

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD

TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-THREE

H.P. 19 - L.D. 15

**An Act to Amend the Law Governing the State Grant Program Administered  
by the Maine Historic Preservation Commission**

**Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

**Sec. 1. 27 MRSA §505, sub-§2, ¶D**, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 585, §2, is amended to read:

D. The director may administer a program of state financed grants for the ~~stabilization~~ preservation and restoration of ~~unique historic structures~~ properties consistent with the following conditions.

- (1) An applicant for a grant must be either a governmental or a nonprofit organization.
- (2) The historic ~~structure which~~ property that is the subject of the grant application must be listed on the National Register of Historic Places as ~~provided~~ authorized by the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 or have been nominated to the register by the commission.
- (3) An applicant must provide assurance that public access to the ~~structure~~ historic property will be reasonably provided with respect to admission fees, visitation hours and physical accessibility, while maintaining the ~~historical~~ historic integrity of the ~~structure~~ historic property.
- (4) Applications must address, to the satisfaction of the commission, the applicant's organizational and financial capacity to provide long-term maintenance of ~~that structure which~~ the historic property that is the subject of the application.
- (5) Grants ~~shall~~ may not exceed 50% of the total expense of the proposed project, except that grants to ~~this~~ the State may be 100% of the total expense of the proposed project.
- (6) All grants ~~shall be~~ are subject to final approval, by the commission.
- (7) Prior to final approval, the commission may require the applicant to execute a covenant to secure continued public access to and maintenance of the historic integrity of the ~~structure, and a right of first refusal for the State~~ historic property.

With respect to the quality of work to be performed through this grant program, the commission and the director ~~shall~~ must be guided by the United States Secretary of the Interior's Standards for ~~Rehabilitation~~ the Treatment of Historic Properties.