



NH LAND AND COMMUNITY HERITAGE INVESTMENT PROGRAM

Grant Round 15 (2016) Historic Resource Project

INTENT TO APPLY

Project Name	Jaffrey Meetinghouse re-roofing	Grant Request	\$50,000
Resource Location	Rt 124 & Laban Ainsworth Way, Jaffrey Center	Total Project Value	\$100,000
Applicant	Town of Jaffrey	Tax ID #	02-6000435
Mailing Address	Town Office, 40 Goodnow Street Jaffrey, NH 03452	Organization Type	Municipality <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>
Contact	Robert Stephenson		Municipality
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- Who is the property owner? Town of Jaffrey
- In what year was the structure built? 1775
- Is the structure listed, or determined eligible to be listed, on the State or National Register? Check all that apply.

	Listed	DOE	No
State Register			
National Register	X		

Eligible & contributing structure located within a National Register Historic District

- Project Type Acquisition Rehabilitation/Restoration Planning Study
- Does the applicant and/or property owner understand that all Historic Resource projects must comply with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties? YES NO
- Has a building assessment or similar study, been completed? YES NO

a. If so, by whom, when? Catlin + Petrovick, Architects; Mae Williams, Architectural historian.
See <http://www.rs41.org/CLG/clg.htm>

- Please provide a BRIEF description of the significance of the resource. (MAX 500 characters)

The Jaffrey Meetinghouse—its frame raised on the day of the Battle of Bunker Hill—is the sole surviving Second Period Meetinghouse in the Monadnock Region. It's been in continuous use since 1775: as meetinghouse, church, high school, town offices, concert hall, theatre, etc. It's been well preserved and maintained and has been described as "Jaffrey's dearest possession." It is certainly the most recognized and loved building in the town. A full documentation of the structure was undertaken in 2014-15, the complete details of which may be seen at <http://www.rs41.org/CLG/clg.htm>. Numerous historic and modern photographs of the Meetinghouse may be found at <https://rs41.smugmug.com/Jaffrey/Meetinghouse>

- Please provide a BRIEF description of what the proposed project will accomplish. (MAX 750 characters)

The Jaffrey Meetinghouse has had a wood roof from the very beginning. It was last re-roofed in 1995. Early in 2015 a roof leak caused damage to the ceiling in the main hall. This has been investigated and monitored since. The Town has retained the services of Catlin + Petrovick, architects of Keene, to assist the Town in planning for the necessary re-roofing. (They have concluded that repairs alone are insufficient and that a entirely new roof is necessary.) Catlin + Petrovick will develop specifications, assist in the bid process and oversee the work. They have estimated that up to \$100,000 will be required to undertake the project appropriately. A new roof, done well with the proper materials, will allow the Meetinghouse to continue serving the people of Jaffrey and those who come from away to enjoy its beauty and historical significance.