

CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION

Historic Preservation Grants

Historic Preservation Grants are awarded on a competitive basis. Grant applications will be evaluated using the following criteria:

- The project meets the goals and objectives of the Statewide Historic Preservation Plan
- the clarity of the project description including the project goals and projected work products;
- the degree to which the project will add significant information to the Commonwealth's cultural resources inventory;
- the degree to which the project will result in the enhancement of significant cultural resources;
- the degree to which historic preservation strategies will protect cultural resources at the community level;
- the degree to which the project demonstrates community/regional cooperation in preserving cultural resources;
- the clarity and detail with which a chronology of steps required to complete the project is outlined;
- the qualifications of key personnel and consultants;
- the likelihood the project will reach its intended audience;
- community support for a project including financial and other contributions;
- the value of the project to its intended audience;
- the soundness and detail of the proposed budget and its adequacy to accomplish the project;
- the availability of a cash match, if applicable; and
- the quality of the application in terms of adherence to format, completeness and accuracy.

Click [here](#) to access a copy of the Rating and Review Instrument used by the Review Panel to evaluate your application. Use this to grade your own application to be sure that you have addressed all of the important points. **Do not** submit a copy as an attachment to your application.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROJECT GRANTS EVALUATION SHEET

Applicant:

Website:

Request:

Match:

Project Summary:

Assign a score from 1 to 10 for each of the following categories, 10 being the highest. See the enclosed Historic Preservation Grant Guidelines for an overview of the eligibility requirements for applicants and categories of support or visit the grants website at www.phmc.state.pa.us/grants:

_____ APPLICATION – Is the application accurate and complete? Is the project clearly presented in the application? Are the supporting documents helpful in the evaluation?

_____ PLANNING – Has the applicant provided adequate project planning (timeframe, personnel, consultants, budget, etc..) to successfully manage and complete the proposed project?

_____ PROJECT – Is the project consistent with the categories of support outlined in the grant guidelines? Does the project contribute to the understanding or mission of the resource or organization? Will it assist in future work of the organization or provide a distinct work product?

_____ COMMUNITY - How will this project benefit the community? Is there community support or awareness for the project? Is there public promotion for the project?

_____ COMMONWEALTH - Is this project a worthwhile investment of state funds? Does the project meet the agenda of the Pennsylvania State Historic Preservation Plan? (www.phmc.state.pa.us/bhp/ click on Preservation Plan on left Navigation Bar)

_____ TOTAL SCORE

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: