

**RHODE ISLAND GOVERNMENT REGISTER
PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING**

HISTORICAL PRESERVATION & HERITAGE COMMISSION

Title of Rule: Rules and Regulations for the State Preservation Grants

Rule Identifier: 530-RICR-20-00-1

Rulemaking Action: Proposed Amendment

Important Dates:

Date of Public Notice: 07/06/2021

Hearing Date: 07/22/2021

End of Public Comment: 08/05/2021

Authority for this Rulemaking:

RIGL Section 42-45-5

Summary of Rulemaking Action:

The purpose of this action is to amend RIHPHC's Rules and Regulations for the State Preservation Grants. On March 2, 2021, the voters of Rhode Island approved Question 6, which authorizes the state to issue bonds for the State Preservation Grants program, which has not received new funding since 2014. The regulations have been reviewed and updated to 1) reference the new bond funding and 2) make changes and clarifications to program rules.

Additional Information and Comments:

All interested parties are invited to request additional information or submit written or oral comments concerning the proposed amendment until August 5, 2021 by contacting the appropriate party at the address listed below:

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Public Hearing:

A public hearing, in accordance with R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-35-2.8, to consider the proposed amendment shall be held on July 22, 2021 at 10:00 am at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84750093062>, Providence, RI 02903 at which time and place all persons interested therein will be heard. The seating capacity of the room will be enforced and therefore the number of persons participating in the hearing

may be limited at any given time by the hearing officer, in order to comply with safety and fire codes.

The place of the public hearing is accessible to individuals who are handicapped. If communication assistance (readers/interpreters/captioners) is needed, or any other accommodation to ensure equal participation, please call 401-222-4131 or RI Relay 711 at least three (3) business days prior to the meeting so arrangements can be made to provide such assistance at no cost to the person requesting.

Regulatory Analysis Summary and Supporting Documentation:

Benefits: Preserving historic structures that serve the public as museums, cultural art centers, and public historic sites contributes to the quality of life in Rhode Island and insures that our arts, culture, and civic facilities continue to thrive. Preservation work creates jobs, stimulates tourism, educates us about the past, revitalizes our downtowns and neighborhoods, and combats sprawl in rural places. Costs: This is a matching grant program; grantees are required to match their grants at either a 1:1 or 2:1 rate.

For full regulatory analysis or supporting documentation see agency contact person above.