



Preservation Grants

North Carolina
Preservation Consortium

Grant Program Overview

- NCPC grant application consists of:
 - Application form
 - Supporting documents (project budget, staff resumes, etc.)
 - One letter of support from an outside organization or individual
- Maximum award is \$2,000
- Application deadline is March 15th (**extended to April 15th in 2024**)
- Applications are reviewed by the Grants committee; committee makes recommendations to NCPC Board
- NCPC Board evaluates recommendations, asks questions, etc.; vote is taken to approve recommendations
- Applicants are notified between May and June (depending on Board meeting schedule)

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Qualifying Projects

- Preservation Assessments
- Conservation Assessments
- Preservation Consultations
- Preservation Project Work
- Environmental Monitoring Equipment
- Storage Furniture and Enclosures
- Tools and Equipment for Repair and Conservation
- Conservation of Collections
- Reformatting or digitization
- Education and Training
- Multiple Projects

What Is Not Funded

- No portion of an NCPC grant may be used for any indirect costs of the collection institution or the parent organization. Indirect costs may include:
 - Facilities
 - Administration
 - Overhead

Who is the NCPC Grant Committee?

- Committee members are individual NCPC members, or staff from institutional members
- Committee members have preservation and/or conservation expertise and understand project management, budgeting, staffing, etc.

<https://ncpreservation.org/about/committees>

NCPC Grant Application Sections

- Cover page
- Institutional information
- Building information
- Project information
 - Project plan
 - Project budget
 - Project participant resumes
 - Letters of support

The Successful Grant: What Does the Committee Look For?

- Applicant followed directions
- Application packet is complete
- Well thought out project plan and reasonable timeline
- Detailed project budget that makes sense; include relevant links to vendor information
- Well-chosen consultants; multiple bids for work if appropriate
- Evidence that you have done your homework
- Evidence that this is an impactful project

The Successful Grant: What Does the Committee Look For?

- A strong letter of support for the project that states:
 - Who the recommender is (submit on letterhead if appropriate)
 - Their relationship to the organization
 - Their relationship to the item/collection/project
 - Why this project matters
 - The impact this project will have to the organization and/or the community it serves

The letter should go beyond “Trust me, it’s important”

Remember: Letters of support cannot come from within the institution that is applying for the grant.

Notice of Grant Application Status

- Applicants are notified by NCPC Executive Director whether a grant will or will not be awarded.
- Awardees: Getting the grant is **not** the end of the grant process
 - Submit signed “Responsibilities of Preservation Grant Recipient” document
 - Do what you said you would do, in the timeframe you said you would do it
 - Keep NCPC informed of progress
 - Inform NCPC of any changes to project that would impact the completion of the grant
 - Submit a project report (can be in the form of a press release/newsletter article)

Notice of Grant Application Status

- If your application isn't funded:
 - “No” doesn't mean “never”; you can reapply next year for same project or a different project
 - If you did not receive a grant it may not mean there was something wrong with the application. It may simply mean there were many strong applications and difficult choices had to be made.
 - Consider asking for feedback, “What would make this a stronger request?”

General Rules for Applying for Grants of Any Kind

- Look broadly for funding agencies, especially for smaller projects
- Choose the grant that matches your project
- Give yourself time to research, write and submit documents
- Read through and understand the application, accounting and reporting requirements
- Gather all required information before beginning to fill out the paperwork
- Follow all guidelines and directions

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General Rules for Applying for Grants of Any Kind

- Answer every question
- Attach every requested document; don't give more or less documentation than what is asked for
- Check spelling and grammar; check again
- Have someone who hasn't seen the document read it through for errors and for comprehension
- Be sure to sign and date the document
- Double check that you have included all requested information, filled in all the blanks, checked all the boxes, etc.

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General Rules for Applying for Grants of Any Kind

- Send the application in the document format requested (paper copy, PDF, MS Word, etc.)
- If there is a review option prior to submission, take advantage of it
- Know the application deadline and plan to get it there at least 1-2 days in advance of the deadline

NCPC Preservation
Grant Deadline
March 15th



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