Florida Preservation Stories

FY2024 Historic Preservation Special Category Grant Projects
The Coalition for Florida's Historic Places

People and organizations from around the state have come together to support Florida's history and heritage and to protect its historic places.

The Coalition for Florida's Historic Places brings together eight nonprofit organizations and thousands of grassroots historic preservationists to advocate for the state's historic, archaeological and architectural heritage.

The Florida Anthropological Society, Florida Historical Society, Florida Association of Museums, Florida Archaeological Council, Inc., Florida Public Archaeology Network, Florida Historical Commission, Florida Trust for Historic Preservation and 1000 Friends of Florida support the full funding of the Special Category Grants Program, one of the most significant ways the state protects our irreplaceable historic places, strengthens communities and supports local economies.
About Historic Preservation Grants

The Florida Division of Historical Resources Historic Preservation Grant program is one of the most significant ways the state supports historic preservation to protect our irreplaceable historic places, strengthen communities and support local economies.

The program funds two types of grants:

- **Small Matching Grants**, which provide up to $50,000 for projects that survey, plan, prepare National Register of Historic Places nominations, provide heritage education and create historical markers.
- **Special Category Grants**, which provide up to $500,000 for development, archaeological research, museum exhibits and acquisition.

Those eligible to apply for grant funding include state agencies, state universities, nonprofit organizations, local government, cities, towns and counties.

Applications are competitively ranked. Funds for the program are allocated by the Legislature, and the program is managed by the Division of Historical Resources in the Florida Department of State.

**Special Category Grants**

This document shares the stories of the projects included in the FY2024 Special Category Grant ranked project list. The purpose of these grants is to provide funding to assist major local, regional and state-wide efforts to preserve significant historic and archaeological resources, to assist major archaeological excavations or research projects and assist in the development and fabrication of major museum exhibits that will promote knowledge and appreciation of the history of Florida.

The Florida Historical Commission reviews and ranks Special Category Grant applications to create the annual list, which is then approved by the Florida Secretary of State before being sent to the Legislature to determine funding.

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Green Gables, Brevard County, a Special Category Grants project funded in FY2023.
Map of FY2024 Historic Preservation Special Category Grants by County
## Special Category Historic Preservation Grants

### FY2024 Final Ranking Project List

Applications recommended for funding are not guaranteed funds; funding is contingent on an annual appropriation by the Florida Legislature and Governor approval.

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FY2024 Ranked Special Category Project Descriptions
Project 1: Historic Monticello Opera House Restoration, Phase II

Applicant: Monticello Opera House, Inc.

Jefferson County

Demonstrated Need
- Water intrusion
- Deterioration
- Structural stabilization
- Infrastructure upgrades

Project Scope
- Repair or replace walls, ceilings, floors, lighting and HVAC systems
- Repair, prime and paint interior plaster surfaces
- Install period-appropriate seating and ADA seats
- Install heat pump system, guard rail extensions, in-floor lighting and new ledger in mezzanines
- Seal crawlspace and hazardous materials abatement
**Project 2:** Tampa Union Station Renovation

**Applicant:** City of Tampa

**Hillsborough County**

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**Demonstrated Need**

- Water intrusion
- Wood rot
- Deterioration
- Hazardous materials
- Wood-destroying organisms

**Project Scope**

- Termite mitigation
- Replace non-historic windows and doors
- Repair roof, decking and interior plaster and renovate restrooms
- Restore stained glass windows
- Hazardous materials abatement and exterior cleaning
Project 3: Preserving and Restoring the Singing Tower at Bok Tower Gardens

Applicant: Bok Tower Gardens, Inc.

Polk County

Demonstrated Need

• Water intrusion
• Delayed maintenance

Project Scope

• Clean and seal marble sculpture and tower stone block
• Fully restore the moat pool surrounding tower
• Tuck-point tower stone block
**Project 4:** Repair of Windows and Doors at House of Refuge

**Applicant:** Martin County Board of County Commissioners

**Martin County**

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**Demonstrated Need**

- Exposure to natural elements
- Exposure to natural disasters
- Water intrusion
- Wood rot

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**Project Scope**

- Repair or replace windows, window siding and doors
- Paint and seal windows
- Paint doors
Project 5: Archaeology of the African American Maritime Experience in Historic St. Augustine

Applicant: Lighthouse Archaeological Maritime Program, Inc. St. Johns County

Demonstrated Need

- Erosion
- Sea level rise
- Exposure to natural elements
- Exposure to natural disasters

Project Scope

- Terrestrial, foreshore and underwater excavation
- GPS mapping, laser scanning, photogrammetry, remote sensing research
- Oral history interviews and historical research
- Conserving, preserving and analyzing artifacts
Project 6: Historic St. Andrews School, Phase 1
Applicant: City of Panama City
Bay County

Demonstrated Need
- Exposure to natural disasters
- Water intrusion
- Deterioration

Project Scope
- Replace roof
- Upgrade electrical and plumbing systems
- Install drywall, doors, fire alarm and suppression systems
- Repair interior frame and finish floor
- Paint
Project 7: Design, Fabrication and Installation of a U.S. Coast Guard Exhibit

Applicant: Pensacola Lighthouse Association, Inc. 

Escambia County

Demonstrated Need
- Outdated exhibits
- Limited exhibits

Project Scope
- Research and writing
- Design, fabricate and install exhibit including interactives, informational wall panels and other interpretive elements
Project 8: Historic Preservation and Architectural Conservation of the Moseley Homestead

Applicant: Timberly Trust, Inc.

Hillsborough County

Demonstrated Need

- Deterioration
- Structural stabilization
- Development threat

Project Scope

- Repair siding, doors, barn structure, roof, windows, handrails, stairs, lighting fixtures and lattice work
- Re-stack brick around foundation and restore garden pool
- Restore, document and fabricate historic elements
- Conserve and document palmetto fiber wall
- Install security site lighting, fencing and monitored security system
Project 9: Burnsed Block House Restoration
Applicant: City of Macclenny
Baker County

Demonstrated Need
- Exposure to natural disasters
- Water intrusion
- Vandalism

Project Scope
- Repair or replace roof
- Repair or replace wooden porch
- Repair or replace support piers
**Project 10:** Resilient Little Red Schoolhouse  
**Applicant:** The Preservation Foundation of Palm Beach, Inc.  
**Palm Beach County**

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**Demonstrated Need**
- Exposure to natural elements
- Exposure to natural disasters
- Deterioration

**Project Scope**
- Lift and transport schoolhouse
- Construct new foundation, re-grade and install drainage and utilities
- Repair or replace roof, wood siding, interior walls and floors
- Restore windows and doors
- ADA compliant upgrades
Project 11: Deerfield Beach Historic Butler House Rehabilitation, Phase I

Applicant: Deerfield Beach Historical Society, Inc.

Broward County

Demonstrated Need

- Water intrusion
- Deterioration

Project Scope

- Repair or replace roof
- Plumbing, electrical, HVAC and technology upgrades
- ADA compliance upgrades
- Interior finishes
**Project 12:** Stetson College of Law Fountains, Phase II

**Applicant:** Stetson University, Inc.

**Pinellas County**

**Demonstrated Need**

- Exposure to natural elements
- Exposure to natural disasters
- Water intrusion

**Project Scope**

- Clean, document, remove and reinstall historic tiles
- Remove tiles that cannot be preserved
- Repair or replace substructures
- Install fountain filtration lines, plaza pavers and pipe stand
- Grading
Project 13: Seminole Theatre Restoration

Applicant: City of Homestead

Miami-Dade County

Demonstrated Need

• Water intrusion
• Deterioration

Project Scope

• Clean, prep and apply Tuff Coat to exterior
• Replace damaged stucco and window sealants
• Seal control joints
• Patch and repair cracks and scratches on wall
• Prime and paint exterior structure
Project 14: Union County Courthouse Restoration

Applicant: Union County BOCC

Union County

Demonstrated Need

- Water intrusion
- Exposure to natural disasters

Project Scope

- Replace roof
- Repair or replace windows
- Restore exterior cornice, quoins and stonework
- Install ADA compliant features
Project 15: Bank of Everglades Building Accessibility

Applicant: Everglades Society for Historic Preservation

Collier County

Demonstrated Need

- Make historic building accessible

Project Scope

- Construct ADA compliant ramp
- Construct exterior ADA compliant elevator
Project 16: City of Apalachicola City Hall Structural Repair

Applicant: City of Apalachicola

Franklin County

Demonstrated Need

- Exposure to natural disasters
- Structural stabilization
- Deterioration

Project Scope

- Install interior steel frame and window shutters
- Repair or replace walls, ceilings and doors
- Remove non-historic components and replace non-historic windows with replicas
- Remove duct work
- Selective demolition
Project 17: Speer Center Rehabilitation

Applicant: City of Arcadia

DeSoto County

Demonstrated Need

- Water intrusion
- Deterioration

Project Scope

- Remove non-historic components
- Repair or replace ramp, roof, façade, doors, truss system, plaster, drywall, floors, ceiling and carpentry
- Repoint bricks, restore steel sash windows and paint
- Install or upgrade electrical, plumbing, mechanical, HVAC, fire alarm systems, floors, exterior railings and ADA compliant features
Project 18: Christ Episcopal Church
Applicant: Christ Episcopal Church
Jefferson County

Demonstrated Need

- Water intrusion
- Deterioration

Project Scope

- Repair brick foundation
- Repair or replace cap boards with masonry cap stone
- Repair or replace brick façade
- Repair or replace foundation footings
- Repair or replace rear wood steps
**Project 19:** Palmetto Armory Historic Preservation and Restoration Project  
**Applicant:** City of Palmetto  
**Manatee County**

### Demonstrated Need
- Exposure to natural elements
- Exposure to natural disasters
- Vandalism

### Project Scope
- Restoration or replacement of historic windows
Project 20: Coral Gables Congregational UCC
Restore Roof of Community-Centered Landmark
Applicant: Coral Gables Congregational Church, Inc.
Miami-Dade County

Demonstrated Need
- Water intrusion
- Exposure to natural elements
- Infrastructure upgrades
- Roof failure

Project Scope
- Fully replace barrel tile roofs of the sanctuary, tower and cloister
Project 21: Fellsmere Community Center
Applicant: City of Fellsmere
Indian River County

Demonstrated Need
- Exposure to natural elements
- Exposure to natural disasters
- Deterioration

Project Scope
- Repair or replace windows
- Repair or replace doors and door hardware
- Repair or replace light fixtures
- Paint exterior
Project 22: New Zion MBC Sanctuary Rehab, Phase II (Final)
Applicant: New Zion Missionary Baptist Church
Nassau County

Demonstrated Need
- Exposure to natural elements
- Deterioration

Project Scope
- Replace wood shake siding at gable ends
- In-house construction consultant
Project 23: Chestnut Street Cemetery Restoration, Phase I
Applicant: Apalachicola Area Historic Society
Franklin County

Demonstrated Need
- Exposure to natural disasters
- Deterioration

Project Scope
- Repair monuments
- Repair or restore ornamental plot fencing
- Remove unstable and dead trees
- Prune trees
- Paint perimeter fence, gate and corner caps
Project 24: Frostproof City Hall Roof Replacement Project

Applicant: City of Frostproof

Polk County

Demonstrated Need

- Delayed maintenance
- Water intrusion

Project Scope

- Replace roof
- Install underlayment, roof vents, lead boots, eaves drip and galvanized metal sheeting
- Repair and repaint interior drywall
- Inspect decking
- Remove debris
Project 25: The Plaza Live Renovation, Phase II

Applicant: The Orlando Philharmonic Plaza Foundation, Inc.

Orange County

Demonstrated Need
- ADA accessibility upgrades
- Deterioration

Project Scope
- Assess structural stability and rotation hardware and supports of the Spire
- Assess roof stability around the Spire
- Repair or replace Spire steel work and sections of neon marquee sign
- Renovate Spire electrical and data connectivity
- Renovate Main Hall floor slope
Project 26: Pigeon Key Historic District Preservation & Accessibility Project

Applicant: Pigeon Key Foundation, Inc.

Monroe County

Demonstrated Need

- Exposure to natural elements
- Exposure to natural disasters
- Deterioration
- Delayed maintenance
- Lack of resources

Project Scope

- Replace non-historic roof of Paint Foreman's Dorm
- Construct ADA ramps
- Repair/replace floors in the Assistant Bridge Tender's House
Project 27: Dowdy Armory Renovation

Applicant: City of Hollywood

Broward County

Demonstrated Need

- Deterioration

Project Scope

- Renovate roof and paint exterior
- Install gutters, downspouts, HVAC and fire suppression systems
- Repair, replace or restore windows, doors, original fans and impact glass
- Construct covered entry/canopy
- Reinforce masonry
Project 28: Townsend Building Rehabilitation

Applicant: City of Lake Butler
Union County

Demonstrated Need
- Deterioration
- Exposure to natural elements
- Exposure to natural disasters
- Water intrusion

Project Scope
- Replace roof
- Replace non-historic windows
- Replace flooring
**Demonstrated Need**
- Exposure to natural elements

**Project Scope**
- Reconstruct bunker and greens
- Improve golf course drainage
- Renovate tee box, fairway/rough and irrigation system
- Repair and relocate cart path
- Layout, grading, shaping, landscaping improvements

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**Project 29:** Dunedin Golf Club Historic Course Restoration

**Applicant:** Dunedin Golf Club, Inc.

**Pinellas County**
**Project 30:** Brooksville Bandshell Renovation  
**Applicant:** Brooksville Main Street, Inc.  
**Hernando County**

**Demonstrated Need**  
- Deterioration

**Project Scope**  
- Remove modern upgrades
- Remove and replace non-historic shutters
- Install trim, awning and ADA compliant lift
- Paint exterior
- Renovate entryway
Project 31: Restoring a Carpenter Gothic Panhandle Church
Applicant: First Presbyterian Church of Wewahitchka, Florida, Inc.
Gulf County

Demonstrated Need
- Exposure to natural elements
- Deterioration
- Community need

Project Scope
- Repair or replace damaged siding
- Clean, caulk, prime and paint exterior of sanctuary and fellowship hall
Project 32: Orange Lake Overlook Restoration, Phase II
Applicant: Alachua Conservation Trust, Inc.
Marion County

Demonstrated Need
- Deterioration
- Water intrusion

Project Scope
- Repair or replace roof, windows, railing and stairs, walls, ceilings, doors
- Upgrade electrical and plumbing systems
- Install ADA compliant features, HVAC, fire exit signs, panic hardware, limited security lighting
- Paint interior and exterior
- Hazardous materials abatement
**Project 33:** Bond Community Heritage and Resource Center  
**Applicant:** Tallahassee Community Redevelopment Agency  
**Leon County**

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**Demonstrated Need**
- Threat of redevelopment
- Structure stabilization
- Deterioration
- Community need

**Project Scope**
- Repair or replace roof, windows, doors, front porch, entry step, concrete foundation wall, sole plate and studs, sewage, water supply and drain lines
- Replace exhaust vents, deteriorated wood, lumber and other components
- Install attic insulation and ADA compliant features
- Rewire building