



Pennsylvania Historical &  
Museum Commission

Keystone Historic  
Preservation Grant Program

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# Support History Across PA



# PHMC Programs: How Can We Help You?

**Marking Historic Places** – Historical Markers & National Register of Historic Places

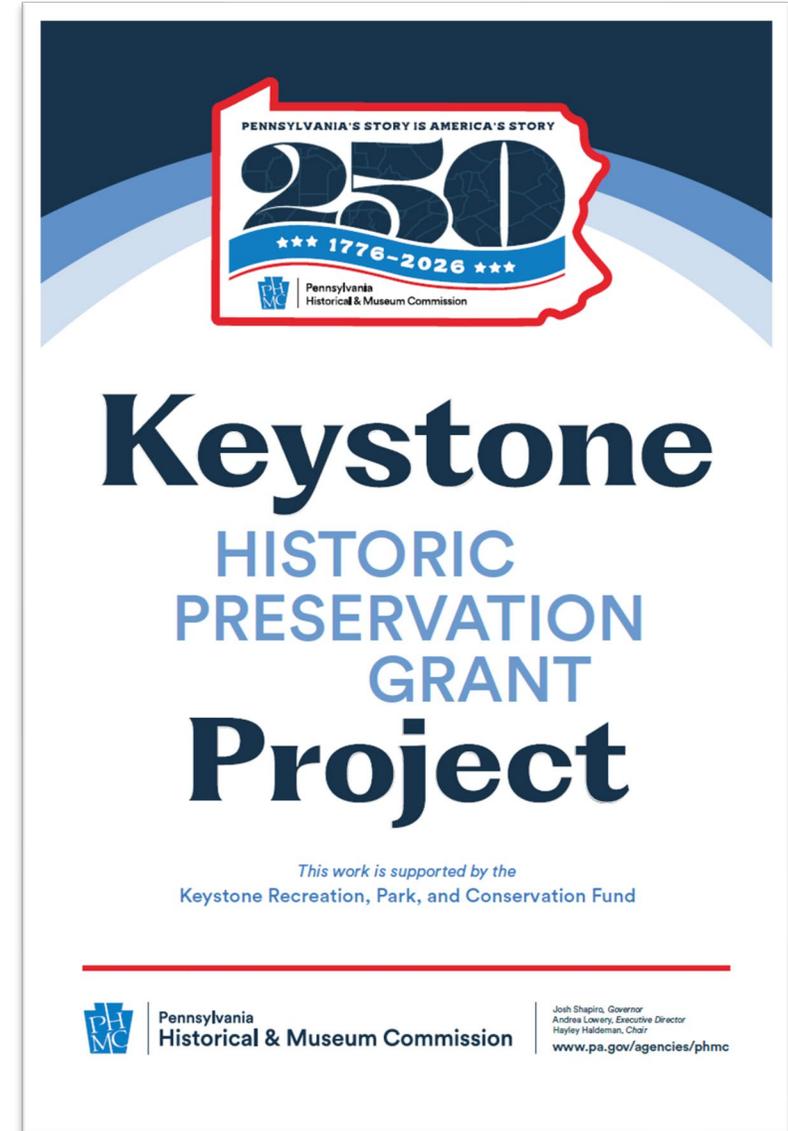
**Incentives** – Historic Preservation Tax Credits, Keystone Preservation Grants, Cultural and Historical Support Grants, Historical and Archival Records Care Grants

**Technical Assistance** – Archives, SHPO



# Keystone Historic Preservation Grants

- Keystone Recreation, Park and Conservation Fund
- Dedicated revenue stream
- Capital improvements at PHMC-owned museums
- Two categories of support
  - Construction projects
  - Planning projects
- Public grant allocation
  - FY 2025-2026 = \$2 Million



The poster features a dark blue background with a light blue curved band. At the top center is a red-outlined map of Pennsylvania containing the text "PENNSYLVANIA'S STORY IS AMERICA'S STORY", the large number "250", and "★★ 1776-2026 ★★". Below the map is the PHMC logo and the text "Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission". The main title "Keystone HISTORIC PRESERVATION GRANT Project" is centered in large, bold, dark blue font. Below the title, it says "This work is supported by the Keystone Recreation, Park, and Conservation Fund". At the bottom, there is a red horizontal line, followed by the PHMC logo and name on the left, and a list of names (Josh Shapiro, Governor; Andrea Lowery, Executive Director; Hayley Haldeeman, Chair) and the website "www.pa.gov/agencies/phmc" on the right.

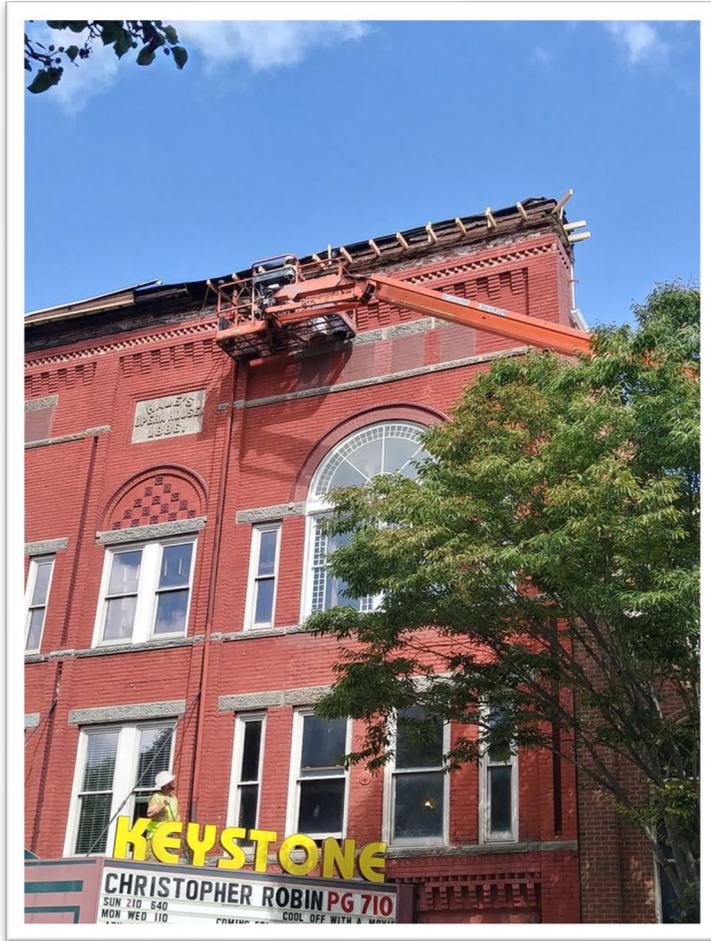
# Keystone Grant Program Purpose

- Capital preservation projects
- Beyond cyclical maintenance
- Focus on rehabilitation, preservation and restoration projects
- Develop preservation trades workforce
- Assist historic building stewardship
- Increase interpretation and education
- Increase public visitation and enjoyment of historic places



Contractors from Allied Millworks Historic Harmony Museum Windows  
Harmony Borough, Butler County

# Keystone Historic Preservation Grants



Keystone Theatre  
Bradford County Regional Arts Council  
Towanda, Bradford County

- Nonprofit organizations [501(c)3] and public agencies that own or support a publicly accessible historic property:
  - Colleges and Universities
  - Conservancies
  - Historic preservation organizations
  - Historical societies
  - Museums
  - Religious institutions
- Local governments
- PHMC associated properties, state and federally operated properties, libraries\*, for-profit organizations, and individuals **are not eligible**

# Additional Eligibility Provisions

- Incorporated for at least five years
- National Register of Historic Places
- Construction Applicants:
  - Open and accessible to the public on a regular basis, not less than 100 days per year.
  - If not currently accessible, provide detailed plans to open the property to the public as a result of the grant.



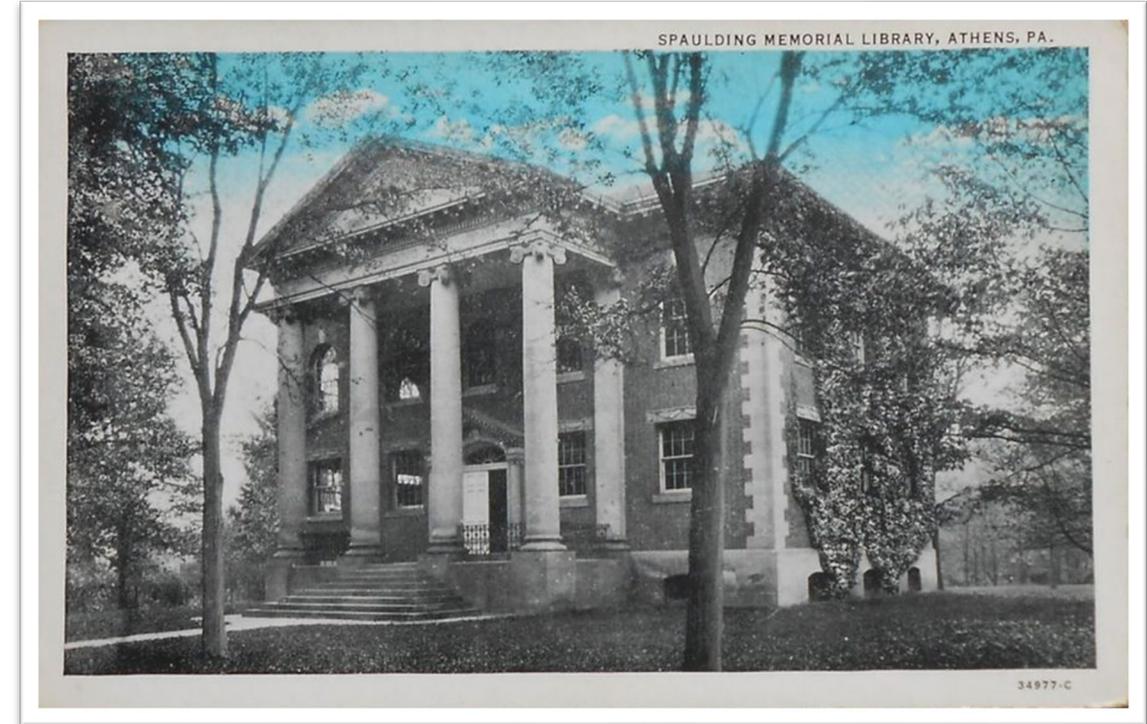
Franklin County Historical Society  
Chambersburg, Franklin County

# National Register of Historic Places

Property **must be** listed in or determined eligible for the National Register of Historic Places

Confirm NR status and associated PA-SHARE Resource Number

- Log into our PA-SHARE system  
<https://share.phmc.pa.gov/pashare/landing>
- [Tutorial on Searching for Historic Property](https://www.pa.gov/en/agencies/phmc/pashare/help-materials.html)  
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Spaulding Memorial Library  
Tioga Point Museum  
Athens, Bradford County

# Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties

- The Standards are a set of ten guidelines designed to identify and preserve character-defining features of a historic building
- All proposed work must be reviewed and approved by PHMC staff prior to construction
- May need to negotiate scope of work to bring project into compliance with Standards



Susquehanna County Historical Society  
Montrose, Susquehanna County

<https://www.nps.gov/tps/standards.html>

# Construction Category

- Publicly accessible buildings
- Comply with the Secretary of the Interior's *Standards*
- Requests **\$5,000 to \$100,000**
- Require a 50/50 **CASH** match
- PA Prevailing Wage Act
- Preservation Agreement/ Covenant



Susquehanna County Courthouse  
Montrose, Susquehanna County

# Ineligible Activities

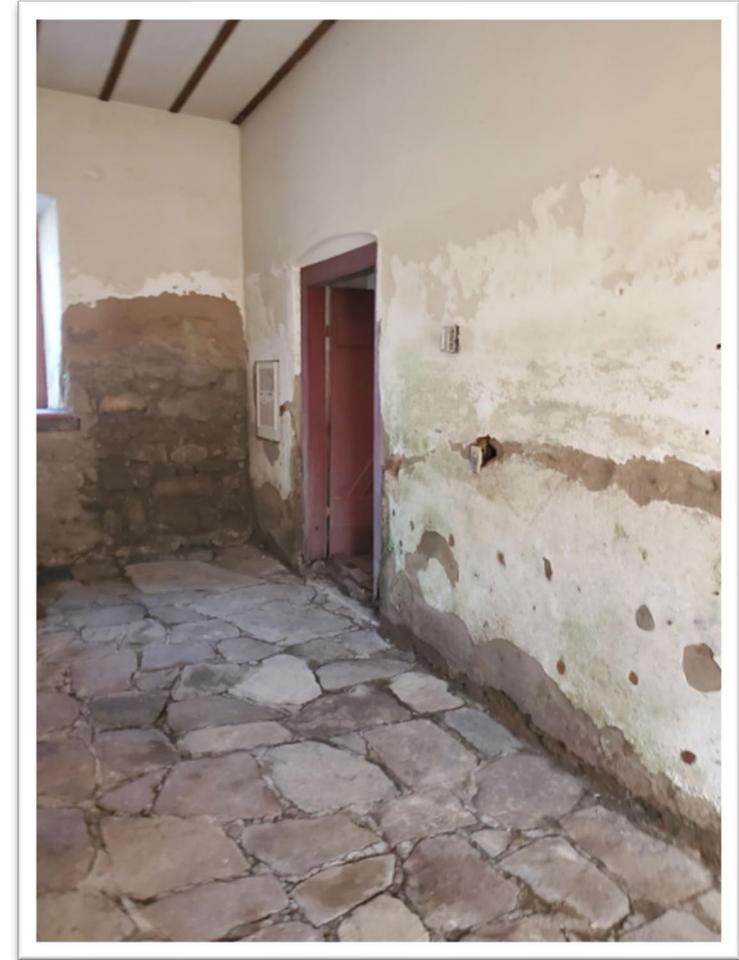
- New construction
- Reconstruction
- Routine or cyclical maintenance
- Sitework of non-historic features such as parking, sidewalks, plantings
- Archaeological excavation
- Predevelopment work
- Property acquisition



Fort Halifax Archaeological Investigations  
Dauphin County

# Planning Projects Category

- Uses separate application
- Requests **\$5,000 to \$25,000**
- Require a 50/50 **CASH** match
- Planning and pre-development activities



1761 Tannery Water Infiltration Study  
Bethlehem, Northampton County

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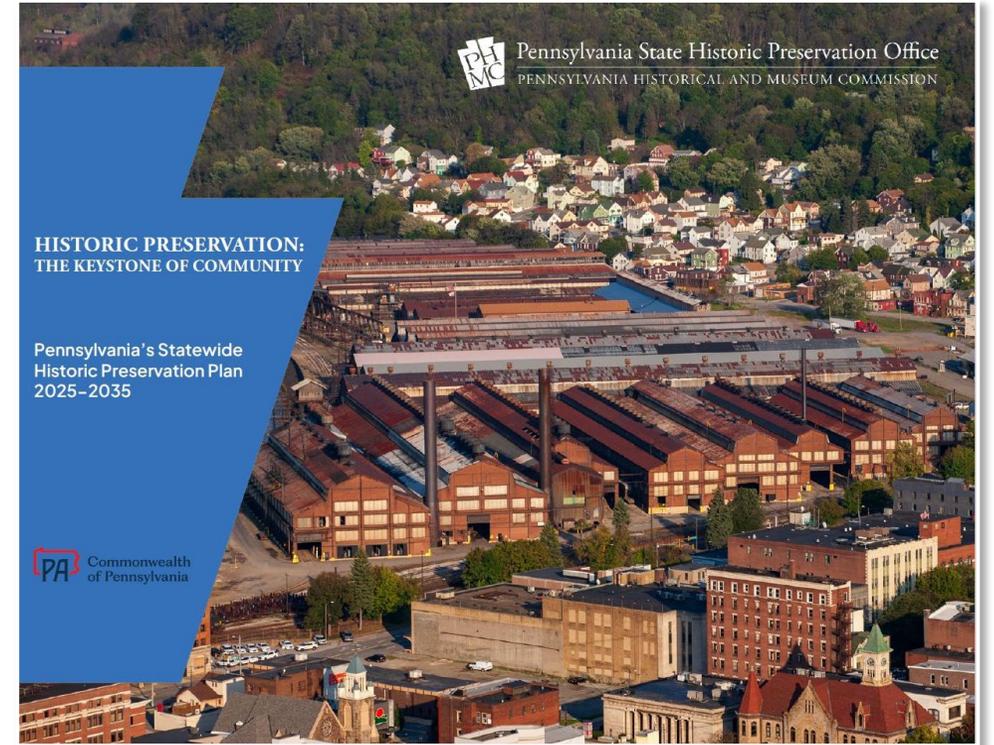
- National Register nominations
- Archaeology projects
- Planning projects – stewardship
  - Plans and specifications
  - Conditions assessments
- Planning projects – community
  - Preservation plans
  - Design guidelines
- Cultural resource survey



Fonthill Springhouse  
Doylestown Township, Bucks County

# PHMC Funding Priorities

- Visible
- Significant Properties
- Preservation and restoration activities
- Public support and benefit
- Celebrate the America250 themes
  - AASLH's [Making History at 250: The Field Guide for the Semiquincentennial](#)
- Statewide Preservation Plan connection
  - Find the plan on PHMC's website:  
<https://www.pa.gov/agencies/phmc/historic-preservation/about-historic-preservation/statewide-historic-preservation-plan.html>



Historic Preservation: The Keystone of Community  
Pennsylvania's Statewide Historic Preservation Plan, 2025-2035

# State Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Grant Period

- 1 Application Deadline - March 2, 2026 at 11:59 PM
- 2 Award Notification – June 5, 2026
- 3 Project Start Date – September 1, 2026
- 4 Project End Date – September 30, 2028

# Additional Help for Keystone Applicants

*PHMC Website* <https://www.pa.gov/agencies/phmc.html>

Select Pennsylvania State Historic Preservation Office» Grants

*YouTube Videos* [www.youtube.com/user/PaTrailsofHistory](http://www.youtube.com/user/PaTrailsofHistory)

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*DECED ESA Website* <https://grants.pa.gov/Login.aspx>  
*Enterprise eGrant Customer* (833) 448-0647 [egrantshelp@pa.gov](mailto:egrantshelp@pa.gov)  
*Service* New Hours – 7:00 AM – 6:00 PM

*Program Fact Sheet* Located on the gray navigation bar in application

*PA-SHARE Help* <https://www.pa.gov/agencies/phmc/pa-share.html>  
[pashare@pa.gov](mailto:pashare@pa.gov)

Thank you from the

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Web: [pa.gov/agencies/phmc/historic-preservation.html](http://pa.gov/agencies/phmc/historic-preservation.html)



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