



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
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FFY 2026 CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT GRANTS

I. APPLICATION REVIEW SCHEDULE

Training on the State of RI's online application portal

Applicants are invited to attend one of these applicant training sessions for the state's newly revised Grants Management System (EUNA/EUNA). Please use the link below to sign up.

Link: [Upcoming-Training-Registration](#)

EUNA resources

Grant Application User Guide

- [Logging into your EUNA Portal Account](#)
- [How to Submit An Application](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions: Applicants and Subrecipients](#)
- [Intro to Rhode Island Grants and EUNA Grants for Applicants](#)

January 12, 2026 – March 13, 2026

Applicants complete the application according to the instructions and submit it to the R.I. Historical Preservation and Heritage Commission via the EUNA/EUNA Portal using this link:

https://gn.ecivis.com/GO/gn_redir/T/b22dygafszbk

You will also need to complete the following steps to assist with your online application.

- Obtain a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI), available at [SAM.gov](#) for no cost. If your entity is registered in SAM.gov, you have likely already been assigned a UEI. This is a one-time requirement. [UEI Fact Sheet](#)
- Register on the *Ocean State Procures* (OSP) website by clicking [here](#) at no cost. If your entity has done business with the state in the past, you are likely already registered. This is a one-time requirement.
- Complete/update your [GMS Organization Registration](#), including a self-risk assessment. **This is required annually by the Department of Administration.**

Friday, March 13, 2026: Application Deadline

Eligible applicants must apply for this grant directly **in EUNA/EUNA, the state's online grant application portal**. New users will be asked to create an EUNA account in the [EUNA portal](#).

April - May 2026: Application Review

The RIHPHC reviews and selects eligible projects that best meet the project selection criteria. The RIHPHC may ask for clarification or request changes to your scope of work, budget, and or project schedule. The Commission will make final funding decisions at its July or August 2026 meeting. All applicants will be notified of the results in writing once federal funding has been secured.

September 2026: Estimated Project Starting Date

Project work may not commence until the RIHPHC, and the Certified Local Government (CLG) have agreed upon a scope of work, specific work products, budget, and schedule, and have entered into a Funding Agreement with an approved starting date for eligible project work. Funding Agreements will not be signed until RIHPHC has received its annual appropriation from the National Park Service for Federal Fiscal Year 2026. In recent years, this has been as late as August.

II. FUNDING PRIORITIES AND SELECTION CRITERIA

Eligible Applicants

Cities and towns with CLG status are eligible to apply. The following eighteen Rhode Island communities are CLGs: Bristol, Coventry, Cranston, Cumberland, East Greenwich, East Providence, Glocester, Hopkinton, Narragansett, New Shoreham, Newport, North Kingstown, North Providence, North Smithfield, Pawtucket, Providence, South Kingstown, and Warwick. CLG municipalities may also apply for grants on behalf of local nonprofit organizations.

Eligible Projects

The RIHPHC will accept applications for CLG grants in the following subject areas:

Subject Area	Project Examples
Statewide projects	Preservation Month activities; training sessions for HDCs; scholarships for HDC members to attend training or conferences
Identification/Evaluation of Historic Resources	Surveys, especially of resources not yet evaluated or for which existing documentation does not meet current standards; preparation of National Register nominations; data management
Planning Activities	Preparation of the preservation component of a community’s comprehensive plan; necessary preservation activities identified in a community’s comprehensive plan; preparation of ordinance drafts, rules, etc.
Public Education Activities	Documents in print and electronic media related to historic district zoning, such as brochures, standards, guidelines; print or electronic media such as walking tours or surveys; curriculum/interpretation development for historic properties and places.
Resource-Specific Activities	Architectural and engineering plans and specifications; engineering reports; conditions assessments; feasibility studies; historic structures reports; cultural landscape reports

FFY 2026 Funding Priorities

In 2026, the RIHPHC will give special consideration to grant proposals that respond to specific priorities in **A Big Plan for the Smallest State: The Comprehensive Statewide Historic Preservation Plan 2021-2027**.

Priority proposals will:

- Help communities plan for protecting historic resources from the effects of climate change and sea level rise, or
- Promote the recognition or preservation of resources associated with people of color and other historically underrepresented groups, or
- Advance accessibility by improving physical, sensory, or language access to historic resources, programs, or information for all audiences

Examples of such projects include:

- Survey/re-survey of areas and existing historic districts that are endangered by sea-level rise and natural disasters.
- Coastal resiliency plans or hazard mitigation plans for historic resources.
- Survey and evaluation of sites associated with the history and cultural heritage of underrepresented Rhode Islanders.
- Nomination of properties associated with underrepresented communities to the National Register of Historic Places.
- Preparation of architectural drawings or studies for accessibility improvements such as ramps or elevators
- Development of educational or interpretive materials that enhance access, such as videos with closed captioning, Braille or large-print materials, or translation of public materials into languages other than English
- Sponsorship and hosting of training opportunities that address topics of concern to historic district commissions.

Note that applications that do not address the above priorities will still be evaluated and may still be funded.

Project Selection Criteria/Rubric

The RIHPHC will score, and rank grant applications based on the above funding priorities and the 2026 CLG Scoring Rubric:

FFY 2026 CLG Grant Application Rubric

1. Project Need Category 1 - Relative Need	Scoring Range
Relative need of project in CLG applicant town (i.e., is this project the highest priority preservation need in the city or town?)	0-10
2. Project Need Category 2 - Urgency	Scoring Range
The urgency of the project (i.e., Is the grant project timed to coincide with or respond to other municipal issues or preservation efforts?)	0-10

3. Project Need Category 3 - Relevance to State/Local Plan	Scoring Range
Does the proposed project respond to RIHPHC's survey or planning recommendations or is it an appropriate step in the development of the local program.	0-10

4. Historical/Architectural Significance	Scoring Range
Properties involved contribute or may contribute to the overall significance of a historic district but lack individual distinction	0-10
Properties involved are within a historic district OR individually registered OR eligible for listing AND are very good examples of their type and/or are important local landmarks	10-20
Properties involved possess individual distinction and are considered significant when compared with other historic properties throughout the state	20-30

5. Target Areas and Populations (Up to 30 points may be awarded)	Scoring Range
The project will have a local impact.	0-10
The project will have a regional impact (within RI).	10-20
The project will have a statewide impact and/or would serve as a model for other communities.	20-30

6. Organizational Capacity and Experience: Administrative Performance	Scoring Range
Poor application or prior past mismanagement of grant project.	-5
Acceptable application, satisfactory administrative record, or no prior experience with CLG grant projects.	0
Exemplary application and administrative record.	5

7. Leveraging / Budget	Scoring Range
No cash match was provided.	0
Some cash matching shares were provided.	5
Significant cash overmatch provided.	10

8. Special Consideration – Climate Change	Scoring Range
No consideration or minimal relevance to climate change impacts on historic resources.	0
Partially addresses the effects of climate change on historic resources but, not central to the project's focus.	5
Directly addresses the effects of climate change on historic resources.	10

9. Special Consideration - Representation	Scoring Range
No relevance or minimal focus on underrepresented populations.	0

Partially promotes the recognition or preservation of resources associated with historically underrepresented populations but may lack depth or impact.	5
Strongly promotes the recognition or preservation of resources associated with historically underrepresented populations, with significant impact or comprehensive focus.	10

10. Special Consideration – Accessibility	Scoring Range
No relevance or minimal focus on improving accessibility for users, visitors, or audiences.	0
Partially addresses accessibility needs through limited improvements but lacks comprehensive or long-term impact.	5
Strongly advances accessibility by removing physical, sensory, or language barriers through well-developed, impactful, and inclusive project components.	10

Ability to meet general program requirements is also considered, including compliance with applicable federal regulations and a scope of work which can be accomplished within the allotted timeframe. **All grant projects must be completed by September 30, 2028.**

III. CLG GRANT APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS:

Please note that the grant application must be completed online through the EUNA Grants Management System using the following link: [2026 CLG Grant Application](#)

The application is divided into three sections **Core Information, State of Rhode Island Standard Application Questions, and 2026 CLG Grant Program Questions.**

Below is a detailed overview of what is on the application. *Denotes required field.

Core Information

Instructions: Fill out Core Information

Application:
Project Title*:

ORGANIZATION SUBMITTING APPLICATION

Organization Name*:
Employer Identification Number (EIN):
Unique Entity Identifier (UEI):
DUNS Number:

ORGANIZATION ADDRESS

Street Address:
Apt, Suite, etc.:
City:
State:
County:
Congressional District/Region:
Zip:
Phone:
Phone Extension:
Fax:

AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE(S)

First Name*:
Last Name*:
Title:
Email*:
Phone:
Phone Extension:

BUSINESS/FINANCE REPRESENTATIVE(S)

First Name*:
Last Name*:
Title:
Email*:
Phone:
Phone Extension:

PROJECT REPRESENTATIVE(S)

First Name*:

Last Name*:

Title:

Email*:

Phone:

Phone Extension:

TEAM MEMBER(S)

First Name*:

Last Name*:

Title:

Email*:

Phone:

Phone Extension:

State of Rhode Island: Standard Application Form Questions

Instructions: The questions in this form are required by the State of Rhode Island for all grant programs. Additional questions may be required by the state agency administering a particular program. Please complete all required questions below.

First Name*:

Last Name*:

Email*:

Title:

Entity Legal Name*:

Entity DBA Name:

Primary Place of Performance Street Address*:

Address Line 2:

Primary Place of Performance City*:

Primary Place of Performance State*:

If selecting a state other than Rhode Island, provide explanation below.*:

Primary Place of Performance Zip Code*:

Primary Place of Performance Congressional District*:

Project Title*:

Project Summary*:

Is this an evidence-based intervention?*

If yes, provide a brief description of the evidence.*:

Is this proposal designed to address any of the following categories?*

Target Municipalities*:

Are you an authorized representative of your entity?*

2026 CLG Grant: Program Questions

Instructions: This form contains program-specific questions generated by the Rhode Island Historical Preservation and Heritage Commission. Responses to questions in this form will determine if the application will be awarded. For any questions about the contents of this form, please refer to the Contact tab on the Solicitation.

Section A. Applicant Information and Application Summary

Project Title*:

Name of Certified Local Government (CLG)*:

City/Town Hall Address*:

Chief local elected official or administrative officer*:

Office Address*:

Phone Number:

Email:

Name of CLG contact person*:

CLG Contact's Address:

CLG Contact's Phone Number*:

CLG Contact's Email*:

One-sentence summary of grant project*:

Amount of grant request*:

Nonfederal matching share:

Total project cost*:

Section B. Historic District Information

Name of Local Historic District Zoning Area(s) (list):

Location:

Name of Historic District Commission Chair*:

Mailing Address*:

HDC Chair Phone Number*:

HDC Chair Email*:

Section C. Project Identification and Description

1. Location of project area*:

Congressional District*:

2. If the project is a survey or NR nomination, provide the approximate number of resources (buildings, sites, structures, and/or objects.):

3. Project personnel*:

4. Proposal Abstract*:

5. Project description*:

Section D. Project Schedule

Project Work Schedule*:

Section E. Project Selection Criteria

Describe how project work meets the RI Historical Preservation and Heritage Commission's Project Selection Criteria outlined in the Instructions and Scoring Rubric.*:

Does the scope of work proposed in this application address any of the special considerations (Climate Change, Representation, or Accessibility)? If yes, please describe how.:

Attachments

- ***Required:** Upload detailed budget. (This form can be downloaded from the Files tab of the solicitation in EUNA.)
- *** Required:** Upload signed Assurances Form. (This form can be downloaded from the Files tab of the solicitation in EUNA.)
- If applicable: Upload Map(s).
- If applicable: Upload Letters of Support.