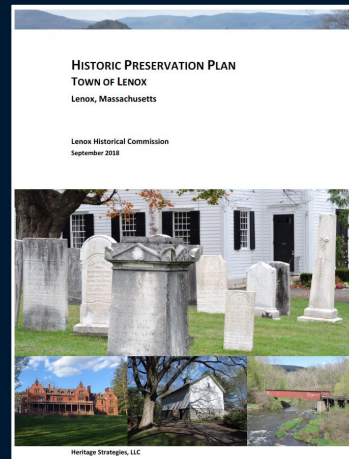


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# Survey & Planning Grants

- Updating a community's historic resources
- Community-wide preservation or survey plans
- National Register of Historic Places nominations
  - Only for buildings owned by a municipality or non-profit, or districts
- Design guidelines

In FY25, priorities are planning projects and National Register of Historic Places nominations



*In FY19, Longmeadow surveyed their pre-1901 structures*

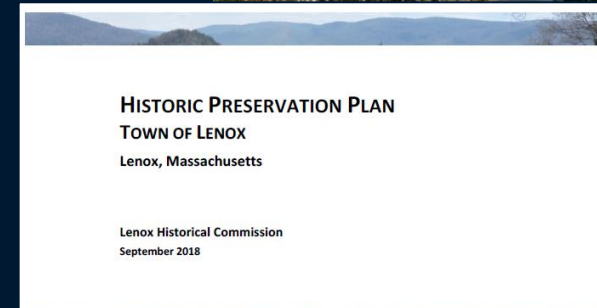
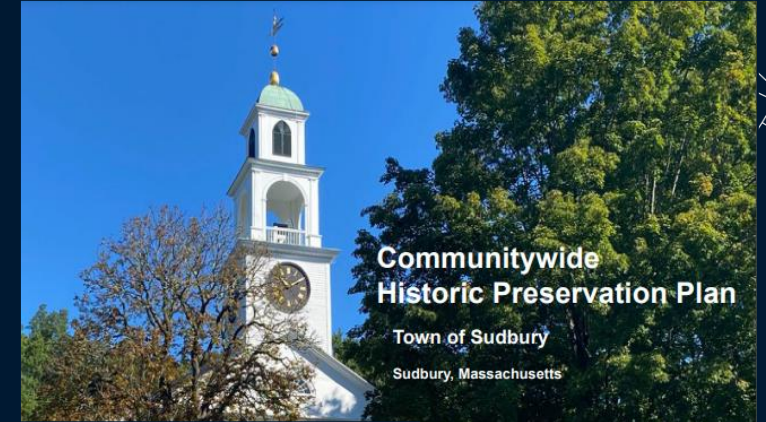




# Survey & Planning Grants

- 50/50 reimbursable matching grants
  - Expend full project cost, MHC reimburses you 50%
  - Do not need to have match in hand when you apply, only once project begins
    - But it makes for a stronger application if you do!
- From MHC's federal Historic Preservation Fund yearly allocation
  - Federal funds means no federal match, except CDBG
- Common matches include local appropriation, private trusts and funding
- Can have in-kind match – but only if you have dedicated historic preservation staff

*Community-wide historic preservation plans are popular Survey & Planning Grant projects*

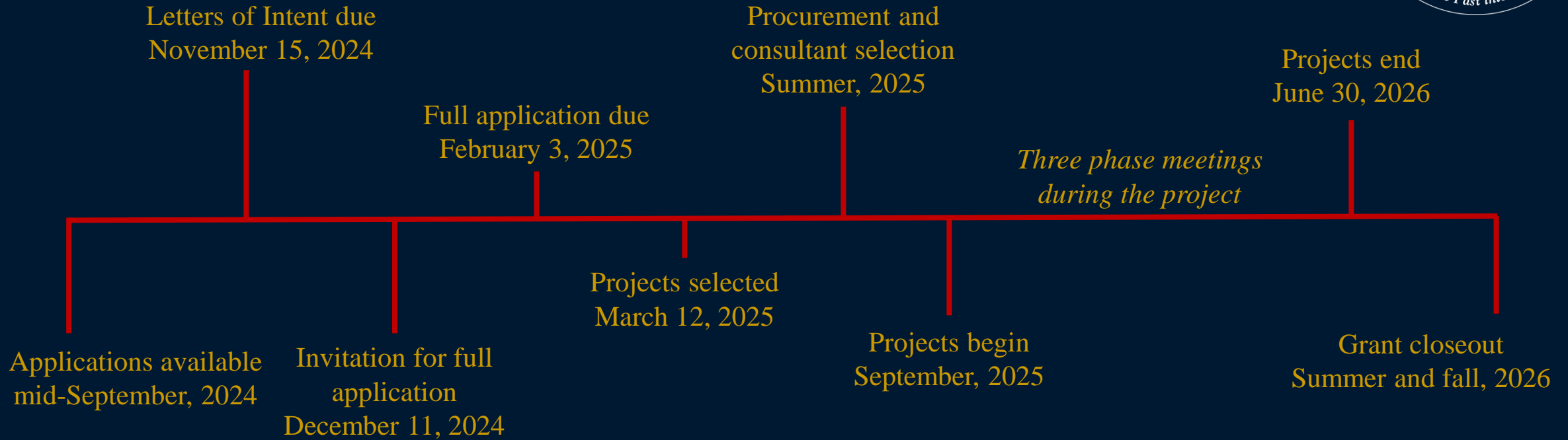


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Billerica - Billerica Historic Resources Survey Plan	\$10,000
Boston - East Boston Survey Update Phase I	\$38,000
Concord - Concord Historic Preservation Plan	\$25,000
Dedham - Dedham Old Town Center Historic Properties Survey Update	\$15,000
Easton - Town Hall Historic Landscape Conceptual Rehabilitation Master Plan	\$30,000
Erving - Historic Properties Survey	\$20,000
Greenfield - Update of Cultural and Architectural Resources Inventory	\$20,000
Marblehead - Preston Beach & Clifton Neighborhoods Historic Properties Survey	\$20,000
Mattapoisett - Historic Properties Survey	\$15,000
Nantucket - Nantucket Community-Wide Survey of Historic Resources - Phase 3	\$20,000
Orange - Historic Properties Survey Update	\$15,000
Stoneham - Stoneham Community-Wide Historic Preservation Plan	\$17,500
Watertown - Southside Neighborhood Historic Properties Survey	\$20,000
Webster - Community-Wide Preservation Plan	\$12,500



# Survey & Planning Grants



- Do not need to have match in hand when you apply
  - Makes for a stronger application if you do
  - No match identified? You won't get very far
  - The MHC cannot award grants that do not receive a match
- Cannot preselect a consultant – will result in disqualification

# Survey & Planning Grants

Speak with MHC staff before you apply!

- We provide a standard scope for most projects
- Survey projects
  - Should have a general idea of what you are going to survey – area of town, buildings before X date, etc.
  - We can let you know rough numbers
- National Register nominations
  - Must receive a determination of eligibility from the MHC before applying
  - Districts must have confirmed boundaries, a demonstration of owner support

*In FY19, Medway prepared a National Register of Historic Places nomination for their Evergreen Cemetery*





# Massachusetts Preservation Projects Fund (MPPF)



- For State Register of Historic Places properties owned by a municipality or a non-profit
  - State Register includes local historic districts, National Register-listed, preservation restrictions, local landmarks
- Two categories of grants:
  - Pre-development: feasibility studies, historic structure reports
    - Architect and engineer fees eligible
  - Development: exterior and structural physical preservation work
    - Not mechanical system upgrades, maintenance projects
    - Architect and engineer fees not eligible
- All projects must include an architect/engineer



We also offer emergency stabilization funds outside the MPPF cycle – contact the Grants Division directly if needed

*In FY20, the Friends of the Stone Church in Hardwick received \$30,000 for tower masonry repairs*

# MPPF



- 50/50 reimbursable matching grant
  - But must cover cash flow – 75% of total project cost on hand
- State funds – match cannot be other state funds
  - CPA funds do not count as state funds and can be used as a match
  - In-kind services, volunteer time, uncollected pledges cannot be used as a match
- Project cost ranges
  - Pre-development: \$5,000 to \$30,000 (\$10,000 to \$60,000 total project cost)
  - Development: \$7,500 to \$100,000 (\$15,000 to \$200,000 total project cost)
- Must place a preservation restriction on the property's deed covering the interior and exterior
  - Pre-development: term varies based on the project
  - Development: in perpetuity

*The Heath Old Town House  
received \$8,000 during FY21 for  
window repairs*



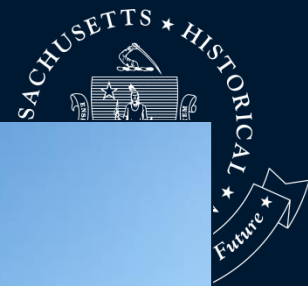


# MPPF

CHARLTON	Northside School (Charlton Schoolhouse No. 2)	Town of Charlton	\$5,000.00
EASTON	Wayside (Easton Town Hall)	Town of Easton	\$50,000.00
EGREMONT	Mount Everett Academy (Egremont Free Library)	Town of Egremont	\$50,000.00
GREAT BARRINGTON	First Congregational Church Parsonage	First Congregational Church of Great Barrington	\$50,000.00
HARDWICK	Gilbertville Trinitarian Congregational Church	Friends of the Stone Church, Inc.	\$50,000.00
LENOX	Edith Wharton Gatehouse, The Mount	Edith Wharton Restoration, Inc.	\$40,000.00
LYNN	GAR Hall & Museum Building	City of Lynn	\$30,000.00
MARBLEHEAD	Franklin Street Fire Station (MA Pickett Fire Station)	Town of Marblehead	\$15,000.00
MILLBURY	Asa Waters Mansion	Town of Millbury	\$15,000.00

*Above: Some of the MPPF Round 27 (FY22) awards*

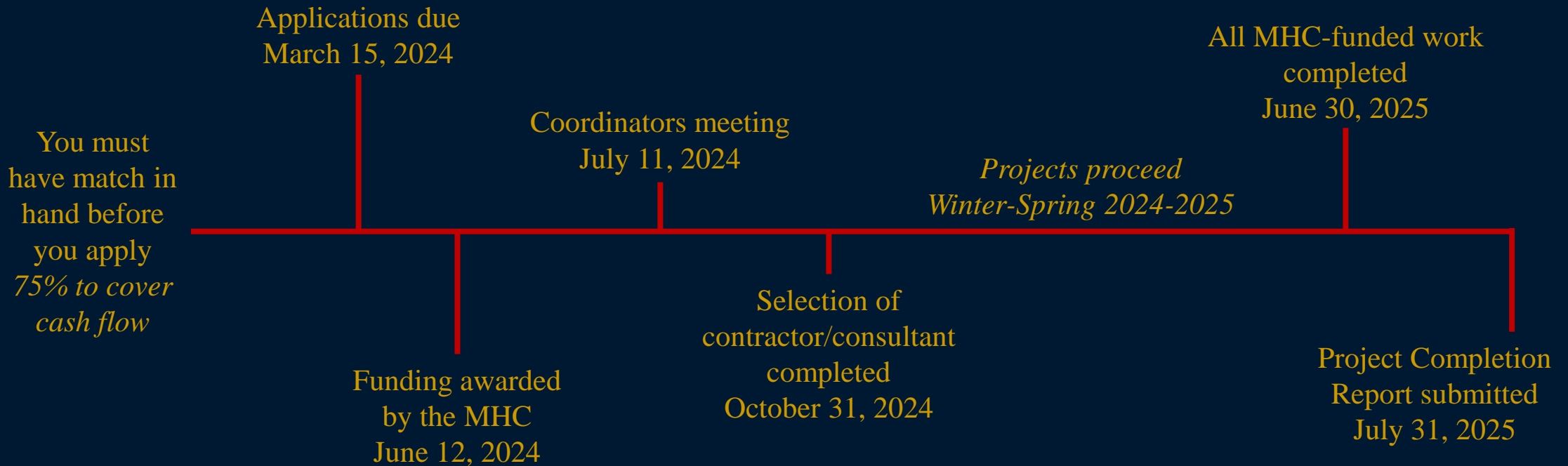
*Right: Mount Everet Academy, Egremont received funds for tower and structural stabilization work*



# MPPF



- Typical schedule, although grants are subject to yearly reauthorization and issuance of state funds



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