



2017 Tobacco Barns Mini-Grants Project



FAQs

Which barns are eligible?

Barns that are eligible for the Mini-Grant Project must be tobacco barns (curing or pack barns) located in wither Caswell County, NC, Halifax County, VA or Pittsylvania County, VA. The barns must be in need of repairs but also possess enough integrity so that any work undertaken can be completed in a quality manner within the cap per barn. The barns also must be at least 50 years old.

If I applied last year, do I have to re-apply this year to be considered for a grant for 2016?

Yes, you will be required to submit the 2017 application; however, images and historical information already submitted do not have to be resubmitted.

If I received a grant last year, can I reapply this year?

Yes; however, your application will be placed at the end of the list. Priority will go to new applicants.

Can I apply for more than one barn/pack-house?

Yes. Applicants can apply for more than one barn; however, only one barn is allowed to be repaired per person per grant cycle.

Does the barn/pack-house have to be visible from a road?

Offering some form of public benefit, such as being visible from the public right-of-way or road, helps the barn's chances of receiving a grant. However, we do not discourage applicants who own barns that are not visible from the road since there may be an overriding factor, such as the barn is very unique or very old, which would cause it to receive a grant.

If I receive a grant, what are my responsibilities after the repairs are completed?

The barn owner cannot alter the exterior of the barn (for example, add new windows) for 24 months after the repairs are completed. The barn owner must also maintain the brush and undergrowth surrounding the barn for 24 months after the barn repairs are completed.

What grant amount per barn/pack-house is allocated?

The cap per barn is \$4,500. If the estimate for repairs exceeds the cap per barn, the barn owner can choose if he or she wishes to pay the additional amount.

How are barns/pack-houses selected for a grant?

Each barn is considered by using the following criteria:

- The condition and integrity of the barn and the existence of original materials or details
- The relative historical and cultural significance of the barn or site
- Any public benefits offered by the barn
- Stewardship of the barn shown by the barn owner
- Geographical distribution of the barn

How and when will I know if I have received a grant?

All applicants will receive a letter from Preservation Virginia in spring 2017 informing them if they are approved for a grant or not.

If I receive a grant, can I choose my own contractor to do the repairs?

Preservation Virginia hires specific contractors to repair barns for each county; however, in some cases, barn owners may be able to choose their own contractor as long as the contractor has shown that he or she is proficient in repairing historic barns and/or log structures.