



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT *of* STATE

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Dear Constituent,

Thank you for your inquiry. The Florida Department of State, Division of Historical Resources administers a program of historic preservation grants. Our statutory authority for the program is contained in Chapter 267.0617, Florida Statutes. One of the principal types of grants we award is for appropriate restoration/rehabilitation of historic buildings. However, eligible applicants must be either units of Florida state/local governments or not-for-profit organizations. Typically, the restoration project is being undertaken so that the building can continue in some type of public use. At this time, our program does not award grants to private individuals or entities. You can find some information on our program at our website: www.flheritage.com/grants.

The following are other programs that might be of assistance:

1) While the Florida Division of Historical Resources preservation grants program does not extend to privately-owned properties, the Division does administer, along with the National Park Service, the Federal Rehabilitation Tax Credit program. This program provides a 20% income tax credit (based on the cost of rehabilitation) for a "certified historic rehabilitation" of a "certified historic building." It is for *income-producing* properties that are listed, or eligible for listing, on the National Register of Historic Places at the time of rehabilitation and whose rehabilitation meets the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties, which can be found here: <https://www.nps.gov/tps/standards.htm>. More information on the Federal Rehabilitation Tax Credit program is available at www.nps.gov/tps/tax-incentives.htm. The Division of Historical Resources contact for this program is Alissa Lotane, Chief of the Bureau of Historic Preservation. You may reach her via telephone at (850) 245-6357 or via email at Alissa.Lotane@dos.myflorida.com.

2) Section 196.1997, Florida Statutes, allows local governments to grant ad valorem tax exemptions for the restoration of historic properties, including private residences. To inquire about such local tax incentives that may be available, contact your city and county planning departments for information.

3) An additional option may be financing the property through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's FHA 203(k) program. Participating lenders can provide a mortgage that includes both the cost of rehabilitation and purchase of the property. To read more about this program visit their website at: https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/housing/sfh/203k/203k--df.

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4) Another alternative may be financing the improvement through the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Property Improvement Loan Insurance (Title I). You may visit their website at: https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/housing/sfh/title/title-i to learn more.

5) Additionally, the Florida Trust for Historic Preservation, a non-profit historic preservation advocacy group, may be able to offer assistance as well. Please visit their webpage at www.floridatrust.org for general information on the organization. You may also reach them by phone at (850) 224-8128.

6) The National Trust for Historic Preservation is also an excellent resource. Please visit their main webpage at <https://savingplaces.org/> for general information on the nation-wide advocacy organization. To go directly to their page on financial resources, visit the following webpage: forum.savingplaces.org/build/funding.

We hope this information will be of assistance to you. Please feel free to contact us at DHRgrants@dos.myflorida.com if you have any additional questions. Thank you for your commitment to historic preservation in Florida, and best of luck to you with your preservation project!

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