



Grant Program and Guidelines

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About the Program

Initiated in May 2024, the Duluth Preservation Alliance (DPA) Grant Program supports the preservation and restoration of historic properties throughout the Duluth area. Through modest but meaningful grants, the program helps nonprofit and public-serving organizations complete essential preservation and maintenance projects that protect historically significant structures.

These investments strengthen community pride, preserve shared architectural heritage, and support the continued use and stewardship of historic places for future generations.

Grant Purpose

The purpose of the Duluth Preservation Alliance Grant Program is to provide funding for the preservation, maintenance, and restoration of historic properties through capital improvement grants.

Grant funding is intended to support projects that:

- Preserve historically significant structures
- Protect historic materials and architectural integrity
- Support sustainable preservation solutions
- Align with the DPA's mission and values

Eligibility

The structure must be owned by a non-profit, educational, religious, or public organization in Duluth and its surrounding Minnesota communities, available to structures within 20 miles of Downtown Duluth.

To qualify for consideration:

- Eligible structures must be at least 50 years old and retain general historic integrity.
- The applying organization must demonstrate an active fundraising effort for the project.
- Preference will be given to properties listed on the National Register, designated as Local Landmarks, or contributing to a historic district.
- Preference will also be given to projects focused on preserving historic materials rather than restoration or replacement.

At this time, the Duluth Preservation Alliance does not provide funding for private or for-profit projects, including residences, rental properties, or businesses.



Funding Amounts

Grant funding amounts vary from year to year based on available program funding, donations, fundraising efforts, and organizational resources. Award amounts may also depend on the number of qualified applications received during a funding cycle.

Please visit our website or contact us directly for current funding availability and award amounts:

<https://duluthpreservation.org/resources/grants>

Eligible Project Types

Grant funds may be used for capital improvement projects on historic structures, including:

- Exterior façade and building envelope improvements
- Electrical work
- HVAC systems
- Plumbing
- Hazardous material mitigation

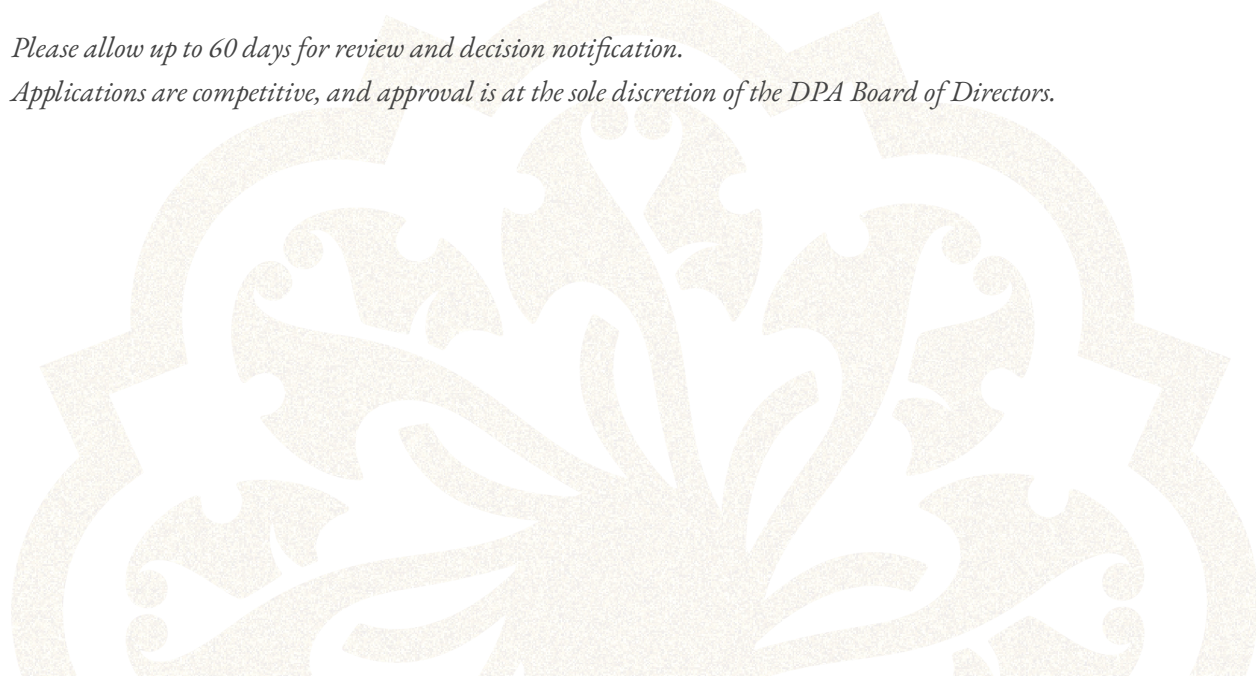
Funds may also be used to replace non-historic materials necessary for a structure's continued use, such as non-historic roofs or windows.

Grant Cycles

Cycle	Application Deadline	Awards Announced By
Spring	February 15	May 1
Fall	September 15	December 1

Please allow up to 60 days for review and decision notification.

Applications are competitive, and approval is at the sole discretion of the DPA Board of Directors.





How to Apply

Applications must be submitted using the DPA online grant application form:

<https://forms.gle/fVxJNT7mBy759C8u8>

Prep in advance:

- Project description
- Estimated budget
- Photos of current conditions
- Proof of nonprofit/public ownership
- Timeline for completion

Organizations selected for funding must sign an agreement stating that grant funds will be used solely for the approved purpose. Within 12 months of project completion, recipients are required to provide either a written presentation/report, or an in-person presentation.

The presentation must describe the completed project and explain how DPA funds were used.

Future grant applications will not be considered until the required final report has been submitted.

Recipients also agree to allow the Duluth Preservation Alliance to promote the completed project through public communications.

The Duluth Preservation Alliance Vision, Mission and Values

The Duluth Preservation Alliance is committed to supporting the preservation of historic places that strengthen our community and connect future generations to Duluth's shared heritage.

Vision: Protect the past and inspire the future.

Mission: Being stewards of our historic places by advocating for the past, offering education, and supporting sustainable solutions within the Duluth area community.

Values: Education + Stewardship + Vision + Community

Questions?

For questions or additional information, contact: duluthpreservationalliance@gmail.com