

Community Foundation for Monterey County

Historic Preservation Grant Guidelines

Preservation of Historic Structures and Gardens

To be eligible for a historic preservation grant, the structure proposed for preservation must be at least 50 years old and meet at least one of the following criteria:

- It has value as a significant reminder of the cultural, historical, architectural, or archaeological heritage of the city, county, state or nation;
- Its location is the site of a significant local, state or national event;
- It is identified with a person or persons who significantly contributed to the development of the city, county, state or nation;
- It is identified as the work of a master builder, landscaper, designer, or architect whose individual work has influenced the development of the city, county, state or nation;
- Its value as a building is recognized for the quality of architecture, and it retains sufficient elements showing its architectural significance;
- It has distinguishing characteristics of an architectural style valuable for the study of a period, method of construction, or use of indigenous materials;
- It is listed by historic societies in Monterey County as a historic site;
- It is in a suitable condition for preservation or restoration as determined by technical experts.

Preservation of Historic Artifacts

To be eligible for a historic preservation grant, the artifact proposed for preservation must be at least 50 years old and meet at least one of the following criteria:

- It has value as a significant reminder of the cultural and historical heritage of the city, county, state or nation (*significance* is defined by the artifact's rarity and scarcity in this, or other, collections);
- It is identified with a person or persons who significantly contributed to the development of the city, county, state or nation;
- It is identified as the work of a master local designer, artist or craftsman;
- It has distinguishing characteristics of a style valuable for the study of a period, method of creation, or use of indigenous materials;
- It is in a suitable condition for preservation or restoration as determined by technical experts.

Education

- Education programs that encourage people of all ages to appreciate and take action to protect and preserve the history and culture of the region;
- Local history education programs that foster a sense of belonging, continuity and identity.

Planning Grants

Planning grants are considered for the following purposes:

- To conduct an inventory of historical resources and maintain comprehensive records of these resources;
- To assess, develop and adopt criteria for the rehabilitation of historic structures;
- To establish policies and guidelines for a comprehensive historic resources plan.