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Revitalization Subgrant Program

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Document Type: Grants Notice

Funding Opportunity Number: P25AS00497

Funding Opportunity Title: FY2025 & FY2026 Historic Preservation Fund - Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization Subgrant Program

Opportunity Category: Discretionary

Opportunity Category Explanation:

Funding Instrument Type: Grant

Version: Synopsis 1

Posted Date: May 18, 2026

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Original Closing Date for Applications: Jun 23, 2026 Electronically submitted applications must be submitted no later than 11:59 PM, ET, on the listed application due date.

Current Closing Date for Applications: Jun 23, 2026 Electronically submitted applications must be submitted no later than 11:59 PM, ET, on the listed application due date.

Archive Date: Sep 30, 2026

Estimated Total Program: \$ 17,000,000



Category of Funding Activity: Other (see text field entitled "Explanation of Other Category of Funding Activity" for clarification)

Funding:
Award Ceiling: \$750,000
Award Floor: \$200,000

Category Explanation: Consistent with 31 U.S.C. § 6304, an executive agency shall use a grant agreement as the legal instrument reflecting a relationship between the United States Government and a state, local government, or other recipient when:
 1. The principal purpose of the relationship is to transfer a thing of value to the state, local government, or other recipient to carry out a public purpose of support or stimulation authorized by a law of the United States instead of acquiring (by purchase, lease, or barter) property or services for the direct benefit or use of the United States Government;
 and
 2. Substantial involvement is not expected between the executive agency and the state, local government, or other recipient when carrying out the activity contemplated in the agreement.

Expected Number of Awards: 20

Assistance 15.966 -- Historic
Listings: Preservation Fund Grants-
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 Grants

**Cost Sharing
 or Matching
 Requirement:** No

Eligibility

Eligible Applicants: Special district governments
 Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized)
 County governments
 Others (see text field entitled "Additional Information on Eligibility" for clarification)
 Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education
 Nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education
 City or township governments
 State governments
 Public and State controlled institutions of higher education

Additional Information on Eligibility: Eligible Applicants must be: Nonprofit, tax-exempt U.S. organizations, with or without 501(c)(3) designation
 Tribal Historic Preservation Offices
 State Historic Preservation Offices
 Certified Local Governments (list provided at <http://go.nps.gov/clg>)
 Special district governments, except school districts, located within a Certified Local Government
 Eligible Subgrants must be:
 Properties listed in or determined eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places
 Properties located in rural areas, definition below
 Properties within the grantee's jurisdiction
 Grants/subgrants are not available for sites or collections that are owned or leased by the federal government, or in which the federal government holds a property interest.
 Definition of Rural
 For the purposes of this program, the definition of rural follows the eligibility requirements used by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) for Rural Business Programs. USDA describes "rural" America as "nonmetropolitan (nonmetro) areas," defined on the basis of

June 15, 2026

City of Ely Historic Preservation Commission Members

Subject: FY25 & FY26 Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization Grant Application

The National Park Service released a Notice of Funding Opportunity for the FY2025 & FY2026 Historic Preservation Fund – Paul Bruhn Historic on May 18, 2026, with a June 23, 2026 application deadline.

Background: For ten years the City of Ely has used grant monies and its own funds for the revitalization of City Hall; completed projects have included a Historic Structures report, repairs to fourteen of the original windows on the second floor, masonry repair and a complete set of plans to renovate the building. Current City Hall applications under consideration include a Commission for Cultural Centers and Historic Preservation (CCCHP) Application to replace the exterior tin on City Hall and a Congressional appropriation to renovate the entire building.

Key Considerations:

1. **I learned today that Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization prime grantees cannot use grant funds for their own properties;** see third paragraph in National Park Service program description.
2. **The Nevada State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) makes historic preservation subgrants available to in-state Certified Local Governments;** this year's application period has closed, but the city could apply next year.
3. **Last Friday, June 12, 2026, I submitted a requested to SHPO to waive the professional member requirement for the City's Historic Preservation Commission;** when the city receives it, we can submit our CLG application.

Next Steps:

1. Complete and submit the City of Ely's application to the Nevada State Historic Preservation Office to become a Certified Local Government.
2. Design a small City Hall project to apply for a SHPO Historic Preservation Fund Subgrant in 2027.

J Lee

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Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization Grants Program

The Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization Grant Program, named in honor of the late preservation leader from Vermont, fosters economic development in rural communities through the rehabilitation of historic buildings in those communities. The program provides recipients (referred to as prime grantees) with a single grant that is then regranted in smaller amounts to individual projects (subgrants).

Prime grantees design and administer subgrant programs that support the economic development goals and needs in their chosen service area. Subgrants could be limited to a single town, made available to rural communities in a particular county, or throughout a multi-county region or an entire state. Similarly, it is up to the prime grantee to determine what types of buildings and community resources will be eligible for subgrants. Will funding be limited to specific resource types (i.e. theaters, community centers, businesses) or can any building in an eligible community receive a subgrant?

Prime grantees must determine the focus and criteria for the subgrant program they wish to administer and describe this program in the application. If successful, the recipient then develops their own application process and project selection criteria for choosing which buildings will receive

→ subgrants. **Prime grantees cannot use grant funds for their own properties or submit applications for individual buildings or pre-selected projects.** The intent of this program is to provide funds that can be regranted to projects

that have been selected through a locally administered competitive process after the prime grant is awarded.

What are eligible projects?

Examples of eligible projects could include, but are not limited to:

- A State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) could apply for a grant to administer a subgrant program that supports the rehabilitation of historic theaters in rural communities throughout the state. The application would describe why the SHPO has selected theaters as the focus of the subgrant program, the maximum amount of each subgrant, how they intend to publicize the subgrant opportunity, and how they intend to choose projects for funding after the grant is awarded.
- An economic development agency in a Certified Local Government (CLG) county could apply for a grant to support façade improvements for historic buildings in rural villages throughout the county. The application would describe the types and significance of historic resources in the county's villages, the types of activities eligible for funding, the amount of each subgrant, how they intend to publicize the subgrant opportunity, and how they intend to choose projects for funding after the grant is awarded.
- A regional non-profit organization could apply for a grant to support the preservation of historic anchor commercial buildings in rural communities throughout a ten county region. The application would describe the communities and historic resources throughout the region, the types of buildings eligible for subgrants, the amount of each subgrant, how they intend to publicize the subgrant opportunity, and how they intend to choose projects for funding after the grant is awarded.

Eligible subgrant properties must be listed in the National Register of Historic Places or determined eligible for listing at the National, State, or local level of significance and located within rural (non-urban) communities with populations less than 50,000. State Historic Preservation Offices, Tribal Historic Preservation Offices, Certified Local Governments, and non-profits can apply for funding that will in turn be subgranted to specific projects in rural communities in their jurisdictions. Eligible costs for this program include architectural/engineering services (not to exceed 20% of the subgrant) and physical preservation projects.

Funding available!

Application packages must be submitted using grants.gov in response to a notice of funding opportunity number under Assistance Listing (formerly CFDA) 15.966.

Notice Of Funding Opportunity (NOFO): P25AS00497

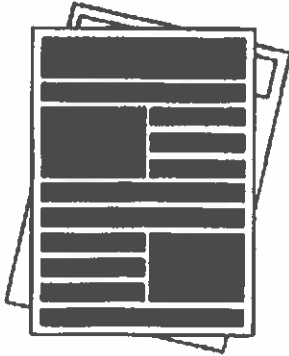
Opportunity closes JUNE 23, 2026, 11:59 PM ET.

Notice of Funding Opportunity:
[P25AS00497 \(https://grants.gov/search-results-detail/362434\)](https://grants.gov/search-results-detail/362434)

The Department of the Interior in cooperation with the National Park Service is now accepting applications for the [Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization Grant Program \(https://www.nps.gov/subjects/historicpreservationfund/paul-bruhn-historic-revitalization-grants-program.htm\)](https://www.nps.gov/subjects/historicpreservationfund/paul-bruhn-historic-revitalization-grants-program.htm). Applicants propose *subgrant programs* that support economic development goals through physical

preservation projects in their jurisdiction, determining what types of buildings and community resources will be eligible for subgrants. Congress has appropriated \$17,000,000 million in funding for PBHRG subgrant program.

☑ Applications are due **JUNE 23, 2026, 11:59 PM ET.**



Program Fact Sheet

A short summary of the Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization Grant Program (https://www.nps.gov/subjects/historicpreservationfund/upload/Bruhn_24_041524_508.pdf) that has general information on funding priorities, project and applicant eligibility, and upcoming important due dates and deadlines.

Fact sheets are intended to provide an overview of the grant program. Full application details and requirements will always be outlined in the Notice of Funding Opportunity posted to grants.gov.

What is the Source of Money for Historic Preservation Fund Grants?

Federal funding for grants awarded from the Historic Preservation Fund is derived from Outer Continental Shelf oil and gas lease revenue, not tax dollars. For more information about the history of the fund, visit the [About](https://www.nps.gov/subjects/historicpreservationfund/about.htm) (<https://www.nps.gov/subjects/historicpreservationfund/about.htm>) page.

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The National Park Service's Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization Grants Program is now accepting applications for competitive grants. National Park Service's Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization Grants Program supports subgrant

POTENTIAL CITY HALL PRESERVATION PROJECT

On February 5, 2018, Ely City Hall, built in 1928, was listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Ely City Hall Masonry Revitalization Project will restore the original beauty of its exterior masonry work. Nearly one hundred years of dirt has obscured the original black color of the masonry cap and trim on Ely City Hall. Therefore, all this exterior masonry needs to be cleaned, repaired and repointed, including the replacement of the failing concrete cap at the top of the building. The Ely City Hall Masonry Revitalization Project will also repair bricks where necessary. Total project estimate is between \$300,000 and \$500,000, with replacement of the concrete cap projected to be approximately \$100,000. The Ely City Hall Masonry Revitalization Project is scalable.

RE: Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization grant

From Carla Cloud <ccloud@shpo.nv.gov>

Date Tue 6/16/2026 8:50 AM

To Jennifer Lee <CityClerk@cityofelynv.gov>

Cc Nathan Robertson <Mayor@cityofelynv.gov>; Art Krupicz <art.krupicz@shpo.nv.gov>; Robin Reed <rreed@shpo.nv.gov>; Grace Goedeker <grace.goedeker@shpo.nv.gov>

Good morning, Jennifer,
Our office does not regularly apply for these grants, however as staffing increases that may change in the future.

The current funding we have that you linked to is from our annual Historic Preservation Fund where we subgrant at least 10% of our award to CLG's.

Thank you,

Carla Cloud

Grants and Projects Analyst

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From: Jennifer Lee <CityClerk@cityofelynv.gov>

Sent: Monday, June 15, 2026 4:06 PM

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Subject: Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization grant

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Carla:

I was chagrined to learn this afternoon that that prime grantees of the Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization grant "cannot use grant funds for their own properties"; see third paragraph in the program summary at the top of NPS' Historic Preservation Fund page: <https://www.nps.gov/subjects/historicpreservationfund/paul-bruhn-historic-revitalization-grants-program.htm> . Does SHPO regularly apply for the Bruhn Revitalization grant and then subgrant to in-state CLGs (see <https://shpo.nv.gov/services/historic-preservation-fund-subgrants/historic-preservation-fund-subgrant-fy25>) ?

Thank you.

Jennifer Lee, MBA

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