

National Park Service

Notice of Funding Opportunity

FY2025 - Emergency Supplemental Historic Preservation Fund (ESHPPF)- Capacity

Funding Opportunity Number

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BASIC INFORMATION

Announcement Type: Initial

Funding Opportunity Number: P25AS00257

Assistance Listing Number(s): 15.957

Estimated Total Program Funding: \$48,000,000

Expected Number of Awards: 30

Award Ceiling: \$15,000,000

Award Floor: \$75,000

Applicants are encouraged to apply for the funding that they need, but should take into account that \$48 million is available for approximately 200 eligible major disaster declarations.

Cost Sharing Required?

No

Closing Date Explanation

Electronically submitted applications must be submitted no later than 11:59 PM, ET, on the listed application due date.

Applicants are held responsible for their proposals being submitted to the National Park Service. Applications must be received by the date above. Applicants are encouraged to submit the application well before the deadline.

Application preparation time may take several weeks. Start the application process as soon as possible. Applications received after the deadline will not be reviewed or considered for award. If it is determined that a proposal was not considered due to lateness, the applicant will be notified after the selection process.

U.S. states and local governments may be required under [Executive Order 12372](#), [Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs](#) to submit their application to their State Single Point of Contact (SPOC) for review. For more information, see the [Intergovernmental Review SPOC List](#).

Have Questions?

All questions should be submitted to STLPG@nps.gov

Executive Summary

The Emergency Supplemental Historic Preservation Fund (ESHPF) program supports recovery, and related expenses, for historic and cultural resources in areas impacted by natural disasters that have received a major disaster declaration pursuant to the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (Stafford Act). Pursuant to Public Law 118-158, \$48,000,000

will be awarded under the ESHPF grant program for necessary expenses related to the consequences of natural disasters occurring in calendar years 2023 and 2024. Grants are awarded through a competitive process and do not require non-Federal match.

There are separate funding announcements, one for capacity grants to State and Tribal Historic Preservation Offices and another for physical preservation projects. Funding announcement P25AS00257 is for capacity needed by State and Tribal Historic Preservation Offices to complete compliance activities and for in-house, non-construction projects (i.e. survey, planning) in areas with major disaster declarations within their jurisdictions only; P25AS00489 is for States, Tribes, local governments, and nonprofits for defined physical preservation projects (including reconstruction), with documented damage from major disaster declarations within their jurisdictions. Please ensure you apply under the correct opportunity number for your project.

ELIGIBILITY

Eligible Applicants

State governments

Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized)

Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education

Others (see text field entitled "Additional Information on Eligibility" for clarification)

Additional Information on Eligibility

This funding opportunity is limited to:

- State governments, as defined in 54 USC 3001 et seq. also known as the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended. Further eligible applicants are defined in 54 USC 302902 - Grants to States; 54 USC 302908 - Grants to the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Republic of Palau; and specifically in 54 USC 300317 – States. One nonprofit organization, Ohio History Connection, is eligible to apply serving as the Ohio State Historic Preservation Office.
- Tribal governments with signed Memorandum of Agreements with the National Park Service to assume the duties of the State Historic Preservation Office on Tribal lands, as defined in 54 USC 3001 et seq. also known as the National Historic Preservation Act.

Grants are not available for sites or collections that are owned or leased by the federal government, or in which the federal government holds a property interest.

The eligible entities above must have also had a major disaster declaration within their jurisdictions in calendar years 2023 and/or 2024. Applicants can interact with [this map](#) to verify their location within a declared disaster area. A list of major disaster declarations can also be found on the [Federal Emergency Management Agency \(FEMA\) website](#).

Restrictions and Requirements for Non-U.S. Entities or Projects

- We do not fund [countries supporting terrorism subject to U.S. sanctions](#).
- We do not fund [countries under U.S. Treasury sanctions without licenses](#).

- You must get all required approvals for work outside the U.S. We are not responsible for your compliance with local rules.
- For projects over \$500,000, you may need to comply with [2 CFR 175.105\(b\)](#) before we make an award.

Cost Sharing Requirement

Cost Sharing Required?

No

GET READY TO APPLY

Required System Registrations

Unique Entity Identifier and SAM.gov Registration

Before applying, all **applicants** except individuals applying as a natural person **must be registered in SAM.gov**. During the SAM.gov registration the entity will obtain their Unique Entity Identifier (UEI).

The SAM.gov registration process can take several months. If your organization is not already registered in SAM.gov, begin the registration process as soon as possible.

To register in SAM.gov, go to the [SAM.gov website](#) and use the available resources to complete registration.

- **Financial assistance registrants** must review and certify compliance with the SAM.gov “Financial Assistance General Representations and Certifications”.
- **Already registered?** You already have a Unique Entity ID. Before applying, check that your “Financial Assistance General Representations and Certifications” on SAM.gov is complete. Remember to renew your registration every year to keep it active while you have an award or application in progress. You can update your registration whenever you need, including during renewal.
- **Need help?** For additional information and contact information on the [SAM.gov Help page](#).

GRANTS.GOV

This program accepts applications through [Grants.gov](#) so once you receive your UEI return to Grants.gov to [register](#) with Grants.gov. Please allow 30 days to register and set up a Workspace in Grants.gov. See [Submission Instructions](#) section below for additional details.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Program Goals

- To provide grants to States and Tribes for capacity needed to address increased workload, including increased compliance activities, and for defined in-house projects (survey and inventory, planning) in areas with major disaster declarations within their jurisdictions, pursuant to the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (Stafford Act), in calendar years 2023 and/or 2024.

Program Description

The Emergency Supplemental Historic Preservation Fund (ESHPPF) program supports recovery, and related expenses, for historic and cultural resources in areas impacted by natural disasters that have received a major disaster declaration pursuant to the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (Stafford Act). Pursuant to Public Law 118-158, \$48,000,000 will be awarded under the ESHPPF grant program for necessary expenses related to the consequences of natural disasters occurring in calendar years 2023 and/or 2024. Grants are awarded through a competitive process and do not require non-Federal match.

Legislative Authority

- 54 U.S.C. 3001 et seq. (National Historic Preservation Act)
- The American Relief Act, P.L. 118-158
- Full-Year Continuing Appropriations and Extensions Act, 2025 enacted as Public Law 119-4

Type of Award

Projects will be funded through G (Grant).

PREPARE YOUR APPLICATION

Application Content and Format

Pre-Application Requirements

Prior to submitting an application, applicants should review presidential actions found at: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/> and DOI Secretary's Orders found at: <https://www.doi.gov/document-library/secretary-order>. By submitting an application in response to this Notice of Funding Opportunity, the applicant certifies awareness and compliance with all current and applicable executive and secretary orders, including the President's EO on *Ending Radical and Wasteful Government DEI Programs and Preferencing*.

Application Documents

Applicants must submit the following forms with their application as specified below. Instructions for accessing and submitting application forms are provided in the [Submission Instructions](#) section of this document below. For instructions on completing form fields, see the form instructions on the [Grants.gov Forms Repository](#).

Forms/Assurances/Certifications	Submission Requirement
SF-424, Application for Federal Assistance Note: For applicants requesting more than \$100,000 in Federal funds, the Authorized Representative's signature (or electronic equivalent) on the Application for Federal Assistance form also represents their certification of the statements in Appendix A to 43 CFR 18-Certification Regarding Lobbying	Required from all applicants
SF-424A, Budget Information – Non-Construction Programs	Required for all projects

Forms/Assurances/Certifications	Submission Requirement
SF-424C: Budget Information – Construction Programs	Required for construction projects
SF-LLL, Disclosure of Lobbying Activities	Required if requesting more than \$100,000 in Federal funds <u>and</u> the applicant has used or plans to use funds other than Federal appropriated funds for lobbying related to the proposed project.
Project Abstract Summary (OMB 4040-0019). Must include, in plain language: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Award purpose, • Activities to be performed, • Expected deliverables or outcomes, • Intended beneficiaries, Subrecipient activities (if known or specified at time of award)	Required from all applicants

Project Narrative

- Project descriptions must address each of the evaluation criteria and applications will be reviewed against this rubric as part of the merit evaluation process.
- NPS will evaluate and consider only those applications that separately address each of the criteria listed under “Application Review Information.”
- Each criterion is limited to 6,000 characters including spaces, and a project timeline is limited to 6,000 characters including spaces. No additional sections will be reviewed.
- A Project Description Worksheet format is included under the “Related Documents” tab on grants.gov which includes all character limits. Do NOT flatten your PDF file, doing so will stop reviewers from being able to scroll to see the full character limit.

Budget Narrative

Applicants must describe and justify items and costs listed in their budget. The budget narrative must identify the following cost items: total estimated costs, non-Federal cost share, third-party contributions, and any pre-award costs. Total project cost is the sum of all allowable costs, including required and voluntary cost share and third-party contributions.

Budget items must be:

- Reasonable, allowable, allocable, and necessary
- Compliant with [2 CFR §200 Subpart E](#) cost principles

Indirect Costs: Applicants must indicate in their budget narrative how they will charge indirect costs, including the rate to be applied:

- De Minimis Rate: If eligible, state if your organization is opting to use the de minimis rate of up to 15% of total modified direct costs. Entities that do not have a current Federal

negotiated indirect cost rate (including provisional rate) may propose to use the de minimis rate. For more information, refer to [2 CFR 200.414\(f\)](#).

- Negotiated Rate: State if you will negotiate with your cognizant agency. If your organization has previously negotiated a rate, attach a copy of the most recently negotiated rate agreement (active or expired).

This program has a mandated cap on indirect costs or approved rate deviation.

Administration costs necessary to complete and administer the program cannot exceed 25% of total cost (primary and subgrants combined).

This limitation for the Historic Preservation Fund is by statute, 54 U.S.C. 302902.

Administrative costs are: Allowable, reasonable, and allocable costs related to the overall management of activities directly related to finance (accounting, auditing, budgeting, contracting), general administrative salaries and wages (grant administration, personnel, property management, equal opportunity) and other “overhead” functions (general legal services, general liability insurance, depreciation on buildings and equipment, etc.) not directly attributable to specific program areas identified in the grant agreement.

1. All costs listed in the SF-424A must correspond to the activities in the Project Description and must be outlined in the Budget Justification Worksheet. However, do not include your cost breakdown as part of the narrative Project Description.
2. Costs must be broken out into Federal and matching funds by cost center such as personnel, fringe benefits, travel, administrative costs, etc.
3. If matching share is included in your budget, list the sources of non-Federal match as well as if the match is secured or unsecured.
4. The following questions must be answered in your budget justification:
 1. Do you have policies and procedures in place that meet the financial management standards in 2 CFR 200.302? NPS may ask for copies of policies if selected for funding.
 2. Do you have a single audit and was it submitted to the Federal Audit Clearinghouse? If no, do you have another type of audit or other annual financial statement?
 3. Can you certify that there is no overlap in Federal Funding?
 1. All applicants must provide a statement to identify whether or not any overlap exists between the proposed project and any other active or anticipated project(s) in terms of activities, costs, or time commitment of key personnel, including any application that was submitted for funding consideration to any other potential funding source (Federal or non-Federal).
 2. The statement and the description of overlap or duplication should be provided as a separate attachment to the application.
 3. If no overlap or duplication exists, a sample statement to satisfy this requirement might be: “[Insert Applicant Name] affirms that no overlap or duplication exists between the proposed project in this application and any other active or anticipated project in terms of activities, costs, or time commitment of key personnel, including any application that was

submitted for funding consideration to any other potential funding source (Federal or non-Federal).”

4. If any overlap or duplication does exist, applicants must provide a description of the overlap including when the overlapping or duplicative proposal(s) were submitted, to whom (entity and program), and when funding decisions are expected to be announced.
 5. If at any time a proposal is awarded funds that would be overlapping or duplicative of the funding requested from NPS, the applicant must immediately notify the NPS point of contact. Any overlap or duplication of funding between the proposed project and other active or anticipated projects may impact selection and/or funding amount.
4. Attach a complete set of financial statements including:
 1. Balance sheet/Statement of Financial Position
 2. Statement of Revenue and Expense/Statement of Activities
 3. Statement of Cash Flow

Conflict of Interest and Unresolved Matters Disclosures:

If any actual or potential conflict of interest exists related to this project at the time of application, the applicant must provide sufficient information to support a program determination of significance per [2 CFR 1402.112](#). Refer to [2 CFR 200.112](#) Conflict of Interest and [2 CFR 200.113](#).

Overlap or Duplication of Effort Statement:

Applicants must state in their application if the activities, costs, or time commitment of key personnel proposed in this application overlap with those in any other Federal proposal or award or not. If no overlap exists, include a statement to that effect. If any overlap exists, provide:

- Activities: Description any overlapping activities.
- Costs: Description of any overlapping costs.
- Time: Description of any overlapping key personnel time.
- A copy of any overlapping or duplicative proposal submitted to any other potential funding entity.
- Details on when any overlapping proposal was submitted, to whom, and the expected date of the funding decision.

Other Required Information

Eligible Activities

Eligible activities include program areas as defined by the National Historic Preservation Act (54 USC 3001 et seq.) focusing on administration, National Register, planning, survey and inventory, and review and compliance activities that meet the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards and Guidelines for Archeology and Historic Preservation for needs associated with major disaster declarations in calendar years 2023 and/or 2024.

All application information is available on [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov).

A full application consists of:

Documents 1 through 8 are available within the “Manage Workspace” Page

1. SF-424 (Application for Financial Assistance)
2. SF-424A (Budget Information for Non-Construction Programs)
3. SF-424B (Assurance for Non-Construction Programs)

***Note: ALL applicants must fill out the SF-424A and SF-424B, they are mandatory for all grant applications. If an SF-424a is not completely filled out, the application will be considered incomplete and will not be reviewed.**

4. SF-424C (Budget Information for Construction Programs)
5. SF-424D (Assurance for Construction Programs)
6. SF-LLL (Disclosure of Lobbying Activities), if anticipated award is over \$100,000. If your organization does not participate in any lobbying, simply put "N/A" in the appropriate sections.
7. Project Abstract Summary
8. Attachments Form

Documents 9 through 11 can be found on the “Related Documents” tab within the Grants.gov opportunity.

9. Project Description Worksheet
10. Budget Justification Worksheet
11. Project Images Worksheet
12. Indirect Cost Statement (See information on the statutory indirect cost cap above)
13. Letter of Owner Consent (Submit if applicable, see below)
14. Letters of Support (Submit if applicable, see below)

There is no required sequence or naming convention for attaching items to the Attachments Form.

Project Images Worksheet

- Provide photos of the affected properties, if applicable, or examples of the type and degree of damage in the State or Tribe’s jurisdiction.
- Photos should show **current** conditions, damage, and immediate threat.
- Color or black and white photos are both accepted.
- A suggested Project Images Worksheet format is included under the “Related Documents” tab on grants.gov which allows for 19 images to be uploaded in one document.

Letter of Owner Consent, if applicable

- If your project is preparing a National Register nomination for a property(ies) and the owner(s) is different than the applicant, then the applicant **must** include written permission from the owner(s) to complete the project.

- The Letter of Owner Consent must be submitted with the application, signed no earlier than 90 days before the application due date, and pertain to and be included with this application.
- Previous letters of owner consent will **not** be accepted.

Letters of Support, if applicable

- Letters of support should only be submitted if defining specific partner involvement, support, or matching funds. All letters **must** be addressed to: Megan Brown, Chief of State, Tribal, Local, Plans & Grants Division, NPS.
- These letters **must be** submitted with your application via grants.gov as part of the attachments form. DO NOT mail/send separately. Letters received in any other manner may not be considered. This applies to Congressional letters of support, a copy must be included with your application.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS AND DEADLINES

Address to Request Application Package

All applications must be submitted via Grants.gov.

Submission Dates and Times

Closing Date for Applications: 06/12/2025

Closing Date Explanation

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Submission Instructions

Apply Through Grants.gov

To apply through [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov), please follow the instructions in the [Quick Start Guide for Applicants](#). Before applying, ensure that at least one person at your organization is registered and has the Authorized Organization Representative (AOR). Only the AOR can submit the application. If you need more users, they must create their own Grants.gov account. Follow these steps below to apply:

- *Create a Workspace:* Creating a workspace allows you to complete it online and route it through your organization for review before submitting.
- *Complete a Workspace:* Invite participants to the workspace so you can collaborate on the application. Required applications forms are included in the Grants.gov Funding

Opportunity Package and can be completed in the Workspace, unless noted otherwise in the Required Forms table above. Check for errors before submission.

- *Submit a Workspace:* An application may be submitted through workspace by clicking the Sign and Submit button on the Manage Workspace page, under the Forms tab
- *Track a Workspace Submission:* After successfully submitting a workspace application, a Grants.gov Tracking Number (GRANTXXXXXXXX) is automatically assigned to the application.

The system generates a date and time stamp and sends it to the applicant's AOR via email as proof of submission. Make sure your application passes the Grants.gov validation checks. Do not encrypt, zip, or password-protect any files. Only registered individuals in SAM as both a user and an AOR can submit applications. Please allow 30 days to register in Grants.gov.

Application System Technical Support: For Grants.gov technical registration and submission, downloading forms, and application packages, contact Grants.gov Customer Support at 1-800-518-4726 or by email at Support@grants.gov.

APPLICATION REVIEW INFORMATION

Eligibility Review

During the eligibility review, the application is checked for timely submission, completed packages (see [Application Documents](#) above) and alignment with the requirements of this announcement. The Federal agency may remove an application if it does not pass the eligibility review.

Eligibility review will ensure if applications meet requirements for eligible applicants, complete applications, and eligible project types. Failure to meet one of these requirements will remove the application from review. All incomplete and ineligible applicants will be notified of decisions once the review and approval process is complete.

If an applicant selected for funding hasn't finished their SAM.gov registration (see [2 CFR 25.200](#) and [2 CFR 25.110](#)) when the federal agency is ready to make an award, we may decide that the applicant is ineligible for the award and choose to grant it to someone else. Please refer [2 CFR 25.205](#) for more information.

Prior to making an award, the DOI checks the anticipated recipient and their key project personnel against the current list of prohibited or restricted persons or entities in the System for Award Management (SAM.gov) Exclusions database. We are prohibited from making an award if a recipient or any key personnel are found ineligible, prohibited, restricted, or otherwise excluded from receiving or participating in an award, as their ineligibility condition applies to this program.

If removed from consideration for ineligibility, the Federal agency will notify the applicant in writing.

Merit Review

Criterion 1-Significance-25 points

- Describe the resources affected by this proposal.

Criterion 2-Need/Urgency/Threat-25 points

- Describe how the proposal addresses needs associated with recovery from an eligible major disaster declaration(s). The proposed work must address issues as a result of an eligible major disaster declaration and fulfill a clear financial need.
 - a. Applicants must indicate the specific disaster declarations under which the project work is eligible and the eligible locations the project work will be supporting.
 - b. Applicants can interact with [this map](#) to verify their location within an eligible declared disaster area. A list of major disaster declarations can also be found on the [Federal Emergency Management Agency \(FEMA\) website](#).

Criterion 3-Feasibility-25 Points

- The proposed project(s) must be achievable within 3 years, within a reasonable budget, and be performed with qualified personnel and/or consultants. Your response should address a, b, c, and d below.
 - a. Scope: List and describe all tasks and their anticipated results. The tasks must be achievable within 3 years, within a reasonable budget, and be performed with qualified personnel and/or consultants.
 - b. Timeline: Justify the timeline as provided in the Timeline section of the Project Description Worksheet. Describe how this timeline will allow you to complete the project successfully within 3 years and with the given resources, while meeting all federal requirements and guidelines. See “Program Requirements” for more details.
 - c. Budget Justification: Describe and demonstrate how the costs identified in the Budget Justification Worksheet are necessary, reasonable, and allowable.
 - d. Professional Involvement: Briefly describe who or what type of expertise will be involved in carrying out the project and the qualifications of associated professionals. Attach resumes/CVs as applicable. Hiring of outside consultants with federal funding requires compliance with relevant State and Tribal procurement policies.

Criterion 4-Sustainability-25 Points

- Describe the impacts after completion of work, including long-lasting effects.

Review and Selection Process

This program reviews proposed budgets to ensure:

- figures are correct
- estimated costs are necessary and reasonable and clearly linked to project narratives
- avoid obviously unallowable costs
- identify costs requiring prior approval
- ensure indirect cost rates are applied correctly
- confirm cost sharing requirements are reflected in the budget.

This program reviews applications for potential overlap or duplication between the proposed project and any other funded or proposed project. Depending on the circumstances, DOI may choose to not make an award.

Qualified NPS personnel, and in some cases independent federal reviewers, will review all proposals. All proposals for funding will be considered using the criteria outlined above. A summary of reviewer comments may be provided to the applicant if requested.

a. Initial Review Prior to conducting the comprehensive merit review, an initial review will be performed to determine whether: (1) the applicant is eligible for an award; (2) the information required by the NOFO has been submitted; (3) all mandatory requirements of the NOFO are satisfied; (4) the proposed project is responsive to the program objectives of the NOFO (program determination); and (5) the proposed project is in compliance with all applicable executive and secretary orders, including the President's EO on *Ending Radical and Wasteful Government DEI Programs and Preferencing*. If an applicant fails to meet the requirements or objectives of the NOFO, or does not provide sufficient information for review, the applicant will be considered non-responsive and eliminated from further review.

b. Comprehensive Merit Review All applications that satisfactorily pass the initial review will be eligible for the Comprehensive Merit Review. Each criteria element will be scored on a 0-25 point scale with the following **suggested** range:

Description				
Criterion 1	Criterion 2		Criterion 3	Criterion 4
25	25	25	25	Superior
20	20	20	20	Good
15	15	15	15	Satisfactory
10	10	10	10	Marginal
5	5	5	5	Poor
0	0	0	0	Not Acceptable

The scoring of each criterion must be based on the strengths and weaknesses of the application materials. To assist in assigning an appropriate score, the following will be used as a guideline:

Rating	Descriptive Statement
Superior	Applicant fully addresses all aspects of the criterion, convincingly demonstrates that it will meet the Government's performance requirements and demonstrates no weaknesses.
Good	Applicant fully addresses all aspects of the criterion, convincingly demonstrates a likelihood of meeting the Government's requirements, and demonstrates only a few minor weaknesses.
Satisfactory	Applicant addresses all aspects of the criterion and demonstrates the ability to meet the Government's performance requirements. The Application contains weaknesses and/or a number of minor weaknesses.
Marginal	Applicant addresses all aspects of the criterion and demonstrates the ability to meet the Government's performance requirements. The Application contains significant weaknesses and/or significant minor weaknesses.

Poor	The likelihood of successfully meeting the Government's requirements. Significant weaknesses are demonstrated and clearly outweigh any strength presented.
Not Acceptable	Applicant does not address all aspects of the criterion and the information presented indicates a strong likelihood of failure to meet the Government's requirements.

c. Selection The Selection Official may consider the merit review recommendation, program policy factors, and the amount of funds available to select applications for funding. All proposals for funding will be considered using the criteria outlined above.

NPS may use planning numbers derived from US Census and FEMA data to guide allocation of funding across affected areas. They may include: US Census population of affected areas, number of approved FEMA Individual Assistance applications, and amount of FEMA Public Assistance Awards. These factors are the best way for the NPS to estimate recovery needs within separate geographic areas that sustained different levels of damage. Applicants are encouraged to apply for the funding that they need, but should take into account the amount of funding available for a large number of major disaster declarations eligible under this appropriation.

d. Discussions and Award The Government may enter into discussions with a selected applicant for any reason deemed necessary, including, but not limited to: (1) only a portion of the application is selected for award; (2) the Government needs additional information to determine that the applicant is capable of complying with the requirements of DOI Financial Assistance Regulations, and/or (3) additional specific terms and conditions are required. Failure to satisfactorily resolve the issues identified by the Government may preclude award to the applicant.

Risk Review

Prior to making an award, the program assesses the risk posed by the applicant per [2 CFR 200.206](#). If an award will be made, the program may apply special conditions corresponding to the risk assessed. For awards over the simplified acquisition threshold (currently \$250,000), the program reviews eligibility and financial integrity information in the applicant's SAM.gov records per [2 CFR 200.206\(a\)](#). The program also assesses financial management capabilities, project delivery experience, staffing resources, past performance, administration and reporting compliance records, and overall project complexity and potential challenges.

AWARD NOTICES

Notices of Federal Award are sent electronically via GrantSolutions or e-mail. These notices outline the terms, conditions, and payment instructions per [2 CFR 200.211](#). The Notice of Federal Award signed by an authorized Grants Officer is the legal instrument obligating financial assistance to a recipient. Any other prior notice is not an authorization to begin work. If the program allows pre-award costs per [2 CFR 200.458](#), beginning performance before receiving a Notice of Federal Award is at the applicant's own risk.

Anticipated Project Start Date: 03/31/2026

Anticipated Project End Date: 03/31/2029

Projects are not anticipated to start before the date above and should be scheduled for a 3-year timeline, allowing time for technical and compliance review where required.

POST AWARD REQUIREMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

Administration and National Policy Requirements

For award administration and national policy requirements, see the [DOI General Terms and Conditions](#). Infrastructure projects require the use of American iron, steel, manufacture products, and construction materials per [2 CFR 184](#).

Geospatial Data

If you receive financial assistance from the Department of the Interior (DOI), recipient must follow these rules for geospatial data:

Follow Federal Standards: All geospatial data you collect or create must meet the standards set by the Federal Geospatial Data Committee (FGDC) or the Department of the Interior. This is required by the Geospatial Data Act of 2018, which is part of Public Law 115-254, specifically in Subtitle F (Geospatial Data), sections 751-759C (codified at [43 U.S.C. §§ 2801–2811](#)).

Include Metadata: Your Geographic Information Systems (GIS) files must include complete metadata. Metadata is information that describes the data, such as where it came from, how accurate it is, and how it should be used. This is to ensure that anyone using the data understands its context and quality.

Check for Existing Data: Before you start collecting new geospatial data, you need to check GeoPlatform.gov. This is to see if there is already existing geospatial data from federal, state, local, or private sources that can meet your needs and is available for free. If such data is available, you should use it instead of gathering new data.

These rules help ensure that geospatial data is reliable, high-quality, and that resources are used efficiently.

Reporting

The recipient's Notice of Award will detail all reporting requirements, including frequency, due dates, and instructions for requesting extensions. In general, but not limited to, recipients must:

- Submit Federal Financial reports and Program Performance reports.
- Use the [Federal Financial Report \(SF-425\) form](#) for financial reporting.
- Monitor award activities and report on program performance per [2 CFR 200.329](#).
- Promptly notify the awarding program in writing of any issues, delays, or conditions impairing award objectives per [2 CFR 200.329\(e\)](#).
- Disclose any conflicts of interest related to their award that arise during the award period per [2 CFR 1402.112](#).
- Report on the status of real property acquired under the award in which the Federal government retains an interest per [2 CFR 200.330](#), and
- Report all violations of Federal criminal law involving fraud, bribery, or gratuity violations potentially affecting the Federal award per [2 CFR 200.113](#).

- Report any matters related to recipient integrity and performance to SAM.gov per [Appendix XII to 2 CFR 200](#).
- If the Federal share of the award is more than \$100,000 and the recipient makes or agrees to make any payment using non-appropriated funds for lobbying in connection to the award, disclose those activities using the Disclosure of Lobbying (SF-LLL) form per [43 CFR 18.100](#).
- Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 (FFATA) requires certain recipients to report information on executive compensation through SAM.gov and information on all sub-awards, subcontracts, and consortiums over \$30,000 to the [FFATA Subaward Reporting System \(FSRS\)](#).

Other Information

Program Requirements

- Applications for renewal or supplementation of existing projects are not eligible. Each application must be for a separate phase if it is a part of a multi-phase project, and **significant progress** must be demonstrated on prior phases to warrant additional funding. Applicants may be excluded if progress has not been demonstrated.
- Projects funded under this program constitute “undertakings” as defined by Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), as amended (54 U.S.C. 306108). Accordingly, after the grant is awarded, the National Park Service will work with the grantee to complete the consultation process for Section 106.
- Section 110 of the NHPA will apply to National Historic Landmarks.
- All projects will also be reviewed for effects under the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA).
- All work will be reviewed to ensure it meets the *Secretary of the Interior’s Standards and Guidelines for Archeology and Historic Preservation*.
- If the project is preparing a National Register nomination for a property and the owner is different from the applicant, then the applicant must include written permission from the owner to proceed with the project, including agreeing to any required easements or covenants. The Letter of Owner Consent must be submitted with the application, signed no earlier than 60 days before the application due date, and pertain to the proposed project with this particular application. Previous letters of owner consent will not be accepted.
- For archaeological surveys, provide plans for curating any artifacts recovered incidentally, including any strategies for outreach and the sharing of survey reports, research, results, etc. These will also require NEPA and NPS review prior to surveying.
- Administration costs plus indirect costs necessary to complete and administer the program cannot exceed 25% of total cost (admin and indirect combined). This limitation for the Historic Preservation Fund is by statute, 54 U.S.C. 302902. Equipment and other capital asset expenditures, such as acquisition, renovation or alteration, are unallowable as indirect costs per 2 CFR 200.439.b.7. Capital assets are defined under 2 CFR 200.1.
- All projects from application through close out must follow all requirements set out in 2 CFR 200 **including procurement requirements**.
- Within 1 year from award, projects must show substantial progress or NPS may consider recapture and reapportionment of funds.

- Extensions of performance period beyond the initial 3-year obligation period may be approved by NPS if there has been substantial progress on the project. If no substantial progress has been made, NPS may consider recapture and reapportionment of funds.

Eligible Costs

Eligible costs under this award are as described in this Notice, 2 CFR 200, and the Historic Preservation Fund Grants Manual (HPF Manual). For this program they also include:

- Review and Compliance
- Survey and Inventory
- Planning
- Cost for producing or amending a nomination to the National Register of Historic Places or Tribal Register (if applicable)
- Administrative costs necessary to complete and administer the grant requirements
- Cost for any required audits or financial requests
- Costs for public notice of grant opportunity
- Costs associated with required training or reporting
- Any other costs as determined eligible by the NPS in accordance with the OMB circulars, NPS policies, and the Historic Preservation Fund Grants Manual

What Is Not Funded

- Physical Preservation
- Construction of new buildings
- Cash reserves, endowments, revolving funds, or fund-raising costs
- Lobbying or advocacy activities
- Costs to manage the grant may not exceed 25% of the total budget per statute
- Miscellaneous costs, contingencies, reserves, and overhead
- Work to federally-owned properties
- Local Government Certification
- Preservation Tax Incentives
- Work performed prior to announcement of award, except for work associated with damage that occurred within the FEMA-declared disaster period
- Cost related to Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) activities. Funds for NAGPRA activities are available through the NPS National NAGPRA Program
- Acquisition of collections or historic sites
- Conservation of collections
- Long-term maintenance or curatorial work beyond the grant period
- Costs for work already completed or funded through other federal programs
- Costs reimbursed by FEMA or insurance are not eligible

NPS Oversight

The NPS will provide oversight of this grant project through the following NPS reviews:

- Review and approval of interim and final reporting to include compliance with 2 CFR 200.
- Review and approval for compliance with the *Secretary of the Interior's Standards and Guidelines for Archeology and Historic Preservation*.
- Review and approval for compliance with Sections 106 (54 U.S.C. § 306108) and 110f (54 U.S.C. § 306107) of the National Historic Preservation Act in coordination with the appropriate State and/or Tribal Historic Preservation Office.
- A Nationwide Programmatic Agreement (PA) regarding cultural resources grants and financial assistance programs has been developed to streamline the review of undertakings described in grant proposals ([Nationwide Programmatic Agreement signed on July 12, 2024](#)). Review will be carried out in accordance with the Nationwide PA, as applicable.
- Review and approval for compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).
- Any other reviews as determined by the NPS based on program needs or financial/programmatic risk factors (i.e. draft National Register nomination if required, etc.).