Preserving Black Churches Grant Fund

National Trust for Historic Preservation

Organization

Please read our guidelines and eligibility requirements before completing the LOI. If you have any questions while completing your LOI, contact the Grants Office at grants@savingplaces.org.

Applicants may apply for one of five categories: Capital Project, Endowment and Financial Sustainability, Organizational Capacity and Operations, Programming and Interpretation, or Project Planning. Read the full guidelines for the program here.

Grants from Preserving Black Churches will range from $50,000 to $200,000.

Letters of intent for the program are due September 2, 2022 by 11:59 pm your local time zone. Any LOIs submitted after that time will not be reviewed.

All character counts do include spaces.

Please add administrator@grantinterface.com and grants@savingplaces.org to your address book to ensure you receive all email messages related to your grant application.

Please answer the following questions about your organization or congregation.

Main Contact*
Character Limit: 250

Main Contact Email*
Character Limit: 250

Senior Clergy (If different from Main Contact)
Character Limit: 250

Applicant's Tax Status*
Is the applicant a nonprofit organization or a public agency?
Choices
A nonprofit organization
A public agency

If the applicant is a nonprofit
Has the organization been classified as a tax-exempt organization pursuant to Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code?
Choices
Yes
No
Pending
N/A (City, town, government agency)

IRS Letter of Determination
If you are a nonprofit, please upload your IRS letter of determination here.
If the organization is not a 501(c)(3)
What is the organization’s current tax status?
Character Limit: 400

Previous National Trust Engagement
Please summarize any recent engagement your organization has had with the National Trust such as participating in trainings, receiving grant funding (National Fund for Sacred Places, Preservation Fund, African American Cultural Heritage Action Fund) or any close collaborations with National Trust staff or programs.
Character Limit: 500

Church Affiliation*
Please indicate the current or historic religious affiliation of the historic Black church.

Choices
African Methodist Episcopal Church (AME)
African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church (AMEZ),
Baptist Church
Christian Methodist Episcopal Church (CME)
Church of God in Christ (COGIC)
Episcopal Church
Lutheran Church
United Methodist Church
Presbyterian Church
Catholic Church
Non-denominational
Other

Community Engagement
How does your church/organization interact with your local community? For example, do you share space in your church with other local groups? Are programs and events in your church open to the community? Do you have any long-standing relationships with other organizations in your community?
Character Limit: 1000

Project

Project Name*
Please include a short, descriptive project title. The title should include name of historic Black church e.g., Roof Repair for XYZ Church, Executive Director for ABC Organization
Character Limit: 100

Brief Project Description*
Please provide a brief project description. This is your succinct, persuasive “elevator pitch” and should only be a few sentences. You will have an opportunity to include more details below.
Character Limit: 250
Church History and Significance*
Please include information about the church building/site including its history, significance to African American history and culture, and its current use. If the site is designated at the local, state, or national level, include that information here.
*Character Limit: 700

Amount Requested*
Total amount requested from the Preserving Black Churches Fund. Grants made from the Fund will range from $50,000 to $200,000, based on the project type. See the guidelines for details.
*Character Limit: 20

Estimated Project Costs*
What do you estimate your total project cost will be?
*Character Limit: 20

Project Start Date*
*Character Limit: 10

Project End Date*
*Character Limit: 10

Partnerships*
Please provide information on any partnerships you have developed related to this project. Include details on who the partners are and their role in the project.
*Character Limit: 1000

Project Type*
Please select your project type from the list below. Note that an organization can submit multiple requests but you must submit separate LOI forms for each project. Only one project will be funded per round per organization. For details on each project type, visit our guidelines.

Choices
Capital Project
Endowment and Financial Sustainability
Organizational Capacity Building
Programming and Interpretation
Project Planning

Capital Project

Capital Project Description*
Please describe the project you are seeking funding for. This section must include the proposed scope of work and the desired outcomes. For more information on what is and is not eligible for Capital funding please visit our guidelines.
*Character Limit: 1000

Capital Planning Work*
What planning work has been completed for the project/site? This can be things such as a historic structures report, a preservation plan, architectural drawings, etc. Please describe details on any planning work that has been completed or is underway, including the date when completed and who completed the work.
**Endowment and Financial Sustainability**

**Existing Maintenance Endowment**
Does your church/organization have an existing maintenance endowment?

**Choices**
- Yes
- No

**Endowment established**
If yes, when was the fund established?

**Endowment Value**
What is the current value of the endowment principle?

**Fundraising Capacity**
Please provide information on any fundraising and capacity building planning completed to support the creation or sustainment of a maintenance endowment. Have any funds been raised for the project? Please include the name of any fundraising consultants or firms enlisted to support your campaign. You will be asked to provide a recent fundraising/capital campaign plan in the full application.

**Annual Maintenance Cost**
What is the total annual maintenance cost for your organization/church?

**Source of Matching Funds**
This funding category requires a 1:1 match. Please describe the current or potential sources for your match, including amounts and sources, and whether they are in-hand, pledged, or anticipated.

**Organizational Capacity Building and Operations**

**Organizational Capacity Project Description**
Please describe the project you are seeking funding for, including your existing operational needs and preservation priorities. For more information on eligible expenses for Organizational Capacity funding please visit our guidelines.

**Applicant's Current Preservation Work**
Please provide details on how the proposed use of grant funds will advance your organization's mission and ability to manage preservation priorities.
**Programming and Interpretation**

**Programming Project Description***
Please describe the project you are seeking funding for. This section must include the proposed scope of work and the desired outcomes. For more information on eligible expenses for Programming and Interpretation projects please read our guidelines.

*Character Limit: 1000*

**Project Planning**

**Planning Project Description***
Please describe the project you are seeking funding for. This section must include the proposed scope of work and the desired outcomes. For more information on eligible expenses for Planning funds, please read our guidelines.

*Character Limit: 1000*

**Historic Resource Information**
The location information requested in this section will be used for mapping purposes. If the project involves multiple resources or a historic district, please skip the street address question and provide only the city, state, and zip code details below. If the project involves multiple cities or states, please use the text box below to provide location details.

**Name of Historic Resource**
*Character Limit: 100*

**Historic Resource: Street Address**
*Character Limit: 100*

**Historic Resource: City**
*Character Limit: 25*

**Historic Resource: State (Two Letter Abbreviation)**
*Character Limit: 2*

**Historic Resource: Zip Code**
*Character Limit: 5*

**Additional Location Information**
If the project involves multiple resources or does not have a street address, please provide relevant location information here.

*Character Limit: 250*

**Property Ownership**
If the project involves a historic resource and the applicant does not own the property then describe the owner’s involvement with the project below. Use the file upload box below to upload a letter of consent from the owner indicating that they consent to this project taking place.

*Character Limit: 500 | File Size Limit: 1 MB*
**Congregation Information**

Answer the following questions if your project involves a historic Black church with an active congregation.

**Community Demographics**
Briefly describe the socioeconomic and ethnic makeup of the communities you serve.

*Character Limit: 1000*

**Congregation Size**

*Choices*
- Small (less than 100)
- Medium (101-500)
- Large (501+)

**Average Weekly Attendance**
On average, how many individuals attended worship services on your primary day of worship during the last year and/or received services from programming and outreach? If you have more than one service, use the sum of all services (answer must be numeric).

*Character Limit: 250*

**Annual Church Income**

*Character Limit: 20*

**Annual Church Expenses**

*Character Limit: 20*

**Photos**

Please upload at least two photos. If your project involves work on a specific building or site, please include a photo that shows a current overall view. If your project is for organizational capacity, please upload photos that are representative of your organization’s work.

**Photo #1**

*File Size Limit: 2 MB*

**Photo #2**

*File Size Limit: 2 MB*

**Photo #3**

*File Size Limit: 2 MB*

**Photo Credits**

Please upload a word document listing what the photo is of and who took the photo.

*File Size Limit: 1 MB*
Applicant Certification

Provide the name and title of the authorized official submitting this application for a Preserving Black Churches Grant. The authorized official must be a representative of the applicant organization who has the authority to sign legally binding documents on behalf of the organization e.g., an executive board officer (i.e. President) or an executive staff member with signatory authority (i.e. Executive Director or CFO).

By entering in their name below, the authorized official gives the National Trust for Historic Preservation (the Funder) the absolute and unqualified right to use in whole or in part, in whatever manner the National Trust may desire, including (but not limited to) use for publicity, audio-visual presentation, and/or promotion, all photographs, video, and other materials submitted as part of this grant application, and certifies that the information contained in this application is true and correct to the best of their knowledge.

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4. You represent and warrant that: a. you are the sole owner of, or otherwise have the authority to grant, all rights herein granted to the Funder and b. the work(s) submitted does not infringe upon any copyright, trademark, or other proprietary right, violate any right of privacy, or contain libelous, scandalous, or unlawful material.

Certification*
Are you a duly authorized representative of the applicant?

Choices
Yes
No

Name*
Character Limit: 100

Title*
Character Limit: 100