

Overview

The Division for Historic Preservation (Division) administers the Historic Preservation Grants program, a state-funded program awarding one-to-one matching grants for the rehabilitation of civil and community buildings that are a vital part of Vermont's historic downtowns, villages, and rural communities. Since the creation of the Historic Preservation Grants in 1986, more than 550 historic buildings owned by municipalities and non-profits have received almost \$4.5 million, leveraging five times as much in non-state funds for these projects. Grant funds awarded to historic community buildings such as libraries, community halls, town halls, museums, and churches, help pay for repairs to deteriorated foundations, roofs, steeples, structural members and exterior cladding, windows, and provide for ADA compliance. Often, this work results in new uses for underutilized or vacant buildings. The work must conform to the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation. The Vermont Advisory Council for Historic Preservation reviews the applications and awards the funding. The maximum grant amount is \$20,000 and the project must be completed within two years of the award.

During the 2014 Program Year, the Advisory Council awarded eighteen grants totaling \$253,220, resulting in an \$877,957 investment in community buildings. Preservation of these historic civic and community resources not only protects Vermont's architectural legacy, it also generates jobs, supports independent businesses, increases civic participation and bolsters a community's sense of place and pride, while enhancing the experience of visitors. This program is continuously growing as completed projects promote community pride and awareness of grant opportunities. The trend shows an increasing number of project applications, with less than half funded annually.

Historic Preservation Grant Awards and Investment

Year	# of Grants Awarded	Amount Awarded	Total Project Cost
2015	18	\$253,220	\$877,957
2014	17	\$257,404	\$627,788
2013	15	\$224,225	\$615,961
2012	15	\$221,493	\$1,294,978
2011	16	\$186,193	\$463,258
2010	19	\$204,353	\$1,919,373
2009	17	\$202,340	\$608,355
2008	21	\$239,534	\$559,186

Program Financial Status

	FY2012	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	Totals
Appropriation Amount	\$225,000	\$225,000	\$225,000	\$225,000	\$900,000
Bond Amount	(\$2,576)	(\$1,934)	(\$1,340)	(\$733)	NA
Amount Available to Grant	\$222,424	\$223,066	\$223,660	\$224,267	\$893,417
Expenditures to Date	\$222,424	\$210,169.17	\$0	\$0	\$432,593.17
Encumbrances Remaining	\$0	\$12,896.83	\$223,660	\$224,266.17	\$460,823
Remaining Balance	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0.83	\$0.83

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Overview

The Division for Historic Preservation (Division) administers the Historic Barn Grants program, a state-funded program awarding one-to-one matching grants to individuals, municipalities, and nonprofit organizations for the rehabilitation and restoration of historic agricultural buildings that are the icons of Vermont's rural landscape. Created in 1992, the program is the oldest state-funded barn grant program in the United States. It has cumulatively provided \$2.9 million in grant assistance for the preservation of more than 350 historic barns and agricultural outbuildings statewide. Program funding assists with such work as the restoration of deteriorated foundations, roofs, timber frames, cupolas, and can provide new uses for underutilized or vacant buildings. The work must conform to the Secretary of the Interior's *Standards for Rehabilitation*. The Vermont Advisory Council for Historic Preservation reviews the applications and awards the funding. The maximum grant amount is \$15,000 and the project must be completed within two years of the award.

During the 2014 Program Year, the Advisory Council awarded twenty-four grants totaling \$341,161, which leveraged an \$820,477 investment in barns and agricultural outbuildings. Preservation of our historic agricultural resources not only protects Vermont's architectural legacy, it also generates jobs, supports independent businesses, increases civic participation and bolsters a community's sense of place and pride, while enhancing the experience of visitors. This program is continuously growing as completed projects promote community pride and awareness of grant opportunities. The trend shows an increasing number of project applications, with slightly more than half fully funded annually.

Historic Barn Grant Awards and Investment

Year	# of Grants Awarded	Amount Awarded	Total Project Cost
2014	24	\$341,161	\$820,477
2013	19	\$240,182	\$552,697
2012	16	\$222,424	\$757,701
2011	21	\$193,907	\$598,196
2010	25	\$208,723	\$780,833
2009	19	\$154,750	\$443,762
2008	23	\$208,966	\$530,909

Program Financial Status

	FY2012	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	Totals
Appropriation Amount	\$225,000	\$225,000	\$225,000	\$225,000*	\$900,000
Bond Amount	(\$1,934)	(\$1,934)	(\$1,340)	(\$733)	NA
Amount Available to Grant	\$223,066	\$223,066	\$223,660	\$224,267	\$894,059
Expenditures to Date	\$223,066	\$124,451.06	\$0	\$0	\$347,517.06
Encumbrances Remaining	\$0	\$77,650	\$212,300	\$0	\$289,950
Remaining Balance	\$0	\$20,964.94**	\$11,360**	\$224,367*	\$256,691.94

*All funds have been awarded to grant applicants, save the FY2015 that will be awarded by the Advisory Council in February 2015. Appropriations from FY2011 and years prior, totaling \$2,001,346, have been fully expended.

**Grants were recently rescinded and the money will be used for the FY2015 grant awards.

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Overview

The Historic Roadside Marker program promotes the creation of roadside markers commemorating individuals, events, and sites that have played a significant role in the prehistory and history of Vermont and/or the nation. It is a state-funded program, managed within the Historic Sites Section of the Division for Historic Preservation (Division). Since the creation of the program in 1947, more than 200 roadside markers have been placed throughout the state to draw the attention of the traveling public to our significant historic sites, downtowns, and villages.

During this past year, Vermont Advisory Council for Historic Preservation approved the updated application and procedures manual for requesting an historic marker. Private citizens, legislators, communities, and state agencies prepare the application forms, provide suggested wording with supporting history, and secure locations for marker placements. The Advisory Council approves the applications, with a team of interested individuals, staffs of the state and local historical societies, and/or noted historians reviewing the final text for each sign. Interested Vermonters determined to find all 212 markers now in place assist the Division staff with monitoring the condition of each marker.

Program Financial Status

	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	Totals
Appropriation Amount	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$45,000
Bond Amount	(\$129)	(\$89)	(\$49)	NA
Amount Available	\$14,871	\$14,911	\$14,951	\$44,733
Expenditures to Date	\$14,871	\$7,164.70	\$0	\$22,035.70
Encumbrances Remaining	\$0	\$7,746.30	\$8,453.70	\$16,200
Remaining Balance	\$0	\$0	\$6,497.30	\$6,497.30



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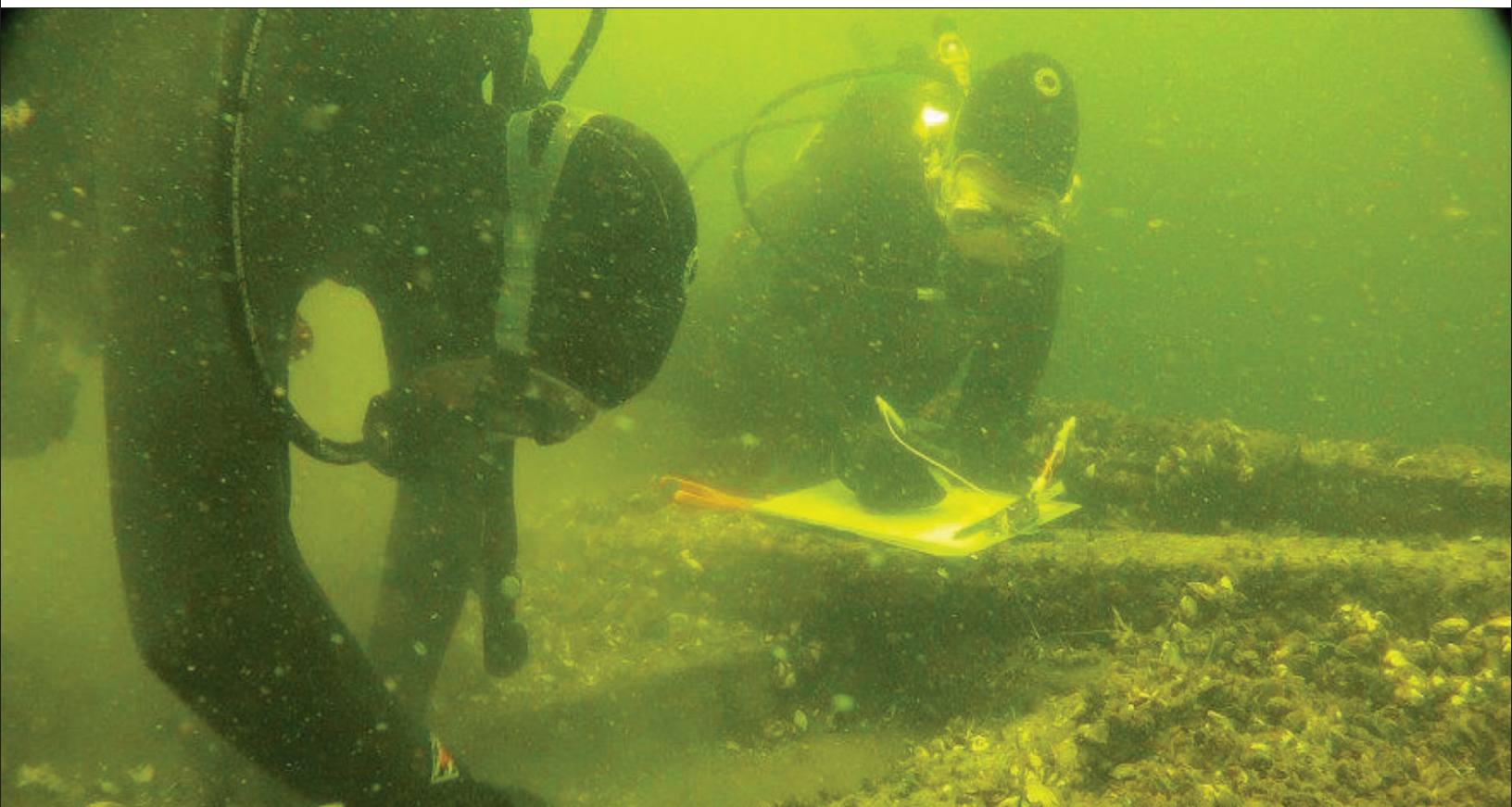
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The Division for Historic Preservation (Division) administers the Lake Champlain Underwater Historic Preserves, founded in 1982. The mission of the program is to protect irreplaceable historic shipwrecks from anchor damage and artifact collecting by fostering awareness and public education. The Division's Survey Archaeologist supervises the program with the aid of the Lake Champlain Maritime Museum, U.S. Coast Guard, Vermont State Archaeologist, State of New York officials, and a team of dedicated professionals who volunteer their expertise and time. Essential to the success of the program is the public partnership, with registered divers identifying and monitoring these preserves.

The significance of this program is growing rapidly as social media educates and attracts the diving public about our Underwater Historic Preserves, which include the late 19th and early 20th century wreckage of canal boats, steamboats, sailing vessels, a schooner, and a horse ferry. During 2014, the Capital appropriation funds covered the cost of location moorings and identification buoys, underwater signs, and emergency equipment for the response boat provided by the Vermont State Police. The funding also provided for the identification of additional sites that could be opened to the public as preserves, conservation of recovered artifacts, and above-water interpretive displays. Experienced certified divers who travel by boat to the sites perform much of the work, funded by a grant to the Maritime Museum.

Program Financial Status

	FY2014	FY2015	Totals
Grant Amount	\$24,851	\$34,886	\$59,737
Expenditures to Date	\$24,851	\$0	\$24,854
Encumbrances Remaining	\$0	\$34,886	\$34,886
Remaining Balance	\$0	\$0	\$0



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The Historic Sites Program, within the Division for Historic Preservation (Division), manages the appropriation funding the repair of the 1858 library and preparation of a conditions assessment for the Justin Morrill State Historic Site. Home of Senator Justin S. Morrill, the homestead was constructed in 1851 and enlarged just seven years later. The house is an excellent example of the Gothic Revival style of architecture popularized by Andrew Jackson Downing in the early 19th century. A scholar who collected books, Morrill used Downing's architectural handbooks to design his dream house, adapting the forms and details to suit his own particular vision. Morrill also planned the surrounding gardens, studying the romantic landscape movement with its formal yet picturesque plantings.

Having retired from a successful career in the dry goods business, Justin Morrill entered national politics, serving in the U.S. Congress and then Senate. Sensitive about his own lack of educational opportunities, he sponsored legislation that established the Land-Grant College Acts, which provided dedicated federal funds for the establishment of public colleges and universities in every state. One of the founding members of the Republican Party, Morrill was a vital member of the Committee of Public Buildings and Grounds, which oversaw construction of the Jefferson Building for the Library of Congress, the U.S. Capitol's west front terrace, the Executive Office Building (now the Eisenhower Executive Office Building), and the unfinished portion of the Washington Monument. It was Morrill's idea to use the Old House Chamber of the Capitol as a national statuary hall.

The homestead that Morrill created in Strafford is a nationally recognized historic landmark, the first such honored in Vermont. The property includes the house, dressed in furnishings from Morrill's Washington, D.C. home, carriage barn, cow barn, icehouse, foundation of a hothouse, sheep barn, farm shop, corncrib, and recently constructed education center. The FY2015 appropriation funded restoration of the library addition (completed spring 2014) and reconstruction of the balustrade framing the secondary stair of the same 1858 addition (anticipated spring 2015). The remaining appropriation will fund a conditions assessment report of the homestead. The documentation will provide 21st-century restoration ethics and techniques with a focus on how to implement best practices, ensuring deferred work is highlighted and budgets are appropriately prepared. The number of visitors to the Justin S. Morrill Historic Site is annually increasing. Therefore, restoration efforts and regular maintenance activities must meet the quality expected of Senator Morrill himself. The Division is collaborating with the Department of Buildings and General Services (BGS) on the preparation and implementation of the conditions assessment report.

Program Financial Status

	FY2015	Totals
Budget Amount	\$27,909	\$27,909
Expenditures to Date	\$13,640	\$13,640
Encumbrances Remaining	\$14,269	\$14,269
Remaining Balance	\$0	\$0



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