

MONTANA STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE (SHPO) RURAL PROPERTY BRICK AND MORTAR GRANT (RPB&MG) 2008 -- 2009

In 2008-2009, the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) of the Montana Historical Society is awarding up to \$15,000 as *reimbursement* for the rehabilitation of historic rural, agriculture related buildings. The intent of the program is to preserve the historic character of rural buildings through historically sensitive rehab. These dollars are to be used for ag related buildings such as barns, grain elevators, and outbuildings. Work proposed for non-ag-related buildings such as school buildings, churches, residences, or storefronts is not considered for this grant. Funds will be awarded for brick and mortar expenses incurred only after July 1, 2008.

Priority is given to National Register of Historic Places (NR) listed buildings, but consideration will also be given to applications for substantial rehabilitation of buildings built 50 years ago or more that SHPO determines are eligible for NR listing. Owners of buildings not yet listed in the National Register that are selected for these grant funds must agree to permit SHPO to research, nominate and list the property in the National Register (at SHPO's time and expense). We recommend applicants become familiarized with the National Register of Historic Places program at: www.nationalregisterofhistoricplaces.com/ or request from SHPO literature on the program.

Requirements

Applicants must use the grant application to describe proposed work. Color photo documentation of existing building conditions and cost estimates for repair must accompany work descriptions. Only hard copies of applications will be accepted by SHPO for review.

Building rehab work must be done according to the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Historic Rehabilitation (Standards). We recommend applicants become familiarized with the Standards at: www.cr.nps.gov/hps/tps/standards/rehabilitation.htm or request from SHPO a hard copy version of this document.

Projects in which applicants provide a dollar-for-dollar match are given priority. Matches can be in dollars, donated materials, and volunteer services billable at \$17.55 per hour -- unless the volunteer is performing a trade for which he/she would typically bill at a higher rate.

Applicants must submit photo documentation and invoices reflecting completed work. Substantially incomplete work or work that does not adhere to that proposed in the application is not eligible for reimbursement.

Grant recipients shall enter into a five-year preservation agreement with the SHPO in which the SHPO reviews all subsequent work performed on the building(s) to which the grant is applied.

Timetable:

- Complete applications must be post marked by Tuesday, April 1, 2008
- Successful applicants will be notified by Thursday, May 1, 2008
- Expenses incurred for brick and mortar work done only *after* July 1, 2008 are eligible for reimbursement
- Progress Reports are due August 15, 2008
- Projects must be complete and documentation of completed work postmarked by May 31, 2009

Scoring

Applications can receive a total of 100 points. An application can score as many as 20 points if the building has exceptional historic architectural *integrity*. A high level of "integrity" means that the building strongly resembles the building it was 50 or more years ago. An application can receive as many as 20 more points if the building has exceptional historical *significance* or importance due to its architecture and or associated history. Properties already listed in the National Register will receive an additional 15 points. Those not already listed *will* be considered if the building meets National Register criteria, substantial rehabilitation work is proposed, and the application is done well.

An application can receive up to 45 points for a work plan that demonstrates that the project will make significant improvements to the building, that the work will adhere to the Standards, and that it can be completed within the estimated time and budget.

Projects that will score high involve:

- buildings of primary historic significance, i.e. barns and grain elevators;

- rare building types, buildings with associations to significant historical people and events;
- Ambitious, but realistic scopes of work.

RPB&MG funds will not be awarded for:

- work done outside of the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Historic Rehabilitation;
- a project or work completed prior to July 1, 2008;
- construction of building additions alone;
- demolition of historically significant buildings or historic parts of buildings;
- reconstruction of missing buildings;
- relocation of buildings outside of their immediate historic setting;
- non-agriculture related buildings;
- project planning and design costs

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

The RPB&MG has a three-part application. Parts 1 & 2 constitute the grant application and shall be submitted to SHPO concurrently prior to the application deadline (April 1, 2008). SHPO will not consider incomplete applications for funding. Part 3 documents and is submitted at the end for the completed work.

Part 1: Determination of Historic Architectural Integrity

All applicants must complete Part 1, which includes current and historical information about the property and photos that provide an overview of building and its setting.

Part 2: Description of Rehabilitation

All applicants must complete Part 2, which lists each architectural feature involved in work, its condition, proposed treatments and cost estimate (can be attached separately). At least one numbered and labeled photo is required of each feature to be affected by work. A simple way to order work items is by listing work items on the exterior from the ground up, and then interior items from the floor up. SHPO uses Part 2 to determine if work meets the Standards. The Standards apply equally to the interior and exterior of a building. Part 2 is to be submitted to SHPO at the same time as the Part 1 application.

Continuation Sheet

Text fill-ins should be succinct. Use continuation sheet(s) if space provided is not adequate.

Part 3: Documentation of Completed Work

Successful applicants are given a Part 3 form. This will provide photographic evidence of work completed as described in Part 2, and requires copies of receipts and/or volunteer sign-in sheets with tallies of volunteer hours.

Successful applicants will be contacted by SHPO by May 1, 2008. Applicants not chosen for this grant will also be notified.

Applicants with questions about the National Register of Historic Places can contact National Register Coordinator, Kate Hampton at 406-444-3647 or kahampton@mt.gov.

Applicants with questions about rehab work, the Standards, or this application can contact Pete Brown at pebrown@mt.gov or at 406-444-7718.

Architectural Description/Construction History and Integrity (20 points): (provide a basic description of the property, including the setting, buildings, and other resources (ditches, fences, agricultural fields, etc.). Individual buildings should be described according to the shape of the building, number of stories, architectural style, roof shape, type of foundation, type of construction, exterior wall materials, and any other major stylistic elements or distinguishing features (chimneys, porches, window and door types, etc.). Indicate, if known, whether the interiors of the buildings contribute to their integrity. Note any additions or alterations to the buildings, including the relevant names, dates, and materials. **Use continuation sheet(s) if the information does not fit in the space below.**

History of Property (20 points):

Who/What/Where and When? Note any known associations with important people and events. Use continuation sheet(s) if the information does not fit in the space below.

Information Sources/Bibliography:

Use continuation sheet(s) if the information does not fit in the space below.

Form Preparer Name:

Address:

Daytime Phone:

If my property is not already listed in the National Register, and I am selected for this grant, I give the Montana State Historic Preservation Office permission to nominate my building for listing and submit the nomination to the Keeper of the National Register for listing.

Property Owner Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: / /

TOPOGRAPHICAL MAP www.nris.state.mt.us/gis/

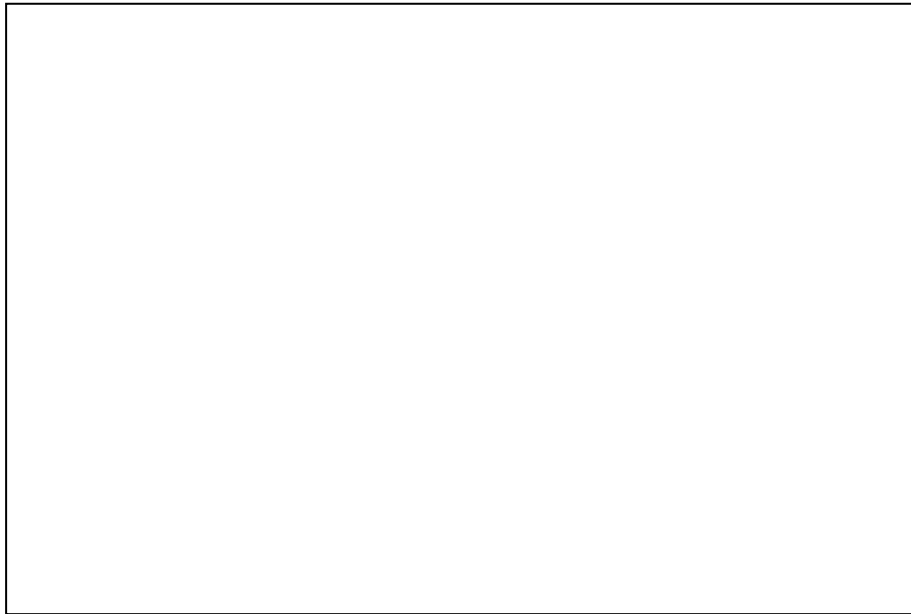
DO NOT REDUCE OR ENLARGE MAP

USGS Topographic Quadrangle, 1:24,000 scale from the link above.
Do not reduce or enlarge map; legal locations are checked with a template.
Label the property location in a method that will photocopy well. No highlighters please.
If you are not able to produce a topo map you may contact the SHPO for a copy.

PHOTOGRAPHS (35mm or good quality digitals of four exterior sides of property, and two photos of setting)

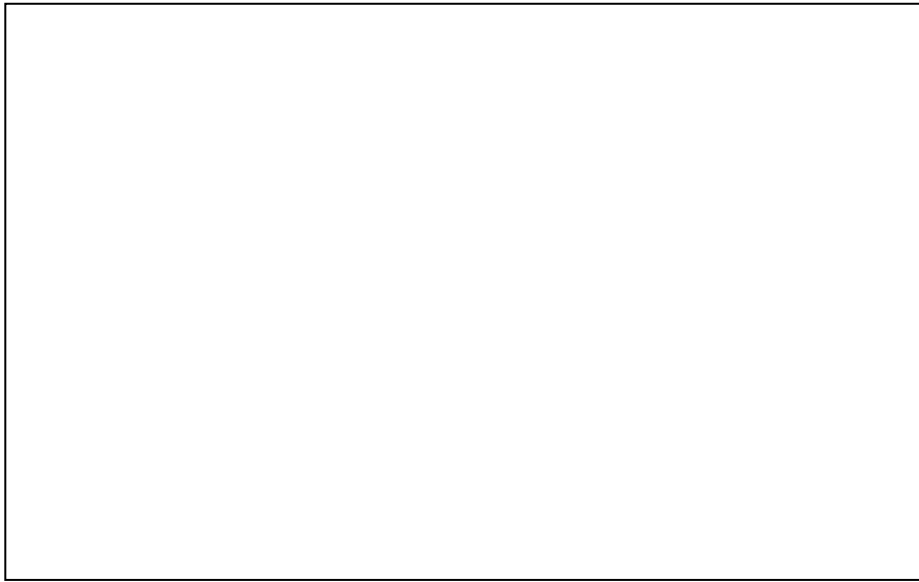


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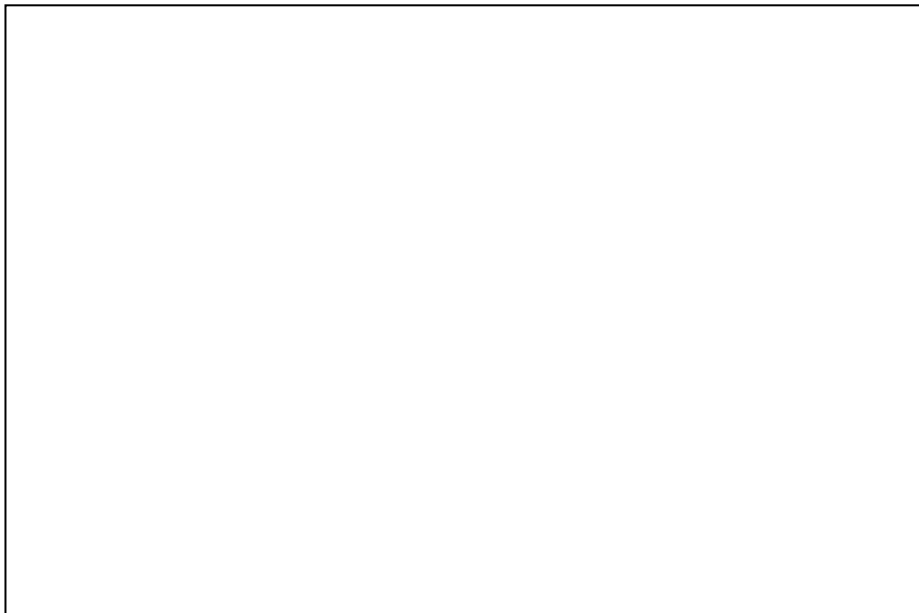


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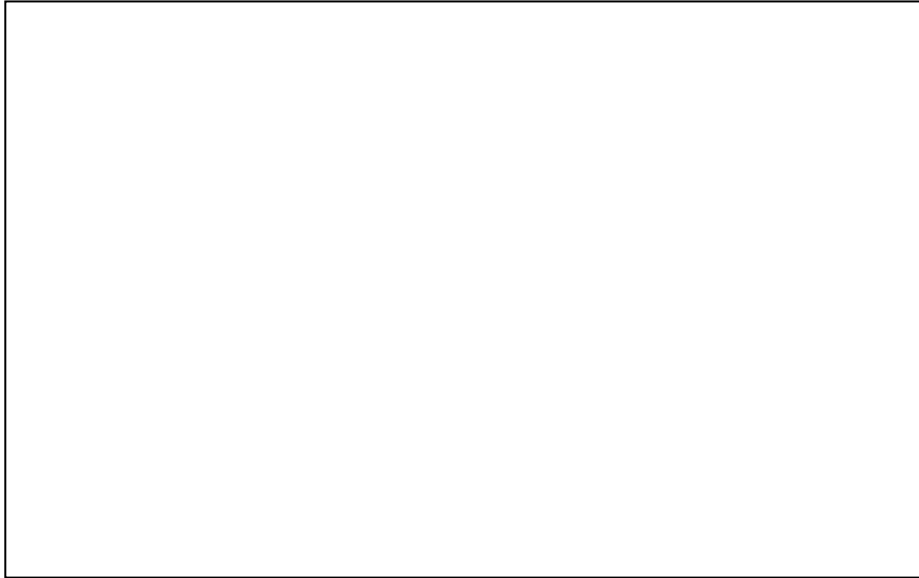


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CONTINUATION SHEET

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