Criteria for Project Selection

◆ All work funded by the Idaho Heritage Trust must meet the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Buildings, or in the case of archaeological sites or collections, the applicable standards in the field.

◆ Community support and participation.

◆ Results in the preservation of historic fabric of Idaho, which means the Trustees prefer to award funds to projects that will result in the preservation of buildings and artifacts.

◆ Significance of the project to the local community, state or national history and places on the National Register of Historic Places. The Trust also has a commitment to funding projects in towns of all sizes especially those with populations of fewer than 5,000.

◆ The eminent decay, demolition or deterioration by neglect.

◆ Lack of funding from other sources.

◆ Long-term permanence of the project. Trustees prefer to fund groups that can commit to long-term maintenance of the building, artifact or site.

◆ Public ownership. Grants are not normally made to sites owned by individuals or for-profits groups. Exceptions may be considered for an exceptionally important historic building. The Trust’s interests will be protected with conservation easements and covenants.

◆ The Trust prefers not to fund moving buildings to new locations.

◆ The Trust doesn’t fund publications or video/film work, oral histories or applications for the National Register of Historic Places.

YOUR LICENSE PLATES AT WORK

Funds generated by the red, white and blue license plate support historic preservation throughout Idaho. Fifty cents from each standard Idaho plate goes into an endowment fund. The earnings from the fund, in partnership with money from the local community, supports the preservation of historic buildings, sites and artifact collections throughout Idaho.

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Founded in 1989, the Idaho Heritage Trust began as a lasting legacy of the Centennial Celebration of 1990.

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◆ Funded more than 400 projects totaling over $3 million in grants and technical architectural, engineering and conservation advice.

◆ Provided grants and technical assistance in every county in Idaho.

◆ Awarded more than 66% of grants to communities of 5,000 or less.
Please answer the following questions. If you have any questions call the office, 208-549-1778 or e-mail IHT@idahoheritage.org.

Your Project
1. Tell us about your site or collection. Where is it located and what is its history? Who owns the property or collection?
2. What do you plan to do? How do you plan to accomplish your plans? Be specific.

For example if you’re going to replace historic materials with another product please tell us why. The Trust uses the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties to evaluate grant applications. Learn more: www.nps.gov/hps/tps/Standards/index.htm

3. Is the building on the National Register of Historic Places?
4. Have you worked with the Idaho State Historic Preservation Office on any aspect of this project?
5. Why is it important to do this project now? What threats exist to the future of this historic building or collection of artifacts or photos? What will be lost if this project isn’t completed?
6. Have you received previous funding from the Trust? Has this grant been expended?
7. Please send photographs of your buildings. If you have close-ups of the problem please send those too.
8. Who is going to do the work? If you’re asking for help with plans and specifications, who is going to prepare those for you? If professional guidance has already been sought please give the name and telephone number of the architect, engineer, object or photo conservator. If you don’t yet have your helpers selected tell us that, too.

The Budget
The Trust can only reimburse up to 50% of the hard dollar cost of a project. Our funds may be used to match federal dollars.

Please break your budget out in the following manner:
- Contract labor (bid by roofer, architect's fee, engineer's fee)
- Supplies and material (lumber, paint, shakes, foundation materials) and their estimated cost.
- Acquisition: note if you are asking for funds to help purchase a site or building.
- Other costs
- Total cost of the project
- Amount requested from the Trust
- Other donations: please list expected donations and volunteer time. This helps the trustees evaluate the community commitment to the project.

Our Review Process
Each grant is reviewed by several preservation professionals prior to being reviewed by a local committee in your region of the state. The Trustees, however, make the final decisions regarding which projects are funded. Notification is made in late November or early December of each year.

Your Part
- Each grant recipient agrees to provide the IHT with photographs of the completed work and, where appropriate, work in progress. These will not be returned and permission is granted to the Trust to reproduce and/or publish the photos in furtherance of its goals and objectives for historic preservation.
- The grantee agrees to acknowledge the financial and technical support provided by the Idaho Heritage Trust in all written and/or verbal presentations.
- The grant recipient agrees to display a plaque (when provided by the IHT), which will include the words: This preservation project supported by the Idaho Heritage Trust.
- Please include the IHT logo on all flyers, posters, newsletter articles and printed programs. In addition, include in your publicity pieces and press releases the following acknowledgment of financial support: This project is made possible by a grant from the Idaho Heritage Trust, an endowment for the preservation of historic buildings, sites and artifacts.
- In order to give our legislators and private contributors a sense of the local impact of our grants and to assure our continued ability to make grants such as this one, we are asking that all project directors and/or authorizing officials write a letter to their local legislators to express their gratitude for their continuing support of the Idaho Heritage Trust endowment.
- Please be conscientious about giving credit to the Trust for its part in making your project possible.