share should be spent at the same rate as the Federal share and must be for costs incurred during the grant. **Match does not need to be in place at the time of application**, but a plan for raising it should be described as part of the application. Ability to secure match may be evaluated as a competitive factor.

GET READY TO APPLY

Required System Registrations

Unique Entity Identifier and SAM.gov Registration

Before applying, all **applicants** except individuals applying as a natural person **must be registered in SAM.gov**. During the SAM.gov registration the entity will obtain their Unique Entity Identifier (UEI).

The SAM.gov registration process can take several months. If your organization is not already registered in SAM.gov, begin the registration process as soon as possible.

To register in SAM.gov, go to the SAM.gov website and use the available resources to complete registration.

- **Financial assistance registrants** must review and certify compliance with the SAM.gov "Financial Assistance General Representations and Certifications".
- **Already registered?** You already have a Unique Entity ID. Before applying, check that your "Financial Assistance General Representations and Certifications" on SAM.gov is complete. Remember to renew your registration every year to keep it active while you have an award or application in progress. You can update your registration whenever you need, including during renewal.
- **Need help?** For additional information and contact information on the SAM.gov Help page.

GRANTS.GOV

This program accepts applications through Grants.gov so once you receive your UEI return to Grants.gov to register with Grants.gov. Please allow 30 days to register and set up a Workspace in Grants.gov. See Submission Instructions section below for additional details.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Program Goals

- To preserve and/or conserve nationally significant historic properties and collections.

Program Description

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This program supports the Administration's policies as follows:

- In preserving properties listed in the National Register, or National Collections, the program "focus[es] on the greatness of the achievements of progress of the American people" and "reminds Americans of our extraordinary heritage." The program directly supports the Administration's policy to restore sites dedicated to history and reminds Americans of our extraordinary heritage, as well as "honoring the richness of American history and innovation, and instilling pride in the hearts of all Americans." Executive Order 14253 – *Restoring Truth and Sanity to American History*.
- These projects not only preserve America's cultural heritage, but create skilled trade jobs, and align with administration priorities like "the growing demand for skilled trades" and unlocking opportunities for American workers - Executive Order 14278—Preparing Americans for High-Paying Skilled Trade Jobs of the Future. It also aims to create jobs and provide emergency price relief for families (Secretary's Order 3419).
- The preservation grants support Executive Order 14252 and Secretary's Order 3428 – Making the District of Columbia Safe and Beautiful, as they support the conservation of history and heritage while broadening the scope to include historical properties and sites outside the boundaries of Washington, D.C.

Key Program Requirements

Resource Must Be "Nationally Significant"

Preservation projects must be "nationally significant"; for the purposes of this program, this is defined as project work performed directly on a resource that is:

- Individually designated as a National Historic Landmark or a contributing resource to a National Historic Landmark District; or
- Individually listed in the National Register of Historic Places for **NATIONAL significance** (not state or local significance) or a contributing resource to a historic district that is listed in the National Register for its **national significance**.

A listing or designation as "nationally significant" must be in place at the time of application. For information on finding out if your resource is nationally significant, please visit https://www.nps.gov/subjects/historicpreservationfund/research.htm or contact your State Historic Preservation Office **EARLY** in the process.

Only One Grant Per Resource

Resources are only eligible for **one** SAT grant per 54 U.S.C. § 3089. Individual resources that received a SAT grant in the past are not eligible for additional funding. A list of past funded projects can be found at: go.nps.gov/satmap.

Applicants are encouraged to prioritize projects in support of the celebration of America's 250th birthday (America250). This may include, but is not limited to, projects that recognize and honor the nation's founding, history, and cultural heritage.

Legislative Authority

- 54 U.S.C. § 301 *et seq.* (National Historic Preservation Act)
- 54 U.S.C. § 3089 (Save America's Treasures Program)
- Full-Year Continuing Appropriations and Extensions Act, 2025, enacted as Public Law 119-4

Type of Award

Projects will be funded through G (Grant).

PREPARE YOUR APPLICATION

Application Content and Format

Pre-Application Requirements

Prior to submitting an application, applicants should review presidential actions found at: https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/ and DOI Secretary's Orders found at: https://www.doi.gov/document-library/secretary-order. By submitting an application in response to this Notice of Funding Opportunity, the applicant certifies awareness and compliance with all current and applicable executive and secretary orders, including the President's EO on *Ending Radical and Wasteful Government DEI Programs and Preferencing* as well as the EO and SO on *Restoring Truth and Sanity to American History*.

Application Documents

Applicants must submit the following forms with their application as specified below. Instructions for accessing and submitting application forms are provided in the Submission Instructions section of this document below. For instructions on completing form fields, see the form instructions on the Grants.gov Forms Repository.

All application information and documentation can be found on grants.gov under opportunity number P25AS00469 for preservation projects and opportunity number P25AS00508 for collections projects.

A full application consists of:

1. SF-424 Application for Financial Assistance
2. SF-424A Budget Information for Non-Construction Programs
3. SF-424B Assurance for Non-Construction Programs

Please note: ALL applicants must fully fill out the SF-424A and SF-424B, they are mandatory for all grant applications. Ignore the title of "non-construction".

4. SF-424C Budget Information for Construction Programs
5. SF-424D Assurance for Construction Programs
6. SF-LLL Disclosure of Lobbying Activities, if anticipated award is over $100,000 (If your organization does not participate in any lobbying, simply put "N/A" in the appropriate sections.)
7. Project Abstract Summary
8. Attachments Form (documents 9-14 will all be attached to this form)

Documents 9 through 11 can be found on the "Related Documents" tab within the Grants.gov opportunity, not within Workspace.

9. Project Description Worksheet
10. Budget Justification Worksheet

- Do you have policies and procedures in place that meet the financial management standards in 2 CFR 200.302? NPS may ask for copies of policies if selected for funding.
- Do you have a single audit and was it submitted to the Federal Audit Clearinghouse? If no, do you have another type of audit or other annual financial statement?
- Can you certify that there will be no overlap of Federal Funding?
- Attach a complete set of financial statements including:
    - Balance sheet/Statement of Financial Position
    - Statement of Revenue and Expense/Statement of Activities
    - Statement of Cash Flow

9. Project Images Worksheet
10. Indirect Cost Statement (See D6. Funding Restrictions below)
11. Letters of Support (Submit if applicable, see below)
12. Letter of Owner Consent (Submit if applicable, see below)

There is no required sequence or naming convention for attaching items to the Attachments Form, but titles should be clear what each PDF contains.

Forms/Assurances/Certifications	Submission Requirement
SF-424, Application for Federal Assistance Note: For applicants requesting more than $100,000 in Federal funds, the Authorized Representative's signature (or electronic equivalent) on the Application for Federal Assistance form also represents their certification of the statements in Appendix A to 43 CFR 18-Certification Regarding Lobbying	Required from all applicants
SF-424A, Budget Information – Non-Construction Programs	Required for non-construction projects
SF-424C: Budget Information – Construction Programs	Required for construction projects

Forms/Assurances/Certifications	Submission Requirement
SF-429 (Cover Page & Attachment B), Request to Acquire, Improve, or Furnish Real Property Note: The SF-429 forms are only available in the Grants.gov Forms Repository. Applicants must download the form and include the completed form as an application attachment.	Required if requesting to acquire, improve, or furnish real property.
SF-LLL, Disclosure of Lobbying Activities	Required if requesting more than $100,000 in Federal funds and the applicant has used or plans to use funds other than Federal appropriated funds for lobbying related to the proposed project.
Project Abstract Summary (OMB 4040-0019). Must include, in plain language: • Award purpose, • Activities to be performed, • Expected deliverables or outcomes, • Intended beneficiaries, • Subrecipient activities (if known or specified at time of award)	Required from all applicants

Project Narrative

- Project descriptions must address each of the evaluation criteria separately and applications will be reviewed with the rubric as a guide as part of the merit evaluation process.
- NPS will evaluate and consider only those applications that separately address each of the criteria listed in this NOFO.
- Each criterion is limited to 6,000 characters including spaces.
- A suggested Project Description Worksheet format is included under the "Related Documents" tab on grants.gov which includes all character limits. **Do not flatten your PDF** as it will stop the ability to scroll to see text until the character limit.

Budget Narrative

Applicants must describe and justify items and costs listed in their budget. The budget narrative must identify the following cost items: total estimated costs, non-Federal cost share, third-party contributions, and any pre-award costs. Total project cost is the sum of all allowable costs, including required and voluntary cost share and third-party contributions.

Budget items must be**:**

- Reasonable, allowable, allocable, and necessary

- Compliant with 2 CFR §200 Subpart E cost principles

Indirect Costs: Applicants must indicate in their budget narrative how they will charge indirect costs, including the rate to be applied:

- De Minimis Rate: If eligible, state if your organization is opting to use the de minimis rate of up to 15% of total modified direct costs. Entities that do not have a current Federal negotiated indirect cost rate (including provisional rate) may propose to use the de minimis rate. For more information, refer to 2 CFR 200.414(f).
- Negotiated Rate: State if you will negotiate with your cognizant agency. If your organization has previously negotiated a rate, attach a copy of the most recently negotiated rate agreement (active or expired).

This program has a mandated cap on indirect costs or approved rate deviation.

Administration costs necessary to complete and administer the program cannot exceed 25% of total cost (primary and subgrants combined). This limitation for the Historic Preservation Fund is by statute, 54 U.S.C. § 302902. 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. Administrative costs are: Allowable, reasonable, and allocable costs related to the overall management of activities directly related to finance (accounting, auditing, budgeting, contracting), general administrative salaries and wages (grant administration, personnel, property management, equal opportunity) and other "overhead" functions (general legal services, general liability insurance, depreciation on buildings and equipment, etc.) not directly attributable to specific program areas identified in the grant agreement. All administrative costs reported must be absolutely necessary for program implementation, such as the cost items identified in the final grant agreement or items otherwise approved in writing by the Financial Assistance Awarding Officer (FAAO).

- The Budget Justification Worksheet, included under the "Related Documents" tab on grants.gov fulfills the detailed budget narrative requirement and contains spaces to answer the additional questions below.
- All costs listed in the SF-424A and SF-424C must correspond to the activities in the Project Description and must be outlined in the Budget Justification Worksheet. However, do not include your cost breakdown as part of the narrative Project Description.
- Costs must be broken out into Federal and matching funds by cost center such as personnel, fringe benefits, travel, administrative costs, etc.
- List the sources of non-Federal match, as well as if the match is secured or unsecured.
- Indicate if the project will involve Federal or State Historic Preservation Tax Credits.
- The following questions must be answered in your budget justification:
    - Do you have policies and procedures in place that meet the financial management standards in 2 CFR 200.302, *Financial management*? NPS may ask for copies of policies if selected for funding.
    - Do you have a single audit and was it submitted to the Federal Audit Clearinghouse? If no, do you have another type of audit or other annual financial statement?
    - Attach a complete set of financial statements including:

1. Balance sheet/Statement of Financial Position
2. Statement of Revenue and Expense/Statement of Activities
3. Statement of Cash Flow

- A Budget Justification Worksheet format is included under the "Related Documents" tab on grants.gov.
- **Note:** Maximum hourly wages charged to this grant for personnel and consultants may not exceed 120% of the salary of a Federal Civil Service GS-15, Step 10. Current salary tables for your location can be found on the Office of Personnel Management website: https://www.opm.gov.

Conflict of Interest and Unresolved Matters Disclosures:

If any actual or potential conflict of interest exists related to this project at the time of application, the applicant must provide sufficient information to support a program determination of significance per 2 CFR 1402.112. Refer to 2 CFR 200.112 Conflict of Interest and 2 CFR 200.113.

Overlap or Duplication of Effort Statement:

Applicants must state in their application if the activities, costs, or time commitment of key personnel proposed in this application overlap with those in any other Federal proposal or award or not. If no overlap exists, include a statement to that effect. If any overlap exists, provide:

- Activities: Description any overlapping activities.
- Costs: Description of any overlapping costs.
- Time: Description of any overlapping key personnel time.
- A copy of any overlapping or duplicative proposal submitted to any other potential funding entity.
- Details on when any overlapping proposal was submitted, to whom, and the expected date of the funding decision.

Other Required Information

Project Images Worksheet

- Provide photos of the potential affected properties
- Photos should show **current** conditions, damage, and immediate threat
- May also be elevations, plans, or other images
- Color or black and white photos are both accepted
- Photographs should clearly show the community/context and the entire historic site involved in the project (outbuildings, district, landscape features, etc)
- For physical preservation projects, please ensure you include one current photo of each side of the property as well as one current overall photo at a minimum
- A preferred Project Images Worksheet format is included under the "Related Documents" tab on grants.gov which allows for 19 images to be uploaded in one document

Proof of Non-Profit Status, if applicable

- If your organization is a non-profit, submit proof of your current non-profit status as part of your application.

Letter of Owner Consent, if applicable

- If your project is doing work to a property and the owner is different than the applicant, then the applicant **must** include written permission from the owner to complete the project **and** any applicable easements or covenants with the application.
- The Letter of Owner Consent must be submitted with the application, signed no earlier than 60 days before the application due date, and pertain to and be included with this particular application.
- Previous letters of owner consent will **not** be accepted.

Letters of Support, if applicable

- Letters of support should only be submitted if defining specific partner involvement, support, or matching funds. All letters **must** be addressed to: Megan Brown, Chief of State, Tribal, Local, Plans & Grants Division, NPS.
- These letters **must be** submitted with your application via grants.gov as part of the attachments form. DO NOT mail/send separately. Letters received in any other manner may not be considered. This applies to Congressional letters of support as well, a copy must be included with your application.

***Individual projects are only eligible for one SAT grant per 54 U.S.C. § 3089. Individual resources or collections that received a SAT grant in the past are not eligible for additional funding. A list of past, funded projects can be found at: go.nps.gov/satmap.**

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS AND DEADLINES

Address to Request Application Package

All application materials can be found on Grants.gov.

Submission Dates and Times

Closing Date for Applications: 06/16/2026

Closing Date Explanation

Electronically submitted applications must be submitted no later than 11:59 PM, ET, on the listed application due date.

Submission Instructions

Apply Through Grants.gov

To apply through Grants.gov, please follow the instructions in the Quick Start Guide for Applicants. Before applying, ensure that at least one person at your organization is registered and has the Authorized Organization Representative (AOR). Only the AOR can submit the application. If you need more users, they must create their own Grants.gov account. Follow these steps below to apply:

- *Create a Workspace*: Creating a workspace allows you to complete it online and route it through your organization for review before submitting.
- *Complete a Workspace*: Invite participants to the workspace so you can collaborate on the application. Required applications forms are included in the Grants.gov Funding Opportunity Package and can be completed in the Workspace, unless noted otherwise in the Required Forms table above. Check for errors before submission.
- *Submit a Workspace*: An application may be submitted through workspace by clicking the Sign and Submit button on the Manage Workspace page, under the Forms tab
- *Track a Workspace Submission*: After successfully submitting a workspace application, a Grants.gov Tracking Number (GRANTXXXXXXXX) is automatically assigned to the application.

The system generates a date and time stamp and sends it to the applicant's AOR via email as proof of submission. Make sure your application passes the Grants.gov validation checks. Do not encrypt, zip, or password-protect any files. Only registered individuals in SAM as both a user and an AOR can submit applications. Please allow 30 days to register in Grants.gov.

Application System Technical Support: For Grants.gov technical registration and submission, downloading forms, and application packages, contact Grants.gov Customer Support at 1-800-518-4726 or by email at Support@grants.gov.

APPLICATION REVIEW INFORMATION

Eligibility Review

During the eligibility review, the application is checked for timely submission, completed packages (see Application Documents above) and alignment with the requirements of this announcement. The Federal agency may remove an application if it does not pass the eligibility review.

If selected for award, NPS reserves the right to request additional or clarifying information for any reason deemed necessary, including, but not limited to:

(a) Other budget information

(b) Financial capability

(c) Evaluation of risk

(d) Name and phone number of the Designated Responsible Employee for complying with national policies prohibiting discrimination (See 43 C.F.R. § 17)

If an applicant selected for funding hasn't finished their SAM.gov registration (see 2 CFR 25.200 and 2 CFR 25.110) when the federal agency is ready to make an award, we may decide that the applicant is ineligible for the award and choose to grant it to someone else. Please refer 2 CFR 25.205 for more information.

Prior to making an award, the DOI checks the anticipated recipient and their key project personnel against the current list of prohibited or restricted persons or entities in the System for Award Management (SAM.gov) Exclusions database. We are prohibited from making an award if a recipient or any key personnel are found ineligible, prohibited, restricted, or otherwise

excluded from receiving or participating in an award, as their ineligibility condition applies to this program.

If removed from consideration for ineligibility, the Federal agency will notify the applicant in writing.

Merit Review

NPS will evaluate and consider only those applications that separately address each of the merit review criteria in the Project Narrative application requirement. Each applicant is required to provide a detailed project narrative of the following criteria elements. It is highly recommended that the project narrative has sections labeled by criterion.

Criterion 1: National Significance - 25 Points

The resource(s) receiving assistance from the proposed project must be listed as **nationally significant** at the time of application.

- The historic resource must be listed as **nationally significant** at the time of application**.** Properties not meeting this criterion will receive no further consideration. The quality of national significance is ascribed to historic properties that possess exceptional value or quality in illustrating or interpreting the intellectual and cultural heritage and the built environment of the United States, that possess a high degree of integrity, and that are:
    - Designated individually as a National Historic Landmark or a contributing resource to a National Historic Landmark District; or
    - Listed individually in the National Register of Historic Places for national significance (not state or local significance) or a contributing resource to a historic district that is listed in the National Register for its national significance.

1. Describe the historic resource(s) in the proposed project and significance to national history. (Do not rely on the nomination to describe this significance)
2. Discuss the current integrity/condition of the resource.

Criterion 2: Severity of Threat to Resource- 25 Points

The proposed project must address issues that directly and imminently threaten the resource and fulfill a clear financial need.

1. Describe the need, urgency, and threat to the resource, including the source, nature, extent, and severity of the threat.

Criterion 3: Mitigation of Threat - 25 Points

The proposed project must substantially mitigate or eliminate the threat, danger, or damage described.

1. Provide a scope of work for the project that will meet program objectives and include funding from the federal share and the matching share.
2. Discuss how the project will directly mitigate the threat.
3. Why is the project is the next logical step towards long-term preservation of the resource(s)?

4. Explain any pre-project planning or research, such as a Historic Structures Report, on which project decisions are based.
5. If this application is for one component of a larger project, has that project begun? If so, what work has been completed? Has the ongoing work been reviewed by the State Historic Preservation Office? How is the additional work funded?

Criterion 4: Feasibility - 25 Points

The proposed project must be achievable within 2-3 years, within a reasonable budget, and be performed with qualified personnel and/or consultants.

1. Justify the timeline as provided in the Timeline section of the Project Description Worksheet keeping in mind the project will not start for at least 6 months from the application date.
2. Demonstrate that the costs identified in the Budget Justification Worksheet are necessary, reasonable, and allowable.
3. Demonstrate how you will successfully complete the project within the given time frame (3 years) and with the given resources while meeting all federal requirement and guidelines.
4. Briefly describe the professionals who will be involved in carrying out the project and their qualifications, attach resumes/CVs as applicable.
5. Explain how your organization will ensure continued maintenance of the historic resource. This includes any current or future maintenance plans.

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.

Review and Selection Process

This program reviews proposed budgets to ensure:

- figures are correct
- estimated costs are necessary and reasonable and clearly linked to project narratives
- avoid obviously unallowable costs
- identify costs requiring prior approval
- ensure indirect cost rates are applied correctly
- confirm cost sharing requirements are reflected in the budget.

This program reviews applications for potential overlap or duplication between the proposed project and any other funded or proposed project. Depending on the circumstances, DOI may choose to not make an award.

NPS personnel, and in some cases independent reviewers, will review all proposals. All proposals for funding will be considered using the criteria outlined above. A summary of the review panel comments may be provided to the applicant if requested.

Initial Review

Prior to conducting the comprehensive merit review, an initial review will be performed to determine whether: (1) the applicant is eligible for an award; (2) the information required by the

NOFO has been submitted; (3) all mandatory requirements of the NOFO are satisfied; (4) the proposed project is responsive to the program objectives of the NOFO (program determination); and (5) the proposed project is in compliance with all applicable executive and secretary orders, including the President's EO on *Ending Radical and Wasteful Government DEI Programs and Preferencing* as well as the EO and SO on *Restoring Truth and Sanity to American History*. If an applicant fails to meet the requirements or objectives of the NOFO, or does not provide sufficient information for review, the applicant will be considered non-responsive and eliminated from further review.

Comprehensive Merit Review

All applications that satisfactorily pass the initial review will be eligible for the Comprehensive Merit Review. Each criteria element will be scored with the following **suggested** range:

Criterion Scoring Range per Rating				
Criterion 1	Criterion 2	Criterion 3	Criterion 4	Rating
25	25	25	25	Superior
20	20	20	20	Good
15	15	15	15	Satisfactory
10	10	10	10	Marginal
5	5	5	5	Poor
0	0	0	0	Not Acceptable

The scoring of each criterion must be based on the strengths and weaknesses of the application materials. To assist in assigning an appropriate score, the following will be used as guidance:

Rating	Descriptive Statement
Superior	Applicant fully addresses all aspects of the criterion, convincingly demonstrates that it will meet the Government's performance requirements, and demonstrates no weaknesses.
Good	Applicant fully addresses all aspects of the criterion, convincingly demonstrates a likelihood of meeting the Government's requirements, and demonstrates only a few minor weaknesses.
Satisfactory	Applicant addresses all aspects of the criterion and demonstrates the ability to meet the Government's performance requirements. The Application contains weaknesses and/or a number of minor weaknesses.
Marginal	Applicant addresses all aspects of the criterion and demonstrates the ability to meet the Government's performance requirements. The Application contains significant weaknesses and/or a significant number of minor weaknesses.
Poor	Applicant addresses some aspects of the criterion and demonstrates some doubt in the likelihood of successfully meeting the

	Government's requirements. Significant weaknesses are demonstrated and clearly outweigh any strength presented.
Not Acceptable	Applicant does not address all aspects of the criterion and the information presented indicates a strong likelihood of failure to meet the Government's requirements.

Selection
The Selection Official may consider the merit review recommendation, program policy factors, and the amount of funds available to select applications for funding. All proposals for funding will be considered using the criteria outlined above. A summary of the review comments may be provided to the applicant upon request. The Selection Official may determine a project is more suitable for a collections or preservation grant despite the opportunity applied for.

Discussions and Award
The Government may enter into discussions with a selected applicant for any reason deemed necessary, including, but not limited to: (1) only a portion of the application is selected for award; (2) the Government needs additional information to determine that the applicant is capable of complying with the requirements of DOI Financial Assistance Regulations, and/or (3) additional specific terms and conditions are required. Failure to satisfactorily resolve the issues identified by the Government may preclude award to the applicant.

Risk Review

Prior to making an award, the applicant will be assessed for their level of risk per 2 CFR 200.206. This assessment includes the applicant's financial management capabilities, project delivery experience, staffing resources, past award performance, administration and reporting compliance records, and overall project complexity and potential for challenges. If an award will be made, special conditions may be applied to the award corresponding to the assessed risk. For awards over the simplified acquisition threshold (currently $350,000), a review of the applicant's eligibility and financial integrity information in the applicant's SAM.gov records will also be performed per 2 CFR 200.206.

Information that leads to an applicant being designated as “Medium Risk” or “High Risk” may result in specific conditions, as identified in 2 C.F.R. § 200.206, being incorporated into the final award.

AWARD NOTICES

Notices of Federal Award are sent electronically via GrantSolutions or e-mail. These notices outline the terms, conditions, and payment instructions per 2 CFR 200.211. The Notice of Federal Award signed by an authorized Grants Officer is the legal instrument obligating financial assistance to a recipient. Any other prior notice is not an authorization to begin work. If the program allows pre-award costs per 2 CFR 200.458, beginning performance before receiving a Notice of Federal Award is at the applicant’s own risk.

Anticipated Project Start Date: 01/01/2027

Anticipated Project End Date: 12/31/2029

Upon being selected for the award, successful applicants will receive notification of the selection of their application for funding. NPS anticipates funding notifications to the applicants selected for award around 6 months following the application deadline. A notice of selection is not an authorization to begin performance on an agreement. This notice will detail the next steps in the awarding process.

The non-Federal Entity's proposal, including all representations of capability, proposed approaches (including those of sub-grantees), and other specific undertakings upon which the non-Federal Entity was evaluated (see Section E), also shall form the basis of award. Accordingly, these are terms and conditions (see below) for which the non-Federal Entity will be held responsible.

Work cannot begin before the non-Federal entity receives a fully executed copy of the grant agreement through Grant Solutions by the Financial Assistance Awarding Officer. Any pre-award costs incurred prior to the receipt of a signed agreement or written notice signed by a Financial Assistance Awarding Officer authorizing pre-award costs, is at the applicant's own risk.

Organizations whose applications have not been selected will be advised as promptly as possible.

POST AWARD REQUIREMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

Administration and National Policy Requirements

For award administration and national policy requirements, see the DOI General Terms and Conditions. Infrastructure projects require the use of American iron, steel, manufacture products, and construction materials per 2 CFR 184.

NPS will communicate any other program- or project-specific special terms and conditions to recipients in their notices of award.

As authorized by 2 CFR § 200.340(a)(4), awards made under this announcement may be terminated in part or its entirety by the Federal agency if an award is determined to no longer effectuate the program goals or agency priorities.

Recipients are responsible for monitoring subrecipient compliance with award terms and conditions, including applicable Executive Orders and Secretary Orders.

Data Availability

Per the Financial Assistance Interior Regulation (FAIR), 2 CFR §1402.315:

(a) All data, methodology, factual inputs, models, analyses, technical information, reports, conclusions, valuation products or other scientific assessments in any medium or form, including textual, numerical, graphic, cartographic, narrative, or audiovisual, resulting from a financial assistance agreement is available for use by the Department of the Interior, including being available in a manner that is sufficient for independent verification.

(b) The Federal Government has the right to:

(1) Obtain, reproduce, publish, or otherwise use the data, methodology, factual inputs, models, analyses, technical information, reports, conclusions, or other scientific assessments, produced under a Federal award; and

(2) Authorize others to receive, reproduce, publish, or otherwise use such data, methodology, factual inputs, models, analyses, technical information, reports, conclusions, or other scientific assessments, for Federal purposes, including to allow for meaningful third-party evaluation.

Reporting

The recipient's Notice of Award will detail all reporting requirements, including frequency, due dates, and instructions for requesting extensions. In general, but not limited to, recipients must:

- Submit Federal Financial reports and Program Performance reports.
- Use the Federal Financial Report (SF-425) form for financial reporting,
- Monitor award activities and report on program performance per 2 CFR 200.329,
- Promptly notify the awarding program in writing of any issues, delays, or conditions impairing award objectives per 2 CFR 200.329(e),
- Disclose any conflicts of interest related to their award that arise during the award period per 2 CFR 1402.112,
- Report on the status of real property acquired under the award in which the Federal government retains an interest per 2 CFR 200.330, and
- Report all violations of Federal criminal law involving fraud, bribery, or gratuity violations potentially affecting the Federal award per 2 CFR 200.113.
- Report any matters related to recipient integrity and performance to SAM.gov per Appendix XII to 2 CFR 200.
- If the Federal share of the award is more than $100,000 and the recipient makes or agrees to make any payment using non-appropriated funds for lobbying in connection to the award, disclose those activities using the Disclosure of Lobbying (SF-LLL) form per 43 CFR 18.100.
- Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 (FFATA) and 2 CFR 170 requires certain recipients to report information on executive compensation, and information on all sub-awards, subcontracts and consortiums equal to or over $30,000 to SAM.gov.

Performance will be regularly evaluated to determine recipient adherence to program goals and Agency and Administration priorities, in accordance with applicable laws, regulations, and with all current and applicable Executive Orders and Secretary Orders. This will include interim and final reporting on status of the grant project. Reports must outline the status of the project in meeting the required conditions of the grant agreement, including but not limited to consultant selection, compliance review, easement execution, and reporting. Special conditions may be applied to ensure adherence to program goals and agency priorities as necessary. Levels of reporting will be based upon risk level and may include either/both increased financial and/or program reporting.

Events may occur between the scheduled performance reporting dates which have significant impact upon the supported activity. In such cases, recipients are required to notify NPS in

writing as soon as the recipient becomes aware of any problems, delays, or adverse conditions that will materially impair the ability to meet the objective of the Federal award. This disclosure must include a statement of any corrective action(s) taken or contemplated, and any assistance needed to resolve the situation. The recipient should also notify NPS in writing of any favorable developments that enable meeting time schedules and objectives sooner or at less cost than anticipated or producing more or different beneficial results than originally planned.

Other Information

Payments

Domestic recipients are required to register in and receive payment through the U.S. Treasury's Automated Standard Application for Payments (ASAP), unless approved for a waiver by NPS. Foreign recipients receiving funds to a final destination bank outside the U.S. are required to receive payment through the U.S. Treasury's International Treasury Services (ITS) System. Foreign recipients receiving funds to a final destination bank in the U.S. are required to enter and maintain current banking details in their SAM.gov entity profile and receive payment through the Automated Clearing House network by electronic funds transfer (EFT). NPS will include recipient-specific instructions on how to request payment, including identification of any additional information required and where to submit payment requests, as applicable, in all Notices of Award.

Program Requirements

- **Individual projects are only eligible for one SAT grant per 54 U.S.C. § 3089. Individual resources that received a SAT grant in the past are not eligible for additional funding**. **A list of past funded projects can be found at: go.nps.gov/satmap.**
- Projects funded under this program constitute "undertakings" as defined by Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) (54 U.S.C. § 306108). Grantees must work with NPS to ensure that project work does not harm or impair the historic character of any historic resources. The Section 106 review must include all work taking place as part of the project, even if it is not funded by Federal or matching share.
- For projects involving resources that have been designated National Historic Landmarks, additional National Historic Preservation Act requirements (Section 110) (54 U.S.C. § 306101) will also apply.
- All projects must be reviewed for effects under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) to make sure that project work does not damage the natural or cultural environment.
- All work must be reviewed to ensure it meets the *Secretary of the Interior's Standards and Guidelines for Archeology and Historic Preservation*.
- All section 106 & 110 responsibilities will be conducted in accordance with the *Nationwide Programmatic Agreement for Cultural Resources Grants and Financial Assistance* (CRFA PA).
- If you are applying for a grant to do work on a resource you do not own, you must obtain written permission from the owner to both complete grant-assisted work and execute a preservation easement or covenant. The letter of owner consent must: be submitted with the application and signed no earlier than 60 days before the application due date and

pertain to and be included with this specific application. You cannot re-use previous letters of owner consent.

- Administration costs plus indirect costs necessary to complete and administer the program cannot exceed 25% of total cost (Federal and matching share combined). This limitation for the Historic Preservation Fund is by statute, 54 U.S.C. § 302902.
- Preparation of architectural/engineering plans and specifications not to exceed 20% of the total project cost.
- Section 54 USC 302902 of the National Historic Preservation Act requires Historic Preservation Fund recipients agree to assume, after the completion of the project, the total cost of continued maintenance, repair, and administration of the grant-assisted property in a manner satisfactory to the Secretary of the Interior. Accordingly, recipients awarded funds for the physical preservation of a historic site shall sign a preservation agreement/covenant/easement (easement) with the State or Tribal Historic Preservation Officer in which the site is located or with a nonprofit preservation organization acceptable to and approved in writing by the Program Officer.

  A draft of the preservation easement based on the NPS template must be submitted to the Program Officer within one (1) year of grant agreement execution for review and comment. Consult early with your Program Officer during the first year of grant agreement execution regarding this requirement.

  Baseline documentation of the historic character-defining features of the site must be documented prior to construction through photographs. Following the completion of all grant-assisted work, the preservation easement must document the grant-assisted condition of the site and the character-defining features. The preservation easement must then be executed by registering the easement with the deed of the property. A certified copy of the executed preservation easement must be submitted to the Program Officer with the Final Report.

  The term of the preservation easement is dependent on the amount of assistance the historic property receives from this opportunity:

  1. If the historic property is not currently protected by a preservation easement, a preservation easement must be executed for the term as given in the table below per the amount of funding awarded.

     i.e. A project awarded $750,000 with no current preservation easement would execute an easement for a minimum of 20 years.

  2. If the historic property is currently subject to a preservation easement that meets the minimum federal preservation requirements, an extension must be executed for an additional duration to meet the requirements of the new funding awarded. The required term is identified in the table below.

     i.e. If a property previously received an HPF grant for $750,000, has 10 years remaining on their 20-year easement, and receives an additional $600,000 in HPF funding, an amendment to add 20 years would be required.

  3. If the historic property is currently protected by a perpetual or other preservation easement that meets or exceeds the requirements of this grant program as determined

by the Program Officer, no additional duration or restrictions are necessary. A copy of the existing easement must be submitted to the Program Officer to make this determination within one (1) year of grant agreement execution.

i.e. If a property has 20 years remaining on an existing 25-year preservation easement for a grant awarded by their State Historic Preservation Office and receives an HPF grant for $750,000, no additional duration is necessary if the preservation easement otherwise meets the requirements of the HPF grant program.

4. If the historic property has multiple active HPF grants or includes preservation work to multiple properties (i.e. subgrants), consult with your Program Officer.

Amount of Federal Assistance Awarded	**Easement Term Requirement (per grant award)**
$1-$50,000	5-year minimum preservation agreement; an easement or easement amending the deed is not required
$50,001 - $250,000	10-year minimum preservation easement
$250,001 - $500,000	15-year minimum preservation easement
$500,001- $750,000	20-year minimum preservation easement
$750,001+	25-year minimum preservation easement

Eligible Costs

Eligible costs under this award are as described in this Notice, 2 C.F.R. Part 200, and the Historic Preservation Fund Grants Manual (HPF Manual). For this program they also include:

- Administrative costs necessary to complete and administer the grant requirements;
- Rehabilitation of properties;
    - Eligible properties include historic districts, buildings, sites, structures and objects listed in the National Register of Historic Places at the national level of significance (not state or local significance),
    - All work must meet the *Secretary of the Interior's Standards and Guidelines for Archeology and Historic Preservation*, and
    - All projects receiving repair assistance must enter into a preservation agreement/covenant/easement.
- Projects must substantially mitigate the threat and include steps to mitigate future damage;

- Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) or Architectural Barriers Act (ABA) accessibility improvements, as needed, for access of the historic resource(s), are allowable if meeting the SOI Standards (e.g. ramps, elevators, bathrooms);
- Site security improvements, as needed for protection of the historic resource(s), are allowable if meeting the SOI Standards (e.g. protection against vandalism, arson, theft);
- Fire safety improvement, as needed for protection of the historic resource(s), are allowable if meeting the SOI Standards (e.g. sprinklers, fire alarms);
- Cost for establishing/administering an easement/covenant for the property;
- Cost for any required audits or financial requests;
- Cost for the production of a project sign;
- Costs for public notice of grant opportunity;
- Costs associated with required training or reporting;
- Any other costs as determined eligible by the NPS in accordance with the OMB circulars, NPS policies, and the Historic Preservation Fund Grants Manual; and
- Ships/vessels and railroad cars/trams/cable cars **must** be submitted under the collections grant opportunity application. Ships/vessel projects must be completed in compliance with the *Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Historic Vessel Preservation Projects.*

What Is Not Funded

- Construction of new buildings or additions, including systems in new construction or additions;
- Reconstructing historic properties (recreating all or a significant portion that no longer exists or was removed), except limited reconstruction of necessary structural elements for the overall stability of the extant historic resource(s);
- Acquisition of collections or historic sites;
- Long-term maintenance or curatorial work beyond the grant period;
- Moving historic properties or work on moved historic properties that are 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 announcement of award;
- Work on sites or collections owned by the NPS;
- Lobbying or advocacy activities;
- Costs for work already completed or funded through other federal programs;
- Grants will not be available to sites or collections owned or leased by the NPS, or in which the NPS holds a property interest;
- Administrative costs plus indirect costs beyond 25% of the total project budget; and
- Miscellaneous costs, contingencies, reserves, and overhead.

NPS Oversight

The NPS will provide oversight of this grant project through the following NPS reviews:

- Review and approval of interim and final reporting to include compliance with 2 C.F.R. Part 200;

- Review and approval for compliance with the *Secretary of the Interior's Standards and Guidelines for Archeology and Historic Preservation;*
- Review and approval for compliance with Sections 106 (54 U.S.C. § 306108) and 110f (54 U.S.C. § 306107) of the National Historic Preservation Act conducted in accordance with the *Nationwide Programmatic Agreement for Cultural Resources Grants and Financial Assistance* (CRFA PA);
- Review and approval for compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA); and
- Any other reviews as determined by the NPS based on program needs or financial/programmatic risk factors (i.e. draft National Register nomination if required, etc.).