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## THE 1772 FOUNDATION

### **The 1772 Foundation Announces 2026 Historic Property Redevelopment Program Grant Recipients**

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*Nine Nonprofit Organizations Across the Country Receive Grants to Preserve and Revitalize Historic Properties*

The 1772 Foundation, in partnership with the National Preservation Partners Network (NPPN), is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2026 Historic Properties Redevelopment Program (HPRP) grants. Nine nonprofit preservation organizations across the United States have been selected to receive funding totaling \$498,500 to support the rehabilitation, stabilization, and stewardship of historic properties in their communities.

Historic Properties Redevelopment Programs — also known as revolving funds — are proactive real estate strategies that preserve historic buildings through purchase/resale, rehabilitation, easements, tax credits, loans, and other innovative approaches. Nonprofit preservation groups using these strategies have successfully repurposed thousands of buildings nationwide, tackling challenges including economic revitalization, affordable housing, neighborhood development, and climate change.

“The 1772 Foundation is proud to support organizations that are making a tangible difference in their communities by saving irreplaceable historic places,” said Ethiel Garlington, executive director for the Foundation. “These revolving fund programs are proven models for sustainable preservation, and this year’s recipients represent the breadth and creativity of the field.”

#### **2026 HPRP Grant Recipients**

##### **Cincinnati Preservation | Cincinnati, Ohio | \$60,000**

Cincinnati Preservation will use its grant to fund at least one additional revolving fund project in 2026, with the potential to assist two historic buildings depending on project

timelines. The grant will ensure continuity in Cincinnati Preservation's redevelopment program while existing loan proceeds are repaid, expanding its capacity to protect at-risk properties and strengthen reinvestment in underserved communities.

### **Cleveland Restoration Society | Cleveland, Ohio | \$60,000**

The Cleveland Restoration Society (CRS) will apply its grant toward the rehabilitation of 9801 Newton Avenue; one of eight historic early-20th-century bungalow-style homes the organization owns on a distinctive Cleveland street. The project will result in a rehabilitated three-bedroom, two-bathroom home to be leased at market rate. Rental income will support CRS's long-term stewardship capacity and its ability to undertake additional preservation-focused real estate projects.

### **Dayton Preservation Works | Dayton, Ohio | \$50,000**

Dayton Preservation Works (DPW) has launched a revolving fund to renovate historic homes in neighborhoods that have experienced decades of redlining, predatory lending, and disinvestment. Grant funds will be invested in exterior and structural repairs to an 1883 Italianate home at 128 North Paul Laurence Dunbar in the historic Dunbar Historic District, bringing the property into compliance with local historic district design regulations. All proceeds from the sale of the property will be reinvested in additional vacant historic properties.

### **Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation | Atlanta, Georgia | \$50,000**

The Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation will apply grant funds to the preservation and rehabilitation of the 1919 Louisville First National Bank Building, a Neoclassical landmark at the heart of Louisville, Georgia's historic downtown. After reacquiring the property in 2024 following years of neglect under previous owners, the Trust has invested in a new roof, structural assessments, and design updates. Grant funding will address remaining structural and environmental issues, advance adaptive reuse planning, and position the building for resale to a preservation-minded buyer.

### **Maine Preservation | Yarmouth, Maine | \$68,500**

Maine Preservation will use its grant to support at least three new small-scale Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit projects, including Main Street commercial blocks, rural schools, and former civic buildings. The grant will cover underwriting, legal, and loan origination fees for a \$2.5 million credit facility with a partner bank. After the loan is repaid, these investments are expected to yield more funding for Maine Preservation to reinvest through its revolving fund.

### **Preservation Society of Asheville and Buncombe County | Asheville, North Carolina | \$75,000**

The Preservation Society of Asheville and Buncombe County will add grant funds to its existing resources to support an ongoing adaptive reuse project at Cappadocia Church and future purchases and rehabilitations of endangered historic properties. The organization noted that rising real estate market values, increasing construction costs, and the devastating impact of Hurricane Helene have made preservation projects

increasingly expensive in the region, making grant support critical to meeting the community's preservation needs.

### **Preservation Trust of Vermont | Montpelier, Vermont | \$50,000**

Preservation Trust of Vermont will use HPRP funds to help local nonprofits secure options to purchase historic buildings through its Village Trust Initiative (VTI) program. An Option to Purchase allows organizations to establish site control and advance predevelopment work while raising the capital to acquire the property. Many small local nonprofits partnering with the Trust lack the upfront cash needed to enter option agreements, and HPRP funds will fill this critical gap — enabling organizations to begin due diligence, environmental review, and capital campaigns while their option remains in place.

### **Revitalize Historic Highland | Shreveport, Louisiana | \$50,000**

Revitalize Historic Highland (RHH) will direct grant funds to the stabilization and renovation of a long-abandoned property at 623 Herndon Avenue in Shreveport. Planned renovations include reconstructing the porch, repairing or replacing broken windows and doors, removing structurally unsound rear additions, patching the existing metal roof, refinishing and painting the exterior, and renovating the landscape. The project is supported by the presence of several well-preserved period homes in the surrounding neighborhood.

### **Revolution Workshop | Chicago, Illinois | \$85,000**

Revolution Workshop (RW) will use its grant to support its next historic property redevelopment project, which will serve as a hands-on training site for participants in RW's pre-apprenticeship construction training program. Trainees will gain real-world experience in preservation trades and construction fundamentals, while alumni will benefit from upskill workshops and transitional employment opportunities through RW's social enterprise. By integrating workforce development with historic preservation, Revolution Workshop strengthens career pathways for underrepresented workers while contributing to the rehabilitation and long-term stewardship of historic properties in Chicago.

### **About The 1772 Foundation**

The 1772 Foundation is a private foundation committed to the preservation of America's historic places. Through its Historic Properties Redevelopment Program and other grant initiatives, the Foundation supports nonprofit organizations that use innovative real estate strategies to save and revitalize threatened historic buildings across the United States.

### **About the National Preservation Partners Network**

The National Preservation Partners Network (NPPN) is an independent, membership-based nonprofit dedicated to advancing the growth and effectiveness of the nonprofit historic preservation movement. We are a community of, and for, professionals who

work at national, regional, statewide, and local nonprofit preservation organizations. NPPN connects and supports nonprofit historic preservation organizations engaged in revolving fund programs and provides technical assistance, peer learning, and networking opportunities to help member organizations strengthen and sustain their Historic Properties Redevelopment Programs. NPPN administers the HPRP grant program in partnership with The 1772 Foundation.

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