

### **Subgrant Program Information:**

In honor of the 250th anniversary of the United States of America, the Preservation Alliance of West Virginia announces **\$500,000** in special grant funding through the **Frontier to Statehood Preservation Fund**. This historic preservation grant program is dedicated to the rehabilitation and adaptive or continued use of **certified historic buildings constructed as of 1871** – when, in a case called *Virginia v. West Virginia (1871)*, the U.S. Supreme Court recognized the legitimacy of the creation of the state of West Virginia in 1863.

Grant funds will support up to ten grant awards for the preservation and restoration of buildings that tell the story of colonial settlement in the Appalachian Mountains, the American Revolution, and the road to statehood, with a focus on creating, advancing, and/or sustaining service/amenity providers and cultural heritage tourism destinations in West Virginia. All properties must be individually listed on the National Register of Historic Places or included as a contributing structure in a National Register Historic District. Grant funding is made possible through the Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization Grant via the National Park Service, United States Department of the Interior.

This is a competitive grant program open to members of the public. Eligible applicants include:

- Nonprofit organizations
- Private individuals and businesses
- State and local governmental agencies
- Educational institutions
- Religious entities

Applicants may apply for up to \$100,000 in funding to support physical preservation of buildings with an original construction date up to 1871. Eligible activities include:

- Foundation treatment
- Roof replacement and repair
- Masonry repair and repointing
- Window and/or door rehabilitation
- Log structure's treatment and stabilization
- Interior renovations (no furnishings, carpeting, appliances)
- Accessibility updates
- Mechanical/electrical updates

All work must comply with the *Secretary of the Interior's Standards and Guidelines for Archeology and Historic Preservation*, and all projects shall adhere to all applicable Federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and codes such as the National Historic Preservation Act and local historic preservation ordinance, if one exists.

This grant cannot be used retroactively for pre-award costs. No work can begin on the project prior to the grant award and approval from the National Park Service.

In determining project eligibility and ranking applications, the Committee will prioritize projects:

- Involving a cultural heritage tourism destination open to the public
- Improving a building used for important services and amenities, such as recreation, libraries, schools, community centers, cemeteries, public buildings, etc.
- Demonstrating a 25% nonfederal cash and/or in-kind match for the grant project total, construction readiness, and widespread local support.
  - For example: if the grant project total is \$100,000, then the funding request would be \$75,000 and the nonfederal match total would need to be \$25,000.
  - In-kind match can be materials and labor from an approved contractor and volunteers. In-kind labor from the contractor can be determined by the contractor's hourly rate while the volunteer in-kind rate is \$29.13. There needs to be documentation proving fair market value for all material and supply donations.

### **Additional Program Requirements:**

1. All grant projects must follow OMB regulations [2 CFR 200](#) and the Historic Preservation Fund Manual.
2. All projects will be reviewed and approved for compliance with Sections 106 (54 USC 306108) and 110f (54 USC 306107) of the National Historic Preservation Act in coordination with the West Virginia State Historic Preservation Office.
  - a. Projects involving National Historic Landmarks require additional documentation prior to the beginning of grant-assisted work. This includes documentation such as site plans, maps, and specific digital images. If selected for a subgrant, the PAWV grant officer will work with you on these requirements, and they are not due at the time of the application submission.
3. All projects will be reviewed and approved for compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).
4. All projects must post project signage to notify the public of federal and PAWV involvement. PAWV will provide signage to the subgrantee.
5. All property owners must enter into a preservation covenant in order to receive grant funds. All preservation covenants must be executed by registering it with the deed of the property. The covenant requires the owner and any successor in interest (for the period of the covenant) to assume the cost of the continued operation, maintenance and repair of the Property so as to preserve the architectural, historical, or archaeological integrity of the same in order to protect and enhance those qualities that made the Property eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. Nothing in this Protective Covenant shall prohibit the owner from seeking financial assistance from any other source available to it.

- a. A preservation covenant must be executed for a five-year agreement period for grant awards \$50,000 and under.
  - b. For grant awards between \$50,001 - \$100,000, the preservation covenant will be for a 10-year agreement period.
  - c. If the property owner already has a historic preservation covenant with the WV State Historic Preservation Office, indicate that on the application response. If the historic property is currently subject to a preservation covenant that meets the federal requirements, an amendment shall be executed for an additional duration to meet the requirements of this award funding. For example, if a property had 5 years remaining on a previous 20-year easement and receives a \$100,000 grant, an amendment to add 5 years would be required.
  - d. If the historic property is currently protected by a perpetual or other non-HPF induced preservation easement or covenant that meets or exceeds federal requirements as determined by NPS, no additional duration or amendments are necessary.
6. All projects must be in compliance with the 1990 Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the Architectural Barriers Act (ABA). Work done to alter the property should be in compliance with all applicable regulations and guidance.

### **Grant Submission Timeline & Requirements:**

Grant applications are due by 5pm on Friday, July 31, 2026.

Applicants must submit a complete application and all required materials (outlined below) for evaluation by the PAWV Grant Review Committee. The Committee will review and score proposals, advancing funding recommendations to the PAWV Board of Directors for consideration at an August board meeting. Final approval of all awards must be made by the National Park Service.

PAWV plans to announce awards by October 2026. Once awards are announced, PAWV will conduct a site visit at all grant sites and work with subgrantees to begin the competitive procurement process for contractors. PAWV will submit the contractor's estimates and scope of work proposed to the National Park Service to gain their approval and in order to conduct the Section 106 and NEPA reviews, which can take up to 90 days. PAWV anticipates physical preservation work will be able to commence in early 2027; weather dependent for each site.

Applications should be emailed to [info@pawv.org](mailto:info@pawv.org) or mailed applications will be accepted if arrangements are made with PAWV staff prior to the due date. Contact [info@pawv.org](mailto:info@pawv.org) or 304-642-0693 to inquire about this option.

Grant applications will require the following:

- Completed and signed application form

- 3 letters of support for the project
- 5-10 recent photos of the project and areas of need
- Copy of a recent bank statement or bank account record (within 30 days) showing the applicant has adequate financial resources to pay for any upfront costs of the project
- A completed project budget worksheet (Excel file)
- Estimates provided within the last 90 days for proposed work. Estimates must be submitted on company letterhead and should also reference the company's experience or ability to comply with the *Secretary of the Interior's Standards and Guidelines for Archeology and Historic Preservation*
- If applicable, submit architectural drawings, engineering specifications, or master plans for your proposed project. (These can be submitted as separate .pdf documents.)

For questions or if you need assistance completing this application, please email [info@pawv.org](mailto:info@pawv.org) or call 304-642-0693.

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