



Veterans' Heritage Grants

SECRETARY GALVIN'S OFFICE NOW ACCEPTING GRANT APPLICATIONS TO PRESERVE VETERANS' HISTORY

Secretary of the Commonwealth William Francis Galvin and the Massachusetts State Historical Records Advisory Board (MA SHRAB) are pleased to announce a new round of funding for matching grants to preserve objects, sites, and document collections that are significant to the history and experiences of military veterans in the Commonwealth.

The program is in its seventh year beyond the initial awards made by the Massachusetts Sesquicentennial Commission of the American Civil War. Over multiple rounds of funding, the SHRAB has awarded over \$1,000,000 in matching funds to over 75 projects across the Commonwealth.

The program is open to Massachusetts municipalities and non-profit organizations, such as libraries, historical societies and commissions, museums, schools, and universities. Grants provide state matching funds of up to 50 percent of a project's total cost. Funding matches can be satisfied through direct funding, in-kind donations, volunteer time, or some combination thereof.

Applicants can apply for up to \$15,000.00 per project.

Eligible projects must be relevant to veterans and their military encounters, and may include:

- preservation or digitization of historic documents and photographs;
- increased access to archival collections;
- oral history projects;
- renovation, rehabilitation, restoration, or enhancement of existing monuments or memorials;
- proposals to construct new markers for historically significant sites;
- planning projects will also be considered.

Please note that general civic enhancement projects (such as flag poles or public green spaces), routine maintenance activities, projects reflecting the regular business function of an organization or local government (such as general landscaping or the purchase of metal veterans' grave markers), and capital projects will not be accepted.

For more information about eligibility requirements, please review the Grant Guidelines.

Applicants are required to submit a Letter of Intent by November 6, 2022. This is a highly competitive grant program and only those applicants who submit a satisfactory Letter of Intent will be invited to submit a full application.

Questions about the program can be submitted to shrab@sec.state.ma.us.



Examples of Previous Veterans' Heritage Grants

- Dorchester Historical Society – Dorchester Veterans Project to create an online presence for biographies of Dorchester veterans
- Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War – erection of a memorial to veteran, educator, and nurse Susannah “Susie” Baker King Taylor
- Easter Seals Massachusetts – Women in Military Service oral history project
- Hatfield Historical Society – Veterans’ Oral History Project
- 1638 Fund Charitable Trust – Fabrication and installation of display cases and pedestal stands, modification of existing display cases, and restoration of ornamental features for the Military Museum and Armory on the 4th floor of Faneuil Hall
- Belmont Veteran’s Memorial Committee – Renovation of existing veterans’ memorials
- Office of the Mayor, City of Gloucester – Funding for display case for Civil War uniform at Gloucester High School
- Friends of Mount Auburn Cemetery – Restoration of gravestones
- Newburyport Maritime Society – Restoration of USS Richard S. Bull model ship
- USS Massachusetts Memorial Committee – Revitalization and update of the Korean and Vietnam War Memorials on board the USS Joseph P. Kennedy Jr.
- Green Hill Park Coalition – Restoration of Memorial Grove
- Pollard Memorial Library – Veterans Collection project to rehouse, arrange, describe, and digitize veterans records



Letter of Intent

SECTION I. Project Information

Project Name/Title: _____

Project Address: _____

City/Town: _____ Zip: _____

Applicant Information

Name of Applicant (Non-profit organization or municipality):

Applicant Address: _____

City/Town: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Website (if available): _____

Primary Project Contact:

Name: _____

Title/Role: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

SECTION II. Project Proposal

A. Brief description of project (three to five sentences)

B. Estimated total cost of project: _____

Anticipated grant amount requested (max \$15,000): _____

For the final grant submission, applicants will be asked to match the grant funds either through direct funding, in-kind donations, volunteer labor, or some combination thereof.

Submit Letter of Intent by November 6, 2022 at 11:59 PM.

Completed Letters of Intent should be submitted to:

By mail:

Massachusetts Archives
ATTN: MA SHRAB Veterans
220 Morrissey Blvd
Boston, MA 02125

Electronically:*

SHRAB@sec.state.ma.us

Subject line: Veterans' Heritage Grant application

*Electronic submissions are preferred.