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Dear Barn Owner,

Thank you for your interest in the Historic Barn Assessment Grant Program sponsored by the New Hampshire Preservation Alliance in conjunction with the Division of Historical Resources, and the N.H. Historic Agricultural Structures Advisory Committee. This grant program is an important component of our **52 Barns in 52 Weeks** Initiative for 2017. The goal of these competitive matching grants is to help save our state's fast-disappearing agricultural heritage by offering support for professional consultations to help barn owners *learn what needs to be done* to stabilize, repair or re-use these irreplaceable historic structures. *These grants can go towards assessments only, not toward repairs.*

The grant program provides matching funds for a barn restoration expert to comprehensively assess your structure's needs and issue you an in-depth report. This assessment can help address immediate stabilization issues, general care and upkeep, re-use strategies, budgeting, and a long-term revitalization plan, depending on your needs. **These assessments are \$500, of which, \$400 will be paid by the grant and a \$100 match is required by the grant winner.**

As a part of our **52 Barns in 52 Weeks** initiative in 2017, we are expanding our assessment grant program to include mini-grants in order to help more barn owners. These smaller grants of \$200 (with a match of \$50 from the grant winner) will fund a site visit and short on-site write-up from the barn expert.

The grants will be offered on a competitive basis to barn owners involved in saving or re-using historic barns, and to non-profit or community owned barns. Grants are limited to barns and other agricultural outbuildings, with the emphasis on barns. Additional consideration will be given to barns still in agricultural use. The structure must be within New Hampshire, and be at least fifty years of age or of exceptional significance. Other criteria for grant selection include:

- historical and architectural significance of the structure;
- threat to the structure's existence;
- current and prospective uses of the building;
- visibility of the structure to the community;
- community support for the preservation of the structure;
- the viability of the structure.

Grant round deadlines: February 1; May 1; August 1, 2017

(Deadlines may be adjusted due to availability of funds after the May grant round.)

In order to apply for a grant, you must complete the Historic Barn Assessment Grant application and the NH Division of Historical Resources' Farm Reconnaissance Inventory Form. The grant review committee will choose which grant level (\$400 for regular assessment or \$200 for mini) will be offered to the grant winners. All applicants will be notified of grant review committee's decision within two weeks of the grant round deadline. If chosen, you will be asked to send your match of either \$50 or \$100 to the Preservation Alliance. We will assign a consultant from our list of skilled practitioners, or you may submit a consultant of your choice for approval. In addition, we ask that you provide us with a brief report on the use of the grant within three months of receiving the consultant's final report.

We are grateful to our supporters of the 52 Barns in 52 Weeks Campaign.

Go to nhpreservation.org for a complete list of donors.

**If you have any questions, please feel free to contact
Beverly Thomas, Program Director, at (603) 224-2281.**

The New Hampshire Preservation Alliance, founded in 1985, is a statewide organization that strengthens communities, and stimulates local economies by encouraging the protection and revival of historic buildings and places.



HISTORIC BARN ASSESSMENT GRANT APPLICATION

Name: _____ Date: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Town: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Address of structure, if different: _____

Date of construction: _____

Grant level preferred: \$400 (you pay \$100) \$200 (mini-grant, you pay \$50)

PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS ON SEPARATE PAGES (LIMITED TO 3) AND BE SPECIFIC.

- 1) Please describe the type of structure, and its original intended use.
- 2) Is there any National or State recognition of your barn (National Register, or local historic district)?
- 3) Please include a brief history of the property and the historical significance of the structure. (Your local historical society may be able to help with this information.)
- 4) Describe any community support for the preservation of the structure, such as its role as an important local landmark.
- 5) What are your future plans for the use of the structure?
- 6) Is the structure threatened in any way? If so, how?
- 7) What are your reasons for applying for the grant?

**Your completed application should contain all of the following.
Incomplete applications cannot be considered.**

- This application form with answers attached.
- Farm Reconnaissance Form (NH DHR Survey) and attached sketch map of farm showing main house, main barn, etc.
- Photographs (hard copies attached to application or electronic files sent to bt@nhpreservation.org) showing the building, the major features of the structure, its relation to other buildings, and any visible damage (5 or more pictures encouraged). *Please note: The NH Preservation Alliance reserves the right to use submitted photographs in organizational print and on-line publications; photographs will not be returned.*

Please return the completed application to:

**New Hampshire Preservation Alliance
Barn Grant Application
P.O. Box 268
Concord, NH 03302-0268**

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