2025 John J. Snyder Grant

The **John J. Snyder, Jr. Fund for Historic Preservation** is a distinct component of our Passion Grants. It supports the restoration, maintenance, and repair of historical structures in Lancaster and Cumberland counties. As described in Mr. Snyder's will, grant funds may be used for many of the "unglamorous things" necessary to sustain a documented historical structure owned by a community benefit organization, so that it may be preserved for future generations.

Project examples include repointing, roof repair and replacement, electrical system repair and replacement, general restoration, maintenance, and repair.

Grants range from **$20,000 – $114,600**.

Virtual Office Hours

Questions? Join the Programs Team for a Virtual Office Hours session.

March 26, 10:00 – 11:00 am → Register Here
April 16, 10:00 – 11:00 am → Register Here

Eligibility Requirements

Applicant organization must:

- Own the building for which it is applying. No exceptions.

- Serve Lancaster County or Cumberland County residents without discrimination.

- Have current 501(c)(3) designation from the IRS.

- Be registered with the Pennsylvania Bureau of Charitable Organizations unless otherwise exempt per the Institutions of Purely Public Charity Act.

- Complete IRS Form 990 annually.

- Have an annual audit or a financial review by an independent CPA within the last 12 months.

- Be in good standing with all existing awards and contracts with the Lancaster County Community Foundation.

- Provide organizational Non-Discrimination Policy meeting all federal requirements as it applies to your type of organization (FAQs).

- Be aware of the Community Foundation's Anti-Hate Policy.

Please note the Community Foundation's competitive grants will not typically fund:

- Creation of a new organization
- Schools
- Political campaigns
- Expenses incurred before the grant is awarded
- Cemetery associations
- Religious causes that further a specific belief/agenda

Visit our website for additional information about eligibility: [Eligibility Requirements](#)

Application Process

1. Submit Letter of Intent (LOI) on our online grant portal at [LancFound.org/grants](#). You will be asked to submit basic organizational information and a brief description of your proposed project.
2. After your LOI is approved, you will be given access to the full grant application through the same portal.
3. Complete your full application by the final deadline.
4. Draft applications are eligible for staff review and feedback before final submission.

Timeline

- **Wednesday, March 12** – Grant application portal opens.
- **Friday, April 11** – Deadline to submit LOI to receive staff feedback (optional).
- **Tuesday, April 18** – Deadline to submit draft application to receive staff feedback (optional).
- **Friday, May 9, 11:59 pm** – Final deadline to submit LOI.
- **Friday, May 16, 11:59 pm** – Final deadline to submit full application.
- **Friday, July 23** – Award notifications issued. Grant funding period begins.
- **July 23, 2025 – July 23, 2026** – Duration of grant funding period.
- **Tuesday, September 30, 2026** – Grant completion report due.

Application Questions

- **Historical Significance**

  - Describe the historical significance of the structure? (1000 characters)

  - How is the structure relevant to the mission of the organization, or how is the structure currently utilized? (500 characters)

- **Equity & Inclusion**

  - Describe your organizational or project-level intentions to create practices of JEDI (justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion) to advance opportunities and minimize harm to individuals and/or communities. If applicable, how does this project address issues identified in Lancaster's Equity Profile or ADA accessibility? (1,500 characters)

- **Nature of the Work**

  - Describe the nature of the restoration, maintenance, or repair for which you seek funding, including respect for the original materials used in its fabrication and plans to document the nature of the work. (1,500 characters)

- **Pre-Planning Process**

  - Describe how this project fits into a restoration/maintenance/repair plan for this building. Consider pre-treatment documentation (written and photographic records of the area or/and structure to be changed). Describe that planning process. (1,500 characters)

  - Provide details about the historic preservation consultant or vendor you have worked with. (1,000 characters)

- **Implementation Plan**

  - Outline the expected timeline of your project, including anticipated milestones. (1,500 characters)

  - Outline how grant funds will be used. (1,500 characters)

- **Ecological/Long-Term Benefits**

  - Describe any ecological benefits or long-term cost savings associated with this project. (1,500 characters)

Required Attachment(s)

- **Restoration/Maintenance/Repair Plan**

  - Please upload your organization's plan which details the proposed work.

Evaluation Criteria

Community grant reviewers will use the following questions to evaluate and score applications:

- **Historical Significance** – To what extent does the response demonstrate the historical significance, and relevance of the structure?

- **Equity & Inclusion** – To what extent does the response demonstrate intentional practices of JEDI (justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion), to advance opportunities, and minimize harm to individuals and communities, at the organizational or project level?

- **Nature of the Work** – To what extent does the response describe the nature of the work, steps to respect the original materials of the structure, and documentation of the work to be done for historical purposes?

- **Pre-Planning Process** - To what extent does the response outline a clear and well thought out pre-planning process, including collaboration with historic preservation consultant or vendor?

- **Implementation Plan** - To what extent does the response outline an effective plan for project implementation?

- **Ecological/Long-term Benefits** - To what extent does the response describe ecological benefits, or long-term cost savings associated with this project?

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