NATIONAL FUND FOR SACRED PLACES

A program of Partners for Sacred Places in collaboration with the National Trust for Historic Preservation
Welcome
Thank you for joining us!

The National Fund is highly competitive

305 LOIs in 2021

15 projects were funded
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National Fund Overview
Program Introduction

Funded by Lilly Endowment, Inc. to support 100+ congregations

We’ve awarded over $9 million to 82 congregations representing 22 faith traditions across 37 states
Program Introduction

In collaboration with

Partners for Sacred Places

National Trust for Historic Preservation
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Program Components
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1) Training

2) Technical Assistance

3) Planning Grants - Up to $5,000 (non matching grant)

4) Capital Grants - $50,000-$250,000 (matching grant)
Typical Program Timeline

- **Program Entry**: Oct 2022
- **Training**: Nov 2022
- **Capital Grant**: Oct 2023
- **Planning Grant**: Sept 2023
- **Technical Assistance**: Oct 2023
- **Project Completion & Final Visit**: Dec 2023
- **Final Visit**: Oct 2024
Training & Orientation

- National Fund 101
- Capital project planning
- Community-wide fundraising
- Friends groups/supporting organizations
- Crafting a case for support
Technical Assistance

- Case statement review
- *Economic Halo Effect* study
- Community Engagement services
- Professional services guidance (RFPs, selecting an architect, reviewing bids, etc.)
- Fundraising mentorship with senior staff
Planning Grants

Up to $5,000 for:

- Conditions assessments and architectural planning
- Capital campaign consulting
- Creation of marketing materials
Capital Grants

- $50,000 minimum, $250,000 maximum
- The matching requirement differs by award size:
  - 1:1 for $50,000 - $100,000 grant
  - 2:1 for $100,001 - $250,000 grant
- All matching funds must be new money raised after entry into the program
Types of Eligible Matching Funds

Eligible matchings funds must be solicited, received, or pledged after being awarded into the program

- Gifts from individuals, foundations, or corporations
- Government grants
- Proceeds from the sale of stock or real estate
- Matured bequests
- Events and fundraisers
- Donated materials and professional services (for example, donated slate or pro bono design services)
Half of the grant is disbursed when:

- ¼ of the match has been raised (pledged or in hand)
- Construction/permit ready architectural documentation describing the entire scope of work for the National Fund project is produced

The remaining half is disbursed upon the completion of the National Fund scope of work
Please note!

Construction on the National Fund Scope of Work cannot begin until our team has approved the capital grant submission documentation.
Eligible Projects

The National Fund supports congregations undertaking significant repair and restoration projects involving:

- Foundations, roofs, masonry, windows, gutters and downspouts
- Towers and domes
- Mechanical systems that keep a building functional (HVAC / wiring)
- Life safety and fire suppression systems
- ADA accessibility projects
Ineligible Projects

- Demolition of character-defining architectural features
- Purchase or lease of property
- New construction
- Landscaping or fencing
- Cemeteries
- Parking lots
- Religious art restoration (such as mural restoration)
- Pipe organ restoration or replacement
- Purchase of Audio-Visual equipment
- Pew replacement (pew restoration may be eligible in some cases)
Application Process
2022 Application Timeline

- LOI Opens: Jan 18
- LOI Due: Mar 7
- LOI Notifications: June
- Full Applications Due: July 18
- Final Notifications: October
Basic Eligibility

➔ Must be located in the United States or its territories
➔ Must be owned by a congregation or active community of faith (or held in trust by denominational body)
➔ Applicant must be a congregation or closely affiliated nonprofit
➔ If applicant is a congregation, it must be at least 3 years old
Evaluation Criteria

➔ Historic, Cultural, or Architectural Significance
➔ Community-Serving Congregations
➔ Project Scope and Need
➔ Readiness
➔ Healthy Congregations
➔ Strong Applications
Historic, Cultural, Architectural Significance

Successful applicants are able to demonstrate their place in history by answering questions such as:

- Does the building tell a story relevant to our history – either cultural or religious?
- Is the building the work of an architect? If so, is it a high quality or a good example of their work?
- Is the building an exceptional example of its style or type?
- Does the building have a great physical presence in its community based on its siting/location?
Community-Serving Congregations

We’re looking for congregations that:

• Operate and host programming that serves vulnerable and at-risk populations
• Share space with non-affiliated groups and organizations (often at subsidized rates)
• Partner with other congregations, faith-based organizations, nonprofit organizations; and/or municipalities
• Have a widespread reputation for being a welcoming center of community life
Project Scope and Need

We fund historic preservation projects that address urgent repair needs or life safety. We also fund projects that increase congregations’ ability to open their buildings to new populations or to serve greater numbers of folks. All projects must adhere to the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for Rehabilitation, which is a universally accepted framework for doing work to older and historic properties.
Readiness

We’re looking for congregations that:

• Understand their buildings’ needs
• Are ready to undertake a capital campaign
• Have a realistic fundraising goal generated with the help of qualified preservation professionals
• Have experience with fundraising or are planning to work with a fundraising professional
Healthy Congregations

The National Fund prioritizes healthy, stable congregations so that our investment is truly impactful and lasting. We look for the following:

• Tenured, well-respected clergy; capable lay leadership
• Stable or growing membership; financial strength and stability
• Support of the judicatory or governing body, if applicable
• A history of weathering congregational challenges with resilience
The National Fund is a very competitive program, so we urge our applicants to put their best feet forward. Applications should:

- Be completed in full with all required attachments
- Make a compelling case for support
- Clearly articulate the project’s goals and components
- Include high quality, high resolution photographs that help us to fully appreciate your building(s)
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Location of the LOI

fundforsacredplaces.org/apply

Letter of Intent (LOI) Due
March 7, 2022, 11:59 p.m. HST
Letters of Intent through the Foundant grant system will be accepted from any eligible congregation.

Full Application Due
July 18, 2022, 11:59 p.m. HST
After careful review, a select number of congregations will be invited to complete a full application through the Foundant grant system.

Final Notifications
October 2022
Final decisions will be made with the Advisory Committee, and congregations will be notified in October.
Location of the LOI
The National Fund for Sacred Places (the National Fund) is a program of Partners for Sacred Places in collaboration with the National Trust for Historic Preservation. The National Fund provides:

1) grants for the planning and execution of urgent capital projects at historic sacred places that are valued for their cultural importance as well as their role in providing human services, strengthening communities, and revitalizing neighborhoods; and
2) training, capacity-building, and technical assistance to ensure that grant-funded projects are successfully planned and implemented.

Please visit the National Fund’s Eligibility page before starting an application. To begin the process, click the "log on" button in the upper right hand corner of this screen. As a first step, you will be asked to complete a Letter of Intent (LOI). To preview the LOI questions, click the "preview" button below.

Letters of Intent for the 2022 cohort of participants are now being accepted, and are due March 7, 2022 at 11:59 p.m. local time. For more information visit fundforsacredplaces.org.
Add Collaborators
How to Submit the LOI
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Deadline: March 7, 2022 11:59 HST
Resources

National Fund for Sacred Places’ website: fundforsacredplaces.org

Partners for Sacred Places’ website: sacredplaces.org
  – Webinar: Capital Fundraising in a Time of Crisis
  – Webinar: Stewardship Triage & Recovery: Strengthening giving during and after a crisis
  – Webinar: Still Open to Serve: How to Stay Engaged and Continue to Serve Community during Social Distancing

National Trust for Historic Preservation website: savingplaces.org
  – Webinar: From Concept to Reality: Preservation Project Planning Basics
Thank you!