Preserving Black Churches
A Project of the African American Cultural Heritage Action Fund
Grant Program Informational Webinar
AGENDA

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Preserving Black Churches

Program Overview
“The Black Church stands at the forefront of our nation’s quest to form a more perfect union.”

With a generous grant from Lilly Endowment Inc., the African American Cultural Heritage Action Fund launches Preserving Black Churches, a project that will restore the buildings and protect the cultural assets of historic congregations across the country, including many who have even shed blood to expand civil and human rights for all Americans.

Sign up to receive more information about granting guidelines and check this website regularly to stay up to date on new program developments. Let’s ensure the historic Black Church will be our “solid rock” for generations to come.

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The National Trust for Historic Preservation helps protect African American churches such as Clippert Temple in Memphis (left), home to the “1,000 Pews of the Salvation Army.” Home of Phase II: The Montgomery Bus Boycott (center), part of the Montgomery Civil Rights National Monument.

LEFT PHOTO BY STEVE MORTON; MIDDLE PHOTO BY MARK EMBLETON; RIGHT PHOTO COURTESY FINDING YOUR ROOTS
Preserving Black Churches

- Establish a new **National Grant Fund** to provide direct funding to historic Black churches for capital, staffing, and operations
- Create a **Rapid Response & Emergency Grant Fund** to address imminent threats to Black churches
- Provide targeted assistance and support to Black Churches serving as **Sites of Social Justice and Sites of Civil Rights**
- Model innovative stewardship and build capacity for **Alabama’s Historic Civil Rights Churches**
- Amplify historic Black churches through **Digital Documentation, Storytelling, and Media Relations**

Roberts Temple Church of God in Christ
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Grant Program: Eligibility, Guidelines, Criteria
Grant Program Overview

Provides funding to **preserve historic Black houses of worship** - either with active congregations and nonactive congregations

Grant awards are intended for projects that preserve historic religious buildings and strengthen the capacity for historic Black congregations, preservation and community organizations to steward and utilize their historic structures.

**Eligible Applicants**
- Historic Black Churches
- 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations
- Public Agencies

**Grant Awards**
- Minimum $50,000
- Maximum $200,000

**Funding Categories**
- Capital Project
- Endowment and Financial Sustainability
- Organizational Capacity and Operations
- Programming and Interpretation
- Project Planning
Eligibility: What is a Historic Black Church?

- Religious buildings built and erected by Black congregations and continuously occupied by active Black congregations.
- Religious buildings designed and/or constructed by Black architects/builders, currently occupied by active Black congregations, or repurposed for Arts, Culture, Community, and Social Justice programs.
- Religious buildings not originally built by or for Black congregations, but continuously occupied by an active Black congregation for at least 50 years.
- Active historic Black congregations that are a part of historic Black religious denominations such as African Methodist Episcopal Church (AME), African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church (AMEZ), the Baptist Church, Christian Methodist Episcopal Church (CME), Church of God in Christ (COGIC), etc.
- Active historic Black congregations that are a part of religious denominations such as the Baptist Church, Episcopal Church, Lutheran Church, United Methodist Church, Presbyterian Church, Catholic Church, Non-denominational.
Grant Program Overview

**Matching Requirements**
- Grants can be used to fund up to 100% of project costs
- Matching funds **are required** for the **Endowment & Financial Sustainability** funding category
- Grant funds **cannot** be used to match funding received from **AACHAF National Grant** or **National Fund for Sacred Places**

**Criteria**
- Historic and Cultural Significance
- Leadership Support
- Planning and Project Development
- Capacity to Manage Grant Project
- Capacity for Continued Stewardship and Maintenance
- Capacity to Leverage Grant Funding

**Ineligible Activities**
- Interior Sanctuary: Individual Worship Features *(i.e. pipe organs, pews, altars)*
- New Construction, Parking Lots, Monuments, etc.
- Cemetery Restoration
- Technology Improvements
- Archive/Record Conservation
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Grant Funding Categories
Funding Categories

• Capital Projects
• Endowment and Financial Sustainability (*match required*)
• Organizational Capacity and Operations
• Programming and Interpretation
• Project Planning

• Only 1 LOI per funding category
• Minimum grant award $50,000
• Maximum grant award depends on the funding category
Capital Projects

• Eligible Projects
  • Physical restoration, rehabilitation, stabilization, and preservation of historic Black church buildings

• Eligible Applicants
  • Historic Black Churches* - $200,000
  • 501c3 and Public Agencies - $100,000

• Projects must be completed within 18 months

• Matching funds are not required
Project Planning

• Eligible Projects
  • Consultant services for preservation architecture and planning, fundraising, engineering studies, organizational development, etc.
  • Cemetery conservation plans*
  • Consultant services for historic designation nominations

• Eligible Applicants
  • Historic Black Churches, 501c3 and Public Agencies - $100,000
  • Projects must be completed within 1 year
  • Matching funds **are not** required
Programming and Interpretation

• Eligible Projects
  • Designing and implementing new innovative interpretive, art and culturally based programs.
  • Collaboration with artists, creatives, and scholars to create new interpretation and public programming

• Eligible Applicants
  • Historic Black Churches, 501c3 and Public Agencies - $100,000
  • Projects must be completed within 1 year
  • Matching funds are not required
Organizational Capacity Building and Operations

• Eligible Projects
  • Creation of staff positions which directly support the preservation and stewardship of historic Black church structures and advances preservation priorities

• Eligible Applicants
  • Historic Black Churches - $150,000
  • 501c3 and Public Agencies - $100,000
  • Clergy and religious ministry staff positions are not eligible.
  • Awarded funds are intend to sustain staff positions for 2 years
  • Matching funds are not required
Endowment & Financial Sustainability

• To increase existing or establish new preservation endowments for perpetual maintenance and stewardship of historic Black church buildings

• Eligible Applicants
  • Active Historic Black Churches - $200,000

• Project must be completed within 2 years

• Grant funding cannot be used for eligible projects under other funding categories or indirect support

• 1:1 match is required
Application Process

• Two-Step Process
  • Letter of Intent (LOI) Online Application
  • Full Proposal Application – *by invitation*

• Technical Assistance & Support

Grant Timeline

- **September 2**
  - Letter of Intent (LOI) Application Due

- **October 14**
  - Full Proposal Notification

- **November 10**
  - Full Proposal Due

- **January 2023**
  - Grant Award Notification
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Application Process: How to Apply
How To Apply

• Login to *Foundant*
• Eligibility Quiz
• Application Tips
• Guidelines page links to application
• Login is different than other NTHP logins
• May get EIN warning if your org is in the system
• You can reset your password

Logon Page

Email Address*

DMaxwell@savingplaces.org

Password*

The Password field is required.

Log On Create New Account

Forgot your Password?

To view application forms without creating an account, click here.

Please read before you create a new account.

For National Trust Grants: If you think that you or someone else in your organization may have previously applied for a grant from the National Trust for Historic Preservation, please do not create a new account. Contact the National Trust Grants Office by emailing grants@savingplaces.org. We will verify your organization’s application history and ensure that you have updated login credentials.

Please note - you must have an EIN/Tax Identification Number in order to receive grant funding. If you have questions about your organization’s eligibility, please read about our Eligibility Guidelines by clicking here.

Thank you!
Application Page

If you have been provided with an Access Code, you may enter it in the box at the top of the page.

Quick Search

National Trust for Historic Preservation Grant Opportunities

The National Trust for Historic Preservation (NTHP) welcomes grant applications. Grant applications are due at various times of the year depending on the program and applications become available on this page 6-8 weeks prior to their deadline. Access codes are not necessary to access an application unless NTHP has explicitly shared one with you. Please scroll down to see grant opportunities that are currently accepting applications.

For further information about the types of grants NTHP makes, click here.

To receive email notifications about upcoming grant deadlines, click here.

If you have questions or need assistance, email grants@savingplaces.org.

Eligibility - Preserving Black Churches Fund 2022

This easy three-question eligibility quiz is your first step in applying for a grant from the Preserving Black Churches Fund. If your answers to the questions line up with our grant guidelines, then you will gain access to the grant letter of intent (LOI) form. The LOI will appear on the Apply page, which you can access at the upper left of your screen. If your answers do not line up then you will see a notice that you are not eligible for this grant. If you are marked ineligible and you believe this to be an error, please email grants@savingplaces.org.

Preview

Start Eligibility Quiz

- Need to login to fill out the application
- You can preview without logging in
- You DON’T need an access code
Grant Name
Are you applying to the Preserving Black Churches Fund?
- Yes
- No

Black Church
Is your organization a historic Black church (as defined in our FAQ) OR is your organization stewarding a historic Black church?
- Yes
- No

Organization Type
Is your organization one of the following:
- a historic Black church
- a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization stewarding a historic Black church
- a public agency
- Yes
- No
Eligible

Confirmation Page

Your Eligibility has been submitted.

Based on your answers, you are eligible for the following:

**Preserving Black Churches Grant Fund**

Grants from Preserving Black Churches are intended to preserve historic Black houses of worship—either with active congregations and nonactive congregations and advance ongoing preservation activities while strengthening capacity for historic congregations, preservation and community organizations to steward, manage and better utilize their historic structures.

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

Read the full guidelines [here](#).

Click 'Continue' to view the Apply page.
Ineligible

If you are marked ineligible:
• Check the guidelines
• Email grants@savingplaces.org if there was a mistake
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Eligibility - Preserving Black Churches Fund 2022

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Accepting Submissions

Apply
LOI

Process: Preserving Black Churches Grant Fund

Return to LOI Submitted

Contact Info Request

Applicant:
Diana Maxwell
dmaxwell@savingplaces.org

Contact Email History

Organization:
National Trust For Historic Preservation
53-0210807
202-588-6000
2600 Virginia Ave NW Suite 1100
Washington, DC 20037

If your organization information does not appear correct, please click the edit (pencil) icon.

Due by 09/02/2022 11:59 PM HST.

Fields with an asterisk (*) are required.

Organizations

Question List

Collaborate
Church Affiliation

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

- 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?
Provide the name and title of the authorized official submitting this application for a HBCU Cultural Heritage Stewardship 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. Board Chair) or an executive staff member with signatory authority (i.e. President, CFO).

By entering their name below, the authorized official gives the National Trust for Historic Preservation the absolute and unqualified right to use in whole or in part, in whatever manner they may desire, (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.

**Certification**

Are you a duly authorized representative of the applicant?

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No

**Name**


**Title**


Abandon Request  

Save LOI  

Submit LOI
Applicant Dashboard

Applicant:
Ms. Diana Maxwell
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202-588-6277
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Washington, DC 20006

Organization:
National Trust for Historic Preservation
53-0210807

If your organization information does not appear correct, please contact the funder. Thank you.

Active Requests 4  Historical Requests 0

Eligibility Quizzes

Eligibility - Telling the Full American History Preservation Fund Grant Application
Submitted 11/02/2021  View Eligibility Quiz

Process: Telling the Full American History Preservation Fund Grant Application
Application Draft 11/02/2021
Decision Undecided

Edit Application
Applicant Certification

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Certification*
Are you a duly authorized representative of the applicant?
○ Yes
○ No

Name*

Title*

Save LOI Submit LOI
Tips to Remember

• Save these email addresses so you get notified
  • Grants@savingplaces.org
  • Blackchurches@savingplaces.org
  • Administrator@grantinterface.com

• Spaces count in the character count

• If your organization is already in the grants system, you’ll get a warning

• You must answer questions with an asterisk

• Contact the grants team if you have questions about submitting the LOI

• Applications are due at 11:59PM local time
Q&A

Please use this Question-and-Answer feature to submit questions
Frequently Asked Questions

• Does my church need to be listed on the National Register of Historic Places or designated as a landmark to apply?
• Are only historic Black church buildings eligible to apply for funding?
• What is an active congregation?
• Can we apply for Preserving Black Churches and the National Fund for Sacred Places?
• Can grant funds be used for staffing and technology needs?
Thank You!

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