



To: Heritage Preservation Commission
From: Justin Fortney, City Planner
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Item: Legacy Grants

HPC Memorandum

HPC Action Requested:

Some Commissioners wanted to discuss opportunities for future outreach grants from the MNHS (Minnesota Historical Society)

Background Information:

The City of Hastings has obtained nearly 30 of these grants in the past for many projects. Many of the 30 are from training grants for staff and Commissioners to attend classes, and conferences. A list of some of the projects is below:

- Pioneer Room archivers and projects
- Historic resource studies of properties that appear to have significance, but little is known of them
- Designation studies
- Small projects, publications, etc. We applied for a few in the past few years that have been denied, some Pioneer room projects, Historic district signage.

When Minnesota voters passed the Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment in 2008, the state legislature created the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund, a portion of which was appropriated to the Minnesota Historical Society for history-related projects around the state that provide “enduring value for the cause of history and historic preservation.” The next deadline is April 9, 2021.

The following categories may be eligible for funding (with more specific examples [here](#)):

Oral History

Research and Writing

Interpretive Programs and Public Education

Publications

Collections Care and Management

General Conservation Assessment and Long-Range Preservation Plan

Historical Organization Self-Assessment Using StEPs

Museum and Archives Environments

Planning For Redesign of Museum Lighting

Develop a Disaster Plan

Digital Conversion and Reproduction

Acquire Primary Resources on Microfilm

Acquire Microfilm Reader/Printer/Scanners
Minnesota Bookshelf
Scholarship to National Conference Hosted in Minnesota
Archaeological Collections Assessment
Museum Security Survey
HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROJECTS
National Register Property Evaluation
National Register and Local Designation
Historic Preservation Planning
Historic Preservation Survey, Identification, and Evaluation
Historic Properties

There are also some other categories including:

Partnership Grants (pre-apps due Jan 24)

Where a pair of applicants must have:

- 1) an active, vested interest in the program or partnership development
- 2) contribute in some tangible way to accomplishing the goals
- 3) have a common mission or purpose, and 4) all will benefit from the grant-funded work.

State Capital Projects Grants-in-Aid (brick and mortar projects)

Currently not funded by the State