



SHPO Increases the Cap for the Historic Restoration Fund Grant



2019.

The SHPO has increased the cap of the Historic Restoration Fund Grant (HRF) from \$50,000 to \$100,000. The first round of applications at this new cap are due by January 10, 2019 and will be reviewed by the Historic Preservation Council on Wednesday, February 6,

With this increase, SHPO is also launching [a new application and new guidelines](#). For questions about the program, contact Alyssa Lozupone via email at alyssa.lozupone@ct.gov.

The HRF is a matching, reimbursable grant for Connecticut municipalities and 501(c)3 and 501(c)13 nonprofits for capital projects or archaeological site preservation, protection, and stabilization at historic properties listed on the State or National Registers of Historic Places. HRF Grants are funded by the Community Investment Act (Public Act 05-228), which was signed into law on July 11, 2005. The Act also provides funding for open space, farmland preservation, and affordable housing.

Photo: Thompson Historical Society

SHPO Issues RFP for Economic Impact Study

SHPO is excited to announce it is seeking a consultant to measure the economic and quality of life impacts of historic preservation in Connecticut. Proposals are due February 1, 2019 by 4pm. The RFP can be found on our [website](#) as well as on the [State Contracting Portal](#). For questions, contact Alyssa Lozupone at alyssa.lozupone@ct.gov.

Be Hometown Proud!

As part of our statewide historic preservation conference on May 17-18, 2019, we want you to help us celebrate the historic places of Connecticut! Tell us about the historic character of your hometown and why it is special to you. Is it the feeling you get walking around Main Street? The titans of past industry that have a new lease on life? A particular scenic landscape or agricultural setting? Share with us a paragraph and a few photographs that capture your community's historic identity. In your response, let us know if you'd be willing to present your piece at our conference or have it featured in our conference brochure.



Responses can be sent to Catherine.labadia@ct.gov.

Photo: Eno Memorial Hall, Simsbury

National Council on Public History

Are you interested in history and how history is applied and interpreted in our everyday lives? The NCPH will host its next annual meeting in Hartford from March 27-30, 2019. The theme will be [Repair Work](#). For more information on the program, visit [the NCPH's website](#).

New to the National Register of Historic Places

Last month Connecticut had a veritable bumper crop of new listings to the National Register of Historic Places. Congratulations to the owners of the Burrall-Belden House in Canaan, the Hubbell Carter House in Clinton and the Dixwell Avenue Congregational United Church of Christ in New Haven.



Photos: Burrall-Belden House - Hubbell Carter House - Dixwell Ave. Congregational United Church of Christ

News from the Museums



Prudence Crandall Museum

The Prudence Crandall Museum hosted a Holiday Open House event on Sunday, December 2nd. Visitors made holiday cards, enjoyed cocoa and cookies, and toured the Museum. Admission was free with non-perishable food items or mittens for a Mitten Tree, to be donated to Canterbury Cares food bank.



Photo: President of the Friends of Prudence Crandall Museum Drew Crandall and interpreter/volunteer Lisa Sharpe placing donated mittens on the Mitten Tree

Old New-Gate Prison and Copper Mine

Old New-Gate Prison & Copper Mine finished its first season at the end of October. The support and excitement during the past six months has been incredible. Over 11,000 visitors were welcomed through the gates during a 16 week span. The free days for Connecticut residents proved most successful, with roughly 700 visitors on the third Sunday of every month. Other successful programs included the Theatre Guild of Simsbury performances of *Tales from the Dungeon*, the 5th Connecticut Regiment Reenactment of "Escape from Newgate," and of course the evening Halloween program. Old New-Gate will be open for the entire season in 2019, May through October. Stay tuned for more details!



Photo: Theatre Guild of Simsbury



Happy Holidays

The staff of the Connecticut State Historic Preservation Office and Museum Division wish all our readers a happy, healthy, and peaceful holiday season!

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