

The statewide advocate for Rhode Island's historic places



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2024 Grant Opportunities Available through The 1772 Foundation

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; and chimney and masonry repointing.

Funding granted to non-profits over the last four years has supported 55 rehabilitation and restoration projects for a variety of historic resources throughout the state. This program helps support non-profits doing great work in historic buildings, strengthens communities and stimulates local economies by encouraging the protection and revival of historic buildings and places.

How to Apply

We are currently accepting Letters of Interest. The deadline to apply is December 4th 2023. To be eligible, organizations must have a 501(c)(3) IRS designation and either own the property or have a long-term lease arrangement. Funding will not be provided for buildings currently used as schools or houses of worship. For additional details, visit www.preserveri.org/1772-grants.

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About Preserve Rhode Island

Preserve Rhode Island is Rhode Island's statewide advocate for historic places. The 67-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.

PHOTOS: <https://drive.google.com>

Caption: AS220 (Providence) received funding in 2023 for exterior masonry repairs on the 1890 Dreyfus Building. This building, previously restored by AS220, is now used for offices, archives, affordable live/work studios, gallery spaces and a restaurant.

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