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ROBERT SINCERBEAUX FUND GRANTS

Robert Sincerbeaux was Preservation Trust's first benefactor. We've named our project development grants after Bob as a way to honor his approach to preservation. Bob understood that people all around Vermont are passionate about their communities, countryside, and special places. Through the foundations he managed, he was able to provide a little seed money and a lot of encouragement, and then he watched the remarkable progress. Similarly the Preservation Trust of Vermont offers grants up to \$500 that can be used to hire consultants to provide technical assistance for projects.

FOR CONDITION ASSESSMENTS

The RSF grants are often used to hire a preservation contractor or architect to evaluate the condition of an historic building and make recommendations for its care. The consultant will prepare a report that prioritizes repairs and gives rough cost estimates so groups can plan fundraising strategies. A corps of qualified consultants have generously offered to do assessments for nonprofit organizations for a flat fee of \$500; the Preservation Trust grant pays for half.

FOR OTHER CONSULTATION SERVICES

The grants may also be used for any other technical assistance that will move a project along its timeline; such as, hiring a fundraising consultant, an engineer, organizational development consultant, or architect to do beginning design work.

TO APPLY

The process for applying is to write us a letter requesting a grant of up to \$500. In the letter give a brief history of the building or organization. If requesting a grant for a condition assessment (\$250 grant), please note whether the building is on the National or State Register of Historic Places and include a copy of the documentation if you have it (available through the Division for Historic Preservation, 828-3213 or debra.sayers@state.vt.us). This documentation will come in handy for fundraising. Describe what you know to be wrong with the building, and include a photograph of the building. E-mailed applications and digital photos works best, but hard copies are fine.

All grant recipients are required to fill out a W-9 as part of the application process. The form can be downloaded from www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw9.pdf. Please mail completed form to Preservation Trust of Vermont, attn. Elise Seraus, 104 Church St., Burlington, VT 05401. Thank you!