

THE NEW YORK LANDMARKS CONSERVANCY

SACRED SITES AND CONSULTING GRANT Application Guidelines

Sacred Sites Fund

The New York Landmarks Conservancy's Sacred Sites Program helps congregations throughout New York State maintain, repair, and restore their buildings. In addition to providing hundreds of thousands of dollars in matching grants each year, the Conservancy offers technical help, workshops, and publications including *Common Bond*, a journal about the maintenance and preservation of older religious structures.

The Sacred Sites Program is pleased to present two matching grant programs to congregations of all denominations planning or undertaking the restoration of historic religious properties.

The Sacred Sites Fund provides congregations with grants for exterior restoration projects. Priority will be given to essential repairs to the primary worship building. Highest consideration is given to projects such as roofing and drainage system repairs; masonry repointing and restoration; structural repairs; and stained glass window repair and restoration. The Sacred Sites Fund will consider funding for professional services* including conditions surveys; plans and specifications; project management; engineering reports; stained glass surveys; and laboratory testing of materials and finishes. Sacred Sites grants may be considered for barrier-free access construction, if it is done in conjunction with a larger preservation project. Grants cannot be used for pipe organ restoration, interior renovation, mechanical upgrades, or routine maintenance.

**For sites within New York City please see Consulting Grant Criteria.*

Consulting Grants

Consulting Grants allow congregations in New York City only to retain professional services for the preservation of historic houses of worship. Projects that will be considered for funding include conditions surveys; plans and specifications; project management; engineering reports; stained glass surveys; and laboratory testing of materials and finishes.

Eligibility

Eligible properties include, but are not limited to, churches, synagogues, meetinghouses, mosques, and temples.

To be eligible for a grant, the property must be:

- Located in New York State.
- Owned by a religious institution and actively used for worship.
- Listed on the State or National Register of Historic Places or designated pursuant to a local landmarks ordinance by New York State.

Grants will NOT be considered for work that has been initiated or completed at the time of application.

Grant Awards

The maximum grant amount for the Sacred Sites Fund is \$10,000.

In the last five years, Sacred Sites grants have averaged \$3,000 (for soft costs) to \$4,500 (for repair costs).

The maximum Consulting Grant amount is \$7,500; the average grant is \$3,000.

No grant shall exceed half the project cost.

Matching Funds

Both the Sacred Sites and Consulting Grants are matching grant programs. In order to receive funds, congregations must match the full amount of the grant award and start the project within one year from the application deadline.

All applicants are advised to discuss their projects with a representative of the Sacred Sites Program prior to submission by calling 212-995-5260.

Submission

The application form must be submitted, along with all the required attachments, to:

Manager of Grants & Technical Services
The New York Landmarks Conservancy
One Whitehall Street
New York, NY 10004

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Application Instructions

Applications must be typed or printed in a neat hand using blue or black ink. An Adobe PDF (portable document format) version of the application is available at nylandmarks.org, and Adobe software can be downloaded free at www.adobe.com. Applicants with the full-featured Adobe Acrobat program may enter information on-screen and save information between sessions by using the "Export Form Data" command. Applicants with the free Adobe Reader program cannot save alterations to the document, but can print the pages as they are completed.

Funding Considerations

In making grant awards, the Sacred Sites Program considers the following criteria:

- Architectural, historical, and cultural significance of the religious institution.
- Need for the project and financial resources of the congregation.
- Appropriateness of the scope of the project, methodology, consultants, and budget.
- Applicant's ability to manage and execute the project within the stated schedule.
- Applicant's ability to raise matching funds and leverage new sources of support to complete the project.
- Community outreach and local support for the project.

Supporting Materials

Each application must be accompanied by:

- A copy of the local landmark designation and/or the entire National Register of Historic Places Registration Form.

A letter cannot be substituted, because the Registration Form contains information important for the grant review, including a detailed description of the building and its architectural significance. For contributing components of National Register districts, **relevant excerpts are acceptable**. Nominations are available at www.oprhp.state.ny.us/hpimaging.

- A scope of work for the proposed project, including plans and specifications if available.

Please limit the size of architectural drawings to 11"x14".

- A cost estimate for the project based on either an itemized project estimate from the architect or preservation consultant or a detailed contractor proposal.

- A copy of the religious institution's most recent annual budget.
- A minimum of ten digital images, each labeled with the name of the property, showing the overall exterior of the building or site, an overall view of the interior, and details of the areas needing repair.

Digital images must be submitted in the form of JPEG files, at least 300 dpi and 4" x 6", on a CD-ROM.

- Copies of any conditions reports prepared for the property in the last five years.

Deadlines and Notifications

There are two rounds of funding each year. Applications must be postmarked by **January 15** or **June 1**, and notification is sent approximately five months later. Consulting Grants applications (for NYC only) are considered as they are submitted. The evaluation takes approximately two months.

Site Visit

After the application has been received, Sacred Sites Program staff will contact you to arrange a site visit.

Funds Distribution

Funds will be distributed to grant awardees when the Conservancy receives:

- A signed contract between the Conservancy and the grant recipient.
- A contract between the congregation and architect or contractor.
- Evidence of matching funds.
- Local municipal permits, if required for the project.

Applying Again

Religious institutions that have received a Consulting Grant may reapply to execute work after the survey or specifications are completed. Sacred Sites and Wilson Challenge grant recipients must wait three years after the initial application deadline to reapply.

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Applicant Information

1. Applicant Institution _____
Street Address _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Daytime Telephone _____ Email Address _____

2. Religious Leader _____ Title _____

3. Denomination _____
Adjudicatory Group _____
Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Telephone _____ Denominational Web site _____

4. Number of individual members _____

5. Average attendance at all weekly services _____

6. Contact Person _____ Title or Affiliation _____
Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Daytime Telephone _____ Email Address _____

The Contact Person will receive all correspondence, including award notification.

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Property Information

7. Date of Construction _____

8. Original Architect _____

9. Landmark status of property (check all that apply):
 Individual local landmark
 Contributing component of a local historic district
 Individually listed on the State and National Register
 Contributing component of a State and National Register historic district

Include a copy of the local landmark designation and/or the entire National Register of Historic Places Registration Form. A letter cannot be substituted, because the Registration Form contains information important for the grant review, including a detailed description of the building and its architectural significance. To obtain a copy of your form, contact the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation at 518.237.8643. Nominations are available online at <http://www.oprhp.state.ny.us/hpimaging>. For contributing components of National Register districts, relevant excerpts are acceptable.

10. Describe the historical, architectural, or cultural significance of the property:
Attach additional sheet if necessary.

11. Describe the non-worship uses of the property, including any social or cultural programs:
Attach additional information if necessary.

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16. Summarize the institution's budget:

Last fiscal year _____ Current fiscal year _____

Total operating budget _____

Repair/ maintenance budget _____

Capital improvement budget _____

Please enclose a copy of your most recent annual budget.

17. Amount of funds in reserve, such as capital funds or endowments: _____

18. Describe restrictions on reserve funds:

Project Information

19. Describe the specific project for which funding is requested, such as new slate or copper roof, tower masonry restoration, etc.:

20. Estimated project budget: _____

Attach detailed breakdown, if available (scaffolding, materials, labor, etc.)

21. Amount requested from Sacred Sites Program: _____

Grant awards range from \$10,000 for the Sacred Sites Fund and \$7,500 for the Consulting Resources Fund.

No grant shall exceed half the cost of the project.

22. Funds currently available and pledged for project: _____

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23. Describe how the funds were raised, including information on any capital fundraising plan and goal amount:
Attach additional information if necessary.

24. Describe plans to match the grant, including possible sources of funding and planned fund-raising events:
Attach fundraising materials if available.

25. *Describe how a grant from the Sacred Sites Program is important to the project:*

26. Is a committee supervising this project?

Yes No

27. Has the institution selected a consultant for the project, such as an architect, building conservator, or engineer?

Yes No

If so, Consultant Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

28. Has the consultant completed plans and specifications?

Yes Not at this time None being used

If so, please enclose a set of the completed plans or specifications, on 11"x14" paper.

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29. Has the institution solicited proposals from contractors or specialized consultants?

Yes No

If so, how many? _____

30. Has the institution selected a contractor?

Yes Not at this time

If so, Contractor Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Please enclose one or more copies of project proposals from selected contractor or specialized consultant.

31. Project Start Date _____ Completion Date _____

32. Sacred Sites Grants are competitive and evaluated based on technical merit, urgency, and need. If no Sacred Sites Grant is available, how will the congregation move forward with this project?

Additional Information

33. Please list local media contacts:

Name _____ Title _____

Company _____ Telephone _____

Name _____ Title _____

Company _____ Telephone _____

Name _____ Title _____

Company _____ Telephone _____

34. Describe how your institution learned about the Sacred Sites Program:

35. Do you receive *Common Bond*, the journal of the Sacred Sites Program?

Yes No

If not, would you like to?

Yes No

Subscription Name (institution/ committee rather than individual preferred) _____

Address _____

Email Address _____

Note: In 2010 one issue of *Common Bond* will be online only. Email notification of publication will be sent to religious institution's email / office address.

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2010 Application Form
Summary Page

Applicants are requested to complete this application form and submit all required supporting materials outlined on the Checklist of Enclosures. All information must be typed or printed, in a neat hand using blue or black ink, on this form. Additional pages or attachments may be added, but please do not send the application in bound form or in loose-leaf binders. If additional information is required, applicants will be contacted by Conservancy staff.

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Religious Institution (Same as #1) _____

Project Location (street address) _____

Contact Person (Same as #6) _____

Telephone _____ Email: _____

Grant Project (Same as #15) _____

Project Budget (Same as #16) _____

Amount Requested (Same as #17) _____

Amount Available and Pledged (Same as #18) _____

Municipality _____ County _____

State Senate District _____ Senator _____

State Assembly District _____ Assemblymember _____

New York City Council District _____ Councilmember _____

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Checklist of Enclosures

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If available, please submit the following enclosures:

- ___ Copies of fundraising materials, such as brochures or letters.

 - ___ A copy of the most recent conditions study, report, or survey prepared for the property.

 - ___ A copy of plans and specifications provided by an architect, engineer, or restoration consultant.
- Please limit size to 11"x14".

All application materials submitted, including plans, proposals, budgets, and slides, become the property of The New York Landmarks Conservancy. The Sacred Sites Program cannot return any enclosures.