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2027 Grant Opportunity for Non-Profits

Preserve Rhode Island (Preserve RI) will distribute matching grants of up to **\$10,000**, made available by The 1772 Foundation, for brick-and-mortar projects to non-profit organizations that own or lease a historic building.

Matching grants can support the following work:

- exterior painting, finishes, and surface restoration
- upgrades to/installation of fire detection, lightning protection, and security systems
- repairs to/restoration of porches, roofs and windows; structural foundation and sill repair/replacement
- chimney and masonry repointing

Over the last 7 years, funding granted from this program has provided just over \$800,000 to 104 rehabilitation and restoration projects throughout the state. "The 1772 Grant program has filled an important funding gap for historic preservation in Rhode Island. I'm especially excited to see what projects come through with the expanded scope for climate impact," said Ruth Taylor, Interim Executive Director of Preserve Rhode Island.

New This Year

This year Rhode Island will also have an additional, **separate** \$10,000 to be used for climate action grants in a new pilot program with The 1772 Foundation. The same 1:1 matching terms and other requirements apply.

Eligible Projects:

- Energy audit assessments
- Insulation upgrades
- Alternative energy sources (solar, geothermal, wind, etc.)
- Upgraded/converted systems or appliances
- Storm windows

Water mitigation projects (wet proofing crawl spaces, gutters, site work, etc.) may be considered, but **preference is given to the decarbonization projects listed above.**

Applications requesting funding to lift or relocate buildings will **not** be considered. Other projects may be considered on a case-by-case basis. Upgrades need to be consistent with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation. Applicants are encouraged to leverage programs offered by utility providers.

How to Apply

We are currently accepting Letters of Interest (LOI) for our 2027 grant round. The deadline to submit the LOI is December 1, 2026. To be eligible, organizations must have a 501(c)(3) IRS designation and either own the property or have a long-term lease arrangement. Buildings currently used as schools or houses of worship are not eligible. For additional details, visit www.preserveri.org/1772-grants.

About Preserve Rhode Island

Preserve Rhode Island is Rhode Island's statewide advocate for historic places. The 70-year-old nonprofit provides guidance for local preservation groups, finds productive and adaptive reuses for threatened buildings, advocates for the revitalization of historic places to stimulate local economies and engages the community through public programs at Lippitt House Museum.

About the 1772 Foundation and Grant Program

The 1772 Foundation works to ensure the safe passage of our historic assets to future generations. The Foundation partners with statewide organizations such as Preserve Rhode Island to award one-for-one matching grants to nonprofits for capital repairs to historic buildings statewide. Preserve Rhode Island is responsible for evaluating grant applications, administering funding and helping nonprofits as they embark on their grant funded projects. This partnership plays a crucial role in preserving Rhode Island's historic places.

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