



Emergency Supplemental Historic Preservation Fund (ESHPPF) – Capacity



Tornado damage in downtown Sulphur, Oklahoma. Photo courtesy of the Oklahoma State Historic Preservation Office.

Congress has appropriated emergency supplemental funds from the Historic Preservation Fund (ESHPPF) to provide support and capacity to State and Tribal Historic Preservations Offices managing disaster recovery for historic preservation within Presidentially-declared disaster areas. Funding for physical repairs, recovery, and reconstruction of damaged properties is available under a separate notice of funding opportunity for fiscal year 2025.

Who May Apply?

Eligible applicants are limited to State Historic Preservation Offices (SHPOs) and Tribal Historic Preservation Offices (THPOs) located in areas with major disaster declarations within their jurisdictions in calendar years 2023 and/or 2024. Applicants can interact with [this map](#) to verify their location within a declared disaster area. More information about major disaster declarations can be found at [Disasters and Other Declarations | FEMA.gov](#).

What is Funded?

Eligible activities include program areas as defined by the National Historic Preservation Act (54 USC 3001 et seq.), focusing on administration, National Register, planning, survey and inventory, and review and compliance activities that meet the Secretary of the Interior's Standards and Guidelines for Archeology and Historic Preservation for needs associated with major disaster declarations in calendar years 2023 and/or 2024.

What is Not Funded?

- Construction of new buildings
- Cash reserves, endowments, revolving funds, or fund-raising costs
- Lobbying or advocacy activities
- Costs to manage the grant may not exceed 25% of the total budget per statute
- Miscellaneous costs, contingencies, reserves, and overhead
- Work to federally-owned properties
- Local Government Certification
- Preservation Tax Incentives
- Cost related to Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) activities.

- Acquisition of collections or historic sites
- Conservation of collections
- Long-term maintenance or curatorial work beyond the grant period
- Work performed prior to announcement of award, except for work associated with storm damage that occurred after the FEMA-declared disaster period
- Costs for work already completed or funded through other federal programs
- Costs reimbursed by FEMA or insurance

Grant Amounts

Awards may range from \$75,000 to \$15 million. Applicants are encouraged to apply for the funding that they need, but should take into account the amount of funding available for a large number of major disaster declarations eligible under this appropriation. Matching funds are not required.

Selection Process

NPS personnel and qualified Federal employees will review all complete proposals using the criteria outlined below. Reviewers' evaluations are based solely on the material provided in the application. Additional materials not specifically required by the application, and materials sent separately from the application, will not be considered.

In addition to the criteria below, NPS may use planning numbers derived from US Census and FEMA data to guide allocation of funding across affected areas. This may include: US Census population of affected areas, number of approved FEMA Individual Assistance applications, and amount of FEMA Public Assistance Awards.

A summary of the review panel comments may be provided to the applicant if requested after the grant process is complete. All funded grantees will undergo a risk assessment as part of the award process.

Evaluation Criteria

- **Significance:** Describe the resources affected by this proposal.
- **Need/Urgency/Threat:** Describe how the proposal addresses needs associated with recovery from an eligible major disaster declaration(s). The proposed work must address issues as a result of an eligible major disaster declaration and fulfill a clear financial need.
- **Feasibility:** List and describe all tasks and their anticipated results. The tasks must be achievable within 3 years, within a reasonable budget, and be performed with qualified personnel and/or consultants.
- **Sustainability:** Describe the impacts after completion of work, including long-lasting effects.

Process and Deadlines

Applications are anticipated to open in April 2025 and are due in June 2025. Pursuant to FY2025 Public Law 118-158, \$48,000,000 will be awarded under the ESHPF grant program by NPS. All applications must be made through Grants.gov. No paper applications will be accepted. Registration in Grants.gov, SAM.gov, and other federal systems can take up to four weeks, so please start early. Extensions will not be granted due to incomplete registrations in these systems. To be notified when the grant opportunity opens, please visit Grants.gov and subscribe to a saved search for CFDA number 15.957. You can create a saved search on Grants.gov under the "Connect" menu, then "Manage Subscriptions."

Additional Information

Visit [go.nps.gov/disaster](https://www.nps.gov/disaster) for more information about this grant program.

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