

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORIC LANDSCAPE PRESERVATION GRANT PROGRAM ROUND II 1998 FACT SHEET



Executive Office of Environmental Affairs
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Secretary

Department of Environmental Management
Peter C. Webber
Commissioner

The Historic Landscape Preservation Grant Program is a state-funded competitive grant program established in 1997 to support the preservation and restoration of historic landscapes listed or, in certain instances, eligible for listing on the State or National Register of Historic Places. Applicants must be a municipality. The program is administered by the Department of Environmental Management (DEM) in accordance with section 32 of Chapter 15 of the Acts of 1996.

Many municipal landscapes across the state are over a century old and continue to suffer from deferred maintenance, intrusive additions and limited ability of municipalities to fund rehabilitation projects. By providing assistance to these important, municipally owned, historic landscapes the Department of Environmental Management hopes to ensure the preservation and revitalization of these treasured resources.

ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

Inventory and Planning

Inventory and Planning activities include historic landscape reports, nominations to the National Register of Historic Places, park user studies, landscape preservation master plans, preservation maintenance plans, construction documents and specifications.

Construction

Construction activities include stabilization, protection, rehabilitation and restoration projects that are consistent with current planning documents.

Preservation Maintenance

Preservation Maintenance activities include those cyclic maintenance activities that are essential to the long-term protection and preservation of historic fabric and features of a site, such as vegetative restoration, or staff training necessary to implement an innovative preservation maintenance program.

Public Education and Stewardship

Public Education and Stewardship activities include workshops, school programs, brochures, signage, and interpretive elements for the purpose of providing public awareness and support for historic preservation and rehabilitation efforts.

AMOUNT OF REQUEST

DEM will award up to \$50,000 per year per project. Municipalities with projects requiring greater funding are eligible to apply for a multi-year grant. Work completed prior to grant award is not eligible for funding.



MATCH REQUIREMENT

The Historic Landscape Preservation Program is a reimbursement program which requires a municipal cash match of between 30% and 48% of the total project cost, depending upon the municipality's equalized valuation per capita decile rank among all Massachusetts municipalities as determined by the Secretary of Administration and Finance.

NATIONAL REGISTER LISTING

DEM will only accept proposals for sites that are listed, or in certain instances eligible for listing, on the State or National Register of Historic Places. Only those projects addressing properties that are already listed on the State or National Register of Historic Places are eligible for Construction and Preservation Maintenance funds. Communities that own historic properties which are not currently listed on the State or National Register of Historic Places may only apply for Inventory and Planning funds.

PROJECT SELECTION GUIDELINES

Applications for funding eligible projects will be evaluated by DEM based on the overall quality and responsiveness of the application. The following criteria will be used to evaluate proposals:

- ◆ Level of historic significance of the property
- ◆ Appropriateness of proposed scope of work and compatibility with the site's historic character and current planning documents
- ◆ Demonstrated commitment by the municipality to preserve the fabric and original design intent of its historic parks and landscapes
- ◆ Demonstration of potential threat to site
- ◆ Demonstration of long term preservation maintenance commitment for proposed landscape project
- ◆ Demonstration of community support and public benefit
- ◆ Demonstration of ability to leverage private and public investment for long term improvement of the historic landscape
- ◆ Demonstration of municipal commitment through the establishment of matching funds
- ◆ Provision for universal accessibility
- ◆ Demonstration of municipal financial need for funding
- ◆ Demonstrated ability to administer grant funded project

In addition to the above criteria, the Historic Landscape Grant Program seeks a state-wide distribution of funds.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Applications may be submitted by municipalities only. Full applications are due May 15, 1998 at 4:00 P.M.

Application forms may be obtained from:

Office of Historic Resources, Department of Environmental Management,
100 Cambridge Street, Boston, MA 02202 Phone: (617) 727-3160 x 519 Fax: (617) 727-2630

**Massachusetts Department of Environmental Management
Historic Landscape Preservation Grant Program
and
the Massachusetts Legislative Small Town and Rural Caucus**
are offering three workshops around the state so that communities can learn more about
how they can apply for funds through
Round II of the Historic Landscape Preservation Grant Program.

Saturday, April 4, 1998

Jones Library
43 Amity Street, Amherst
10 am - 12 noon

Hosted by Senator Stan Rosenberg and Representative Stephen Kulik

Thursday, April 16, 1998

Massachusetts State Archives Building
220 Morrissey Boulevard, Boston
10 am - 12 noon

Hosted by Commissioner Peter C. Webber

Thursday, April 16, 1998

Westford Museum
2 Boston Road, Westford
7 pm - 9 pm

Hosted by Representative Geoffrey Hall

Attend the workshop in your area to learn more about:

- the goals of the Historic Landscape Preservation Grant Program
- the types of properties and activities eligible for funding through the Program
- the projects that have been funded in Round I of the Grant Program
- how to put together a competitive grant application
- strategies for fostering local advocacy and stewardship of historic landscapes
- other funding sources including the Massachusetts Historical Commission's MPPF Program

For more information call Danielle Brunelle at (617)727-3160 ext 578.

Visit our website at <http://www.state.ma.us/dem/programs/histland/histland.htm>

Directions to the Jones Library

43 Amity Street, Amherst

From I-91 -- Take exit 19 (second Northampton exit) onto Route 9 East. Go about 5 miles to Amherst town limits. See "once in Amherst" below.

From I-91 South -- Take exit 24. Follow Route 116 South about 11.5 miles to junction of Routes 9 East and 118 South. Turn left onto Route 9. Continue 1/2 mile into Amherst town limits. See "once in Amherst" below.

From Boston area -- Take Mass. Turnpike (I-90) West to Exit 4 (West Springfield). Take I-91 North. Follow directions above.

Once in Amherst: Continue straight on Route 9 up long hill (about 1 mile) to traffic light. Turn left onto South Pleasant Street toward Amherst Center. Get into left lane, and at next light, turn left onto Amity Street. The library is the second building on the right next to the SIS Bank.

Parking: Metered parking is located across the street from the library, and umetered, on-street parking is available on the next block of Amity Street and on South Prospect Street.

Directions to the Westfield Museum

2 Boston Road, Westford

From I-495 North -- Take exit 32 (Westford/Boston Road). Take right at end of exit ramp on to Boston Road. See "from Boston Road" below.

From I-495 South -- Take exit 32 (Westford/Boston Road). Take left at the end of exit ramp on to Boston Road. See "from Boston Road" below.

From Boston Road -- Follow Boston Road to town center until you come to town common. The Westford Museum is on the town common.

Parking: Parking at the museum is limited. Parking is available around the common, at Town Hall, and at the public library.

Directions to the Massachusetts Archives and Commonwealth Museum

220 Morrissey Boulevard, Boston

By Car:

From the North -- Route 3/I-93 to exit 15. Follow signs for UMass Boston and JFK Library.

From the West -- Route I-90 to I-93 south to exit 15. Follow signs for UMass Boston and JFK Library.

From the South -- Route 3/I-93 to exit 14. Follow signs for UMass Boston and JFK Library.

By MBTA:

Take the Red Line to JFK/UMass station. There are two free shuttle buses available at the station's parking lot: Bus #1 to UMass Boston, which runs every five minutes to the UMass Boston campus (the Commonwealth Museum/Mass. Archives building is a short walk from the campus); Bus #2 runs every 20 minutes and adds stops at both the JFK Library and the Commonwealth Museum/Mass. Archives Building.

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Officers #3

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A Communication was received from
Mayor Duehay, transmitting a fact sheet
from the Mass. Historic Landscape
Preservation Grant Program regarding
regarding the eligible activities,
project selection guidelines and
application process.

In City Council March 30, 1998

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