Announcement

2020 Rhode Island Historic Preservation Matching Grants for Private Non-Profit Organizations

The 1772 Foundation has announced that funding in the form of 1:1 matching grants of up to $10,000 will be made available for the following historic preservation projects: exterior painting, finishes and surface restoration, fire detection/lightning protection/security systems, repairs to/restoration of porches, roofs and windows, repairs to foundations and sills, and chimney and masonry repointing.

To demonstrate the sustainability of historic sites, applicants may be required to submit a cyclical maintenance plan, condition assessment, restoration plan or stewardship plan that has been prepared or updated within the last five years. If an appropriate plan does not exist, the Foundation will consider providing support for development of a plan on a case-by-case basis.

All organizations that wish to be considered should send a one-page letter of inquiry to: 1772@preserveri.org and use 1772 Foundation in the subject line.

The letter should include: the amount of your request, the purpose of the grant including the name and address of the historic resource for which project funding will be used, the matching funds you have or plan to have, the time frame for project completion and ownership status (properties must be owned by a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization or under the terms of a 99 year lease). Also, please attach a current photo which best shows site condition, no more than 1.5MB, and provide contact, name, phone, email and web address for the site/organization.

Letters of inquiry will be accepted until December 6, 2019. Invited applications will be due February 21, 2020.

Not all letters of inquiry will result in invitations to submit full applications.

To be eligible to apply, organizations must have IRS determination of 501(c)(3) IRS status. Organizations also must have closed any previously awarded matching grant to be eligible to apply.

Funding will not be provided for schools or churches.

The Foundation will consider the following:

- Matching grants for exterior painting, finishes and surface restoration
- Matching grants to install or upgrade fire detection, lightning protection and security systems
- Matching grants for repairs to/restoration of porches, roofs and windows
- Matching grants for structural foundation and sill repair/replacement
- Matching grants for chimney and masonry repointing