

Dear Barn Owner,

Thank you for your interest in the Historic Barn Assessment Grant Program sponsored by the New Hampshire Preservation Alliance in conjunction with the Division of Historical Resources, and the NH Historic Agricultural Structures Advisory Committee. The goal of these competitive matching grants is to help save our state's fast-disappearing agricultural heritage by offering support for professional consultations to help barn owners *learn what needs to be done* to stabilize, repair or re-use these irreplaceable historic structures. These grants can go towards assessments only, not toward repairs.

Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis, and you will learn of our decision within 90 days.

The Grant Program provides matching funds for a barn restoration expert to comprehensively assess your structure's needs and issue you an in-depth report. This assessment can help address immediate stabilization issues, general care and upkeep, re-use strategies, budgeting, and a long-term revitalization plan, depending on your needs. **Assessments are \$500; please request either a \$400 or \$250 grant to be paid by the Alliance. Grant winners must pay the balance.**

The grants will be offered on a competitive basis to barn owners involved in saving or re-using historic barns, and to non-profit or community owned barns. Grants are limited to barns and other agricultural outbuildings, with the emphasis on barns. Additional consideration will be given to barns still in agricultural use. The structure must be within New Hampshire, and be at least fifty years of age or of exceptional significance. Other criteria for grant selection include:

- historical and architectural significance of the structure;
- threat to the structure's existence;
- current and prospective uses of the building;
- visibility of the structure to the community;
- community support for the preservation of the structure;
- the viability of the structure.

In order to apply for a grant, you must complete the application and the enclosed barn survey from the NH Division of Historical Resources. We are providing grants at two levels - a \$250 level, and a \$400 level. **Please choose a level based on what you feel you can afford.** If you are a winner, you will be asked to send your match of either \$100 or \$250 to the Preservation Alliance unless other arrangements are made. We will assign a consultant from our list of skilled practitioners, or you may submit a consultant of your choice for approval. In addition, we ask that you provide us with a brief report on the use of the grant within three months of receiving the consultant's final report.

If you have any questions along the way, please feel free to contact Beverly Thomas, Program Associate, at (603) 224-2281. Good Luck!

The New Hampshire Preservation Alliance, the state's non-profit historic preservation group, is dedicated to the preservation of historic buildings, communities and landscapes through leadership, education and advocacy. Generous funding for the Historic Barn Assessment Grant Program comes from the NH Division of Historical Resources, the Samuel P. Pardoe Foundation, and the Mosaic Fund and anonymous donors.

HISTORIC BARN ASSESSMENT GRANT APPLICATION

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Town: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Address of structure, if different: _____

Date of construction: _____

Grant level applied for: \$400 (you pay \$100) \$250 (you pay \$250)

PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS ON A SEPARATE SHEET.

PLEASE BE SPECIFIC.

- 1) Please describe the type of structure, and its original intended use.
- 2) Is there any National or State recognition of your barn (National Register, or local historic district)?
- 3) Describe briefly the historical significance of the structure.
- 4) Describe any community support for the preservation of the structure, such as its role as an important local landmark.
- 5) What are your future plans for the use of the structure?
- 6) Is the structure threatened in any way? If so, how?
- 7) What are your reasons for applying for the grant?

Your completed application should contain all of the following.

Incomplete applications cannot be considered.

- This application form with answers attached.
- Farm Reconnaissance Form (NH DHR Survey) and attached sketch map of farm showing main house, main barn, etc.
- Photographs (hard copies. No slides, no electronic files) showing the building, the major features of the structure, its relation to other buildings, and any visible damage (5 or more pictures encouraged). Please note: The NH Preservation Alliance reserves the right to use submitted photographs in organizational print and on-line publications; photographs will not be returned.

Please return the completed application to:

New Hampshire Preservation Alliance

ATTN: Barn Grant Application

P.O. Box 268

Concord, NH 03302-0268

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