

The statewide advocate for Rhode Island's historic places



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2026 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 6 years, funding granted from this program has provided \$700 thousand to 90 rehabilitation and restoration projects throughout the state. “The 1772 Grant Program not only helps support non-profits doing great work in historic buildings, but strengthens communities, and stimulates local economies by encouraging the protection and revival of historic buildings and places” said Sheryl Hack, Executive Director of Preserve RI.

How to Apply

We are currently accepting Letters of Interest (LOI) for our 2026 grant round. The deadline to submit a LOI is December 1, 2025. To be eligible, organizations must have a 501(c)(3) IRS designation and either own the property or have a long-term lease

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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 69-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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