

PHW Micro Grants Program

Statement of Purpose:

The Micro Grant Program was created to further PHW's mission statement "to participate in the preservation, restoration, rehabilitation, and ownership of sites, buildings, structures, and objects significant to the cultural, social, political, economic, and architectural history of the Winchester, Virginia area."

The Micro Grant Program is intended to fill a financial gap in support for homeowners to maintain their historic residences. The grant is intended as a one-time payment to subsidize repairs, maintenance, or restoration of missing historic features on the exteriors of buildings. PHW plans to offer grant cycles twice a year, with deadlines on January 31 and June 30. Available funds will vary year to year.

Principles Guiding the Grant Program:

The Micro Grant Program is intended for:

- Owner-occupied residences located within Winchester's National Register Historic District
- Structures owned by nonprofit, religious or educational institutions
- Work that will preserve, restore, or maintain the exterior of the building (preference given to public right-of-way view improvements)
- Extra weight will be granted to buildings that were bought and resold through PHW's Jennings Revolving Fund.

The Micro Grant Program is NOT intended for:

- Landscaping
- Interior maintenance or rehabilitation costs
- Rental properties
- Businesses, contractors, or government agencies

Selection Criteria and Recommendations:

The criteria include the following:

- Jennings Revolving Fund properties will be given priority consideration in each application cycle. A list of subject addresses may be found at www.phwi.org/rf.php.
- The subject property must be located within the boundaries of the most recent Winchester National Register Historic District (last updated in 2015). More information may be found at <https://www.dhr.virginia.gov/historic-registers/138-0042/>. If you are unsure if your building is included in this area, you may contact PHW for clarification.
- Work should be in line with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation, available at <https://www.nps.gov/articles/000/treatment-standards-rehabilitation.htm>, in conjunction with the Winchester Historic District Design guidelines, available at https://www.winchesterva.gov/files/assets/public/v/1/community-development/planning/2022-guidelines-ch1_ch8.pdf.

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Preservation of Historic Winchester, 530 Amherst St., Winchester, VA 22601*

- Applications will be subject to all local ordinances and permits, as required.
- Projects must be on the exterior with public right-of-way view.
- Contractor information must be provided to PHW and microgrant funds will be paid directly to the contractor.
- Follow-up descriptions and photos of progress and completed projects should be provided to PHW.
- Please provide us with copies of the Winchester City building inspector approved and closed out permit due to completion.

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Preservation of Historic Winchester Micro Grant Application

Applicant Contact Information

Property Owner(s): _____
Property Address: _____
Contact Person: _____
Mailing Address: _____
Daytime Phone #: _____
Email Address: _____



Project Information

Briefly describe the work you need to perform to the subject property (*please also attach photographs of your property that show where work is needed*):

Estimated Total Cost: _____

Attach contractor's written estimate, material specifications, and any other relevant documents.

Amount Requested: _____

May not exceed \$10,000. Amount available will vary.



Basic Eligibility

Is the property located in the Winchester National Register Historic District?

Properties in the district may be found at <https://www.dhr.virginia.gov/historic-registers/138-0042/>

Yes___ No___

Do you own the property?

Yes___ No___

Do you live in this property?

Yes___ No___

If no, are you a nonprofit, religious, or educational institution operating from this property?

Yes___ No___

Is the property protected by Jennings Revolving Fund easements or covenants?

See www.phwi.org/rf.php for a list of properties.

Yes___ No___

Will the work on the exterior of the property be in line with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation?

The Standards are available at <https://www.nps.gov/articles/000/treatment-standards-rehabilitation.htm>

Yes___ No___

Is the property threatened by demolition, neglect, or by other factors?

Yes___ No___

If yes, explain_____

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