Preservation Funding for Community, Public & NonProfit Stewards

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Breakout Room 2:
National Trust for Historic Preservation
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The National Trust for Historic Preservation provides funding through several programs that support the preservation of America’s cultural heritage and historic places.

NTHP grants are primarily matching grants for planning preservation projects and educational efforts, though some special programs focus on preservation planning in particular fields or geographic regions, or allow for the funding of physical preservation work.
NTHP Grants

Grants from the National Trust support planning, educational, and physical preservation efforts of nonprofit organizations and public agencies.

- Sam and Mary Cooke Preservation Fund for Hawai‘i
- Johanna Favrot Fund for Historic Preservation
- Cynthia Woods Mitchell Fund for Historic Interiors
- Hart Family Fund for Small Towns
- Telling the Full History Preservation Fund

YWCA Laniākea from Historic Richards Street, Honolulu, HI. Photo Courtesy of YWCA O‘ahu
Eligibility
Who May Apply for Funding

• 501(c)3 non-profits, public agencies, or non-profit religious entities
• Some programs require Organizational Forum membership
• Each grant fund may have specific eligibility requirements
Online Grant Application Portal

• All applications are submitted through the National Trust’s online grants application portal. Paper submissions are not accepted.

• Individual guidelines pages outline all grant requirements and include link to the portal

• Portal Link: [https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=nthp](https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=nthp)

Materials

• High quality images

• IRS determination letter

• Resumes for consultants and/or staff members

• Letters of endorsement

• Letter of consent from property owner (if applicable)

• National Trust budget sheet

• Completed online application form
Timelines

When Grant Proposal are Requested

Deadlines to Apply

When Grants are Announced

• Announcements about new deadlines are made by email

• Applications become available online about 6-8 weeks prior to the grant’s deadline

• Applications are due 11:59 p.m. applicant’s time zone

• Application review period is about 8-10 weeks

• Notifications are sent by email

Exterior of Donkey Mill Arts Center, Holualoa, HI. Photo: Justine Grajski.

1840s Baldwin Home in Lahaina, Maui, used as a public library, dorm for nurses, girl scout meetings. Photo: Naoki Kutsunai.
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• Cooke Fund for Hawai’i: Typically, 3 deadlines per year. February 1, June 1, and October 1.

• Johanna Favrot Fund and Cynthia Woods Mitchell Fund: Annual opportunity, usually due March 1

• Hart Family Fund: Annual opportunity, usually due May 1

• Telling the Full History: One time opportunity, due December 15, 2021

Donkey Mill Art Center interior showing wooden windows, Holualoa, HI. Photo: Justine Grajski.
Funding

How Funds are Provided

- Grants are paid in a lump sum through electronic payment only
- Grant payment is made upon receiving a signed grant agreement from the grantee (usually 6-8 weeks after notification of award)
Reporting

• All reporting is submitted through our online grant application portal

• Reports are due 1 year + 30 days (i.e., the grant period) after payment is made

• For most grants, only a final report is necessary. A few exceptions will have interim reporting requirements.

Sharing Outcomes and Impact

Talk-story session held on the oceanfront lawn at Hulihe‘e Palace. Photo: Daughters of Hawai‘i
Tips for Success

How to Prepare
Organizational Capacity
Best Practices

• Login to the online portal early

• Read the guidelines page all the way through for each grant opportunity

• Create a defined scope of work with clear budget expenses

• Describe the historic, cultural, and/or architectural significance of the place or work you are doing

• Provide good photos!
• Homepage and sign up for our grants interest list: https://forum.savingplaces.org/build/funding

• For questions, email grants staff at grants@savingplaces.org

• If you are applying or are a grantee, add administrator@granterinterface.com to your address book

• Read Forum Blog to learn about projects funded: https://forum.savingplaces.org/connect/blogs

• Grant application portal: https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=nthp
Program links

- Cooke Fund for Hawai’i: https://forum.savingplaces.org/build/funding/grant-seekers/specialprograms/cooke-fund
- Johanna Favrot Fund: https://forum.savingplaces.org/build/funding/grant-seekers/specialprograms/favrot-fund
- Hart Family Fund: https://forum.savingplaces.org/build/funding/grant-seekers/specialprograms/hart-family-fund
- Telling the Full History Fund: https://forum.savingplaces.org/build/funding/grant-seekers/specialprograms/tellingthefullhistoryfund
Historic Hawai‘i Foundation Preservation Grant
Preservation Funder Grants

The Palace Theater in Hilo, Hawai‘i Island
before (left) and after exterior restoration.

Program
Purpose
Eligibility

Who is Eligible?

- Public Agencies
- 501(c) (3), and other nonprofit organizations
Eligible Projects

Rehabilitation or restoration construction projects that preserve the character-defining features of a historic building or site.

Eligibility

Hui Noeau Visual Arts Center print studio, Makawao, Maui
Project Example

Saint Peter’s Episcopal Church in downtown Honolulu
Project Example
Selection Criteria

- Projects demonstrate **local support** including financial and/or in-kind aid
- Property will be used for public or **community use** upon project completion
- **Long term preservation commitment** to maintain structure
- Project preserves a **significant historic property** following appropriate preservation standards
How to Apply

- Download the Application from the HHF website: https://historichawaii.org/2019/05/10/hhf-historic-preservation-grants/
Grant Timeline

- Proposals accepted 2-3 times a year
- Deadlines on HHF website grant page
- Grantees notified with 3-4 months
How Funds are Provided

- Installments
- Final payment upon project completion

Repair and Rehabilitation of the Kamehameha I statue in Kapa‘au, Hawai‘i Island.
Sharing Outcomes & Impact

The Final Report

- What did you do?
- What was the impact?
Tips & Best Practices

Prepare for Success

- Scope your project appropriately
- Garner community support
- Create a viable financial plan
HHF Historic Preservation Grants

Grant applications and instructions:

https://historichawaii.org/2019/05/10/hhf-historic-preservation-grants/

The Secretary of the Interior’s Standards & Guidelines for the Treatment of Historic Properties

https://www.nps.gov/tps/standards.htm

Questions?

Email: preservation@historichawaii.org or member@historichawaii.org
Hilo Preservation Grant Program
Through a partnership with preservation funders, Historic Hawai‘i Foundation established the Hilo Preservation Grant Program to support preservation and beautification projects in historic Downtown Hilo on Hawai‘i Island.

Kalākaua Park
Eligibility

Who May Apply for Funding
Eligibility

Who May Apply for Funding

1. Grants are available for the preservation and beautification of non-residential historically-significant buildings, structures and landscapes regardless of ownership status.
   - Non-profit organizations, for-profit businesses and government agencies may apply.

2. The subject property must be listed on or found to meet the criteria for listing on the Hawai‘i or National Registers of Historic Places.

3. Projects must be located within the area shown in the previous slide.

4. The project must preserve or rehabilitate the historic property following appropriate preservation standards.

5. Grantees must provide additional sources of funding.
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UPCOMING GRANT DEADLINES

February 1, 2022

June 1, 2022

October 1, 2022
Typically a check for 50% of the grant will be provided at project initiation and the balance will be provided at project completion after HHF receives and accepts the final report.

In certain cases, funds will be distributed in multiple installments.
Funding and Reporting

- By accepting grant funding, conditions include:
  - As part of the permitting process for work on historic buildings, the scope of work will need to be reviewed and approved by the County’s Cultural Resources Commission.
  - Work on historic buildings is also subject to review by the State Historic Preservation Division.
  - You must notify HHF in writing when you are ready to begin work.
  - A final report must be submitted.
  - You must notify HHF if the project changes substantially (HHF also reserves the right to follow up with a site visit at any time during the term of the grant).
Reporting
Sharing Outcomes and Impact

Hilo Farmers Market LLC, rear façade (before)

Hilo Farmers Market LLC, rear façade (after)
Tips for Success

How to Prepare
Organizational Capacity
Best Practices

- HHF strongly recommends that nominators prepare all submittal requirements in advance.
  - This includes responses to narrative sections; saving, labeling and compressing all photographs and other attachments; and completing the budget and photograph worksheets.

- Once all materials are ready and saved, then begin the online submittal form.

- Information may be copied and pasted from the nominator’s prepared documents and attachments may be uploaded.
Congratulations to Hilo grant recipients that have completed their projects!

Clockwise from top left:
Aloha Information Station (Destination Hilo)
Bayfront Properties
Calica Building
Central Christian Church
East Hawai‘i Cultural Center
Congratulations to Hilo grant recipients that have completed their projects!

Clockwise from top left:
Hilo Farmers Market LLC
Kaikodo Building
Kalākaua Park
Palace Theater
For more information, contact Historic Hawai‘i Foundation at 808-523-2900 or email preservation@historichawaii.org

Application Form can be found here: https://historichawaii.org/hilo-grant-form/
Discussion