

## What do I need to know about development grants?

The State of West Virginia offers grants to assist organizations and individuals in preserving historical and/or architecturally significant sites or structures. Preservation, rehabilitation, and restoration projects qualify. The funding source for this grant program is appropriated by the WV Legislature through Lottery Funds. There is a 50% match requirement which may come from non-Federal sources of cash; donated materials and labor; materials and labor provided by a third party; or cash derived from the Community Development Block Grant Program. Grant applications are to be submitted by March 31<sup>st</sup> each year. Forms are available mid-January for projects beginning mid-July and ending May 31<sup>st</sup> of the following year. To download a grant manual, access [www.wvculture.org/shpo/grants](http://www.wvculture.org/shpo/grants). For more information, contact the WV State Historic Preservation Office at 304.558.0220.

## How do I begin the funding process?

If you are planning a preservation, rehabilitation, or restoration project for your property, before you begin you should speak with a representative of the Harpers Ferry Historic Landmarks

Commission and the WV State Historic Preservation Office. They can provide you with information on the funding incentives available for your project as well as any requirements and conditions to which you must adhere to qualify for these incentives.

The citizens of Harpers Ferry--in addition to its hundreds of thousands of visitors annually--are beneficiaries of the care and attention historic property owners give to maintain the irreplaceable structures from our past. We thank you.



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# Historic Preservation Incentives

Access to funding sources to preserve Harpers Ferry's historic properties



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**Harpers Ferry, West Virginia**

# America invests in historic places

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People from all over the world come to visit our geographically and historically unique town, and preserving the special character of Harpers Ferry requires protecting the charming architecture from the 18th, 19th, and early 20th centuries. By offering tax credits and grants for restorations and rehabilitations, America invests in historic places that provide a link to our past. Because the entire town of Harpers Ferry has been



designated a National Register Historic District by the National Park Service, owners of many properties in our town can take advantage of financial incentives as they rehabilitate and restore their homes and commercial buildings.

## Who is eligible to receive financial help for restorations or rehabilitations?

To qualify for financial help, a building must be considered a “contributing structure” in the 2009 survey and nomination for our historic district designation. Contributing structures represent specific periods of significance in Harpers Ferry history, which include the late 18<sup>th</sup> century, the entire 19<sup>th</sup> century, and the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. Both owners of commercial structures and homeowners may qualify for financial incentives.

Call Town Hall at 304.535.2206 or contact a member of the Historic Landmarks Commission to find out if your property is considered a contributing structure.



## What do I need to know about federal and state tax credits?

A tax credit lowers the amount of tax owed. In general, a dollar of tax credit reduces the amount of income tax owed by one dollar. Both the Federal government and the State of West Virginia offer tax credits for significant, certified restoration projects.

- *Tax credits for commercial or income-producing property*

The Federal government offers an income tax credit of 20% of what is spent on a substantial rehabilitation project. The State of West Virginia also offers a 10% credit.

- *Tax credits for homeowners*

The State of West Virginia offers a tax credit of 20% of what is spent on a rehabilitation project for personal residences.

To learn if your restoration project qualifies, the minimum amount needed to be spent, and information on the application process, contact the WV State Historic Preservation Office at 304.558.0220 or visit [www.wvculture.org/shpo/taxcredit](http://www.wvculture.org/shpo/taxcredit).