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**ROUND 14 OF MASSACHUSETTS PRESERVATION PROJECTS FUND GRANT PROGRAM
ANNOUNCED**

Secretary of the Commonwealth William Francis Galvin, Chair of the Massachusetts Historical Commission, announced today that the Massachusetts Historical Commission is now accepting applications for Round 14 of the Massachusetts Preservation Projects Fund (MPPF) grant program. It is anticipated that funding will be in the same range as rounds 12 and 13, which were funded at \$1,000,000 and \$750,000, respectively. The application deadline for Round 14 is February 22, 2008.

“Maintaining the historic buildings and places that often help define a community’s local history can be challenging. I am happy that the Massachusetts Historical Commission can offer support to nonprofit organizations and municipalities to preserve these significant structures through the Massachusetts Preservation Projects Fund,” Galvin said.

The Massachusetts Preservation Projects Fund (MPPF) is a state-funded 50% reimbursable matching grant program established in 1984 to support the preservation of properties, landscapes, and sites listed in the State Register of Historic Places. Applicants must be a municipality or nonprofit organization. The program is administered in accordance with 950 CMR 73.00. Grant disbursement is subject to appropriation and the availability of sufficient allocated funds pending extension of the state bond cap. Since its inception, the MPPF program has provided more than \$40 million to help communities preserve important historic resources.

MPPF program information and downloadable applications and instructions are available on MHC’s website www.sec.state.ma.us/mhc/ or call the MHC at 617-727-8470.

Workshops for prospective applicants will be held in Boston, Millbury, and Holyoke. MHC Grants Division staff will discuss the program requirements, review application materials, and answer questions. Workshops are free of charge and no registration is required.

Thursday, December 13, 2007, 1-3pm, MHC, 220 Morrissey Blvd., Boston

Thursday, December 20, 2007 1-3pm Wistariahurst Museum, 238 Cabot Street, Holyoke

Wednesday, January 9, 2008, 2-4pm, Millbury Public Library, 128 Elm Street, Millbury

Tuesday, January 15, 2008, 10am-noon, MHC, 220 Morrissey Blvd., Boston

The Massachusetts Historical Commission is the office of the State Historic Preservation Officer and the State Archaeologist. It was established in 1963 to identify, evaluate, and protect important historical and archaeological assets of the Commonwealth. Visit our website to learn more about the Commission’s programs (www.sec.state.ma.us/mhc/).

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