



FORGING A FUTURE WITH THE PAST

H I S T O R I C P R E S E R V A T I O N

Heritage resources are an economic asset and contribute to the quality of life in Connecticut's towns and cities, making Connecticut a desirable place to work, live, and visit.



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- Historic preservation generates jobs, affordable housing, private reinvestment and tax revenue.
- Historic preservation promotes smart growth by rehabilitating and reusing buildings already serviced by existing municipal infrastructure.
- Historic preservation supports community-based revitalization in Connecticut's urban neighborhoods and small-town Main Streets.



Historic Preservation

COMMUNITY INVESTMENT ACT

In July 2005, Public Act 228, An Act Concerning Farm Land Preservation, Land Protection, Affordable Housing and Historic Preservation, was signed into law. With money generated by a portion of the real property conveyance recording fee, the law dedicates about \$5 million a year to historic and open space preservation, retention of farmland and affordable housing. These four areas contribute immeasurably to Connecticut's quality of life. The Historic Preservation and Museum Division of the Connecticut Commission on Culture & Tourism administers the historic preservation funds.



A portion of new CIA funding will be used for the restoration of the four museums administered by the Commission: the Henry Whitfield House, Guilford; the Prudence Crandall House, Canterbury; the Old Newgate Prison, East Granby; and the Sloane-Stanley Museum, in Kent.

Historic Preservation Grant Programs Funded by the Community Investment Act FOR NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS AND MUNICIPALITIES

State Fiscal Year 2007

• Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation	\$200,000
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• Historic Restoration Fund matching grants	\$3,000,000
CCT received 35 applications totaling \$3.3 million dollars from municipalities or non-profit organizations to stabilize and preserve properties listed on the State and National Registers of Historic Places. Grant awards are anticipated by June, 2007.	
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• Historic Preservation Fellowship grants	\$50,000
CCT has made fellowship grants to the Office of the State Historian and the Office of State Archaeologist.	
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• Historic Preservation Activities	\$200,000
Projects include survey grants to the Hartford Preservation Alliance, New Haven Preservation Trust, and the National Trust for Historic Preservation.	
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• Endangered Properties Fund Grants	\$150,000
Grants have been made to the City of Bridgeport, the Northside Institutions Neighborhood Alliance in Hartford, and the Town of New Fairfield.	
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• Basic Operating Support for Historic Preservation Non-Profit Organizations	\$300,000
Grants are made to enhance and strengthen local historic preservation leadership. BOS grant awards of \$75,000 have been made to the Hartford Preservation Alliance and the New Haven Preservation Trust.	
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• Supplemental Certified Local Government Grants	\$150,000
Municipalities may apply for project grants up to \$30,000.	
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Success stories



Saving Irreplaceable Buildings

Connecticut's first Endangered Properties Grant (\$50,000) was made to the Town of New Fairfield, enabling the town to move rapidly to relocate and preserve two historically significant State Register properties threatened with demolition by a proposed commercial development project in the heart of the town. Both buildings are being adapted for reuse as part of the town's new Community Center.

Preserving Our Agricultural Past

The Hunt Hill Farm Trust, Inc of New Milford was awarded \$19,000 to develop a strategic historic preservation plan for the farm buildings as well as the adjacent agricultural land and open space, all of which are listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Lives That Were Lived

The Connecticut Historical Society received a \$45,000 grant for collecting the stories of Connecticut residents caught in the 9/11 terrorist attack on New York City and the production of a educational traveling exhibit designed as a memorial to Connecticut victims and families directly impacted by that event.



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