

PRESERVATION GRANTS

African American Cultural Heritage Action Fund Grants of the National Trust for Historic Preservation

1. The African American Cultural Heritage Action Fund works to advance the broader preservation movement towards a more diverse and equitable representation of American history. Grants showcase the beauty and complexity of Black history and culture in America, while underscoring the urgent need to protect, preserve and interpret these invaluable American assets.

Action Fund grant requirements and deadlines vary. Visit the links below to access the most up-to-date information, as well as for application guidelines and deadlines.

<https://savingplaces.org/action-fund-grants>

2. Action Fund National Grant **\$50,000 to \$150,000**

Action Fund national grants advance ongoing preservation activities for historic places such as sites, museums, and landscapes that represent African American cultural heritage. Funding supports work in four primary areas: Capital Projects, Organizational Capacity Building, Project Planning, and Programming and Interpretation.

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3. Preserving Black Churches **\$50,000 to \$200,000**

The Action Fund, with support from the Lilly Endowment Inc, is investing in historic Black churches and congregations to reimagine, redesign, and deploy historic preservation to address the institutions' needs and the cultural assets and stories they steward. We are leveraging historic preservation as a tool for equity and reconciliation and celebrating historic Black churches as centers of heritage, community, and cultural life.

<https://savingplaces.org/preserving-black-churches-guidelines>

National Fund for Sacred Places: **\$50,000 to \$250,000**

A collaboration between Partners for Sacred Places and the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

www.FundForSacredPlaces.org

Grants/Funding Incentives Affiliated with the Texas Historical Commission

1. Texas Preservation Trust Fund **\$10,000 to \$50,000**

For eligible historic structures, archeological sites, and heritage education projects

<https://thc.texas.gov/preserve/grants-tax-credits-and-funding/texas-preservation-trust-fund>



The Texas Historical Commission (THC) awards grants for preservation projects from the Texas Preservation Trust Fund (TPTF). The Texas Legislature established the TPTF in 1989. The fund is currently managed by the Texas Treasury Safekeeping Trust Company. Investment earnings are distributed as matching grants to qualified applicants for acquisition, survey, restoration, preservation, planning, and heritage education activities leading to the preservation of historic architectural and archeological properties and associated collections of the State of Texas. Competitive grants are awarded on a one-to-one match basis and are paid as reimbursement of eligible expenses incurred during the project.

The TPTF grant program application process is a two-step process. All applicants are required to submit an application form to the THC for review. The THC selects the highest-priority projects from the initial applications and invites those applicants to move forward to the second step.

Grant awards are typically in the \$10,000 - \$50,000 range.

To be eligible for grant assistance, applicants must provide a minimum of \$1 in cash to match each state dollar of approved project costs. For every \$2 spent, \$1 is reimbursed, up to the grant amount.

Grant applications are scored in four areas: endangerment, significance, project viability, and special considerations. Review the scoring criteria in the TPTF Grant Program Application Guide (link below).

Grant awards may be used for restoration work, architectural planning, archeological investigation, archeology curatorial, preservation planning, resource survey, and heritage education training.

2. Texas Historic Preservation Tax Credit Program

The Texas Historic Preservation Tax Credit Program was established through [Texas House Bill 500](#) during the 83rd Texas Legislative Session and went into effect on January 1, 2015. The state historic tax credit is worth 25 percent of eligible rehabilitation costs and is available for buildings listed in the National Register of Historic Places, as well as Recorded Texas Historic Landmarks and Texas State Antiquities Landmarks. The program is administered jointly by the Texas Historical Commission (THC) in cooperation with the [Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts](#). Administrative rules for implementation of the program are found in the [Texas Administrative Code, Title 13, Part II, Chapter 13](#).

The Federal Historic Preservation Tax Incentive Program also offers a 20 percent tax credit for the rehabilitation of historic buildings. Established in 1976, the federal historic tax credit program is also a significant financial incentive for the reuse of historic buildings and revitalization of historic downtowns. Applicants are encouraged to take advantage of both financial incentives when possible and apply to both programs together.

OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDING

HistoricFunding.com was created by the team that manages the comprehensive resource for historic preservation and cultural resource management, [PreservationDirectory.com](#).

Launched in Spokane, WA in 1999, based in Portland, OR from 2002-2018, and now located in Rochester, NY, **PreservationDirectory.com** provides a wide-array of resources for those looking to restore their home or commercial building; add their property to the National Register of Historic Places; find employment in the historic and cultural resources fields; find and work with their local historical society, State Historic Preservation Office, or downtown and main street program; read about local and national news of interest to the preservation community; find a great lecture, conference or historic tour; and so much more.

The number one asked question, received on a daily basis, though, is “how do I find funding for my project?”. While [PreservationDirectory.com](#) does provide basic information about grants, tax incentives and other funding sources, we wanted to create the most comprehensive [funding resource for historic preservation](#), cultural resource management, and the arts.

HistoriCorps

Not Money; but people with restoration skills

HistoriCorps is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that provides volunteers of all skill levels with a hands-on experience preserving historic structures on public lands across America. Volunteers work with HistoriCorps field staff to learn preservation skills and put those skills to work saving historic places that have fallen into disrepair. HistoriCorps works to ensure America’s cultural and historical resources exist for generations to come.

<https://historiccorps.org/>