

**2026 HISTORIC PRESERVATION GRANT  
ELIGIBLE AND INELIGIBLE APPLICANTS AND EXPENSES**

**Eligible Applicants**

Non-profit organizations and municipalities in Monmouth County, without regard to the entity's size or budget.

**Ineligible Applicants**

Applicants that have at year-end an outstanding Commission grant older than two years. In other words, when applying for a 2026 grant, an applicant will not be eligible for a grant if a Commission grant for years 2023 or earlier is still outstanding on December 31, 2025.

**Eligible Projects**

Preservation, restoration, or rehabilitation of publicly accessible historic structures (usually 50 years or more) in Monmouth County are eligible. The program covers structural work, commonly referred to as "bricks and mortar" projects.

Cost of materials for "bricks and mortar" type construction and wages of skilled workers are allowable expenses.

**Ineligible Expenses and Projects**

- Paving, infrastructure repairs or enhancements, including but not limited to HVAC (heating, ventilation, or air conditioning), plumbing, electrical work, access modifications, or security changes.
- Feasibility studies or applications that are for reimbursement of architectural, engineering, or other consulting fees.
- Projects where work that has already started are not eligible, although consideration may be given to the later phases of multiple-part projects, where larger undertakings have been divided into separate projects.
- Submissions from federal or state agencies, although "friends groups" or similar organizations of such agencies that have conservation responsibilities are eligible.
- Operational expenses, including salaries and other costs related to an applicant's historic work, including exhibits, collection purchases, research and publications. (These expenses are eligible for our History Regrant Program funding).
- Furniture, fixtures, appliances, carpeting, AV, computer, and other equipment.
- Active houses of worship or any building or structure owned by a religious organization.