

**HISTORIC PROPERTIES
COMMISSION**

**BUDGET REQUEST
FY2023**



TOWN OF WATERFORD
15 Rope Ferry Road
Waterford, CT 06385
860-442-0553

SOCIAL SERVICES GRANT FUNDING REQUEST

ORGANIZATION NAME: HISTORIC PROPERTIES COMMISSION
REQUEST DATE (FISCAL YEAR): FY 2023
REQUESTED AMOUNT: \$ 400

BENEFIT STATEMENT (Describe how these funds will be used)

POSTAGE, COPIES, MEMBERSHIPS (PRESERVATION
CONNECTICUT, SAVE THE RIVER), PRESERVATION OUT-
REACH/PROGRAMS, WORKSHOPS/SEMINARS, GRANT
APPLICATIONS FEES, MINOR CEMETERY MAINTENANCE
EXPENSES, MISC.

Per Town of Waterford Budget Guidelines: please attach a certified audit report of all funds appropriated during the last completed fiscal year to your funding request.

DECLARATION

I, the requester, understand that I am requesting public funds from the Town of Waterford.
I declare that this request does not pose any potential conflict with the Town of Waterford
and I will provide any documentation requested by the Town of Waterford to authorize
funding this request or review the appropriateness of the request.

Signature

Robert M. Tye
HPC TREASURER
FOR JOHN O'NEILL,
CHAIRMAN

Date

11/23/21

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WATERFORD, CT 06385-2886



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TO: Board of Selectmen
FROM: John J. O'Neill, Jr.
Chairman, Historic Properties Commission
DATE: November 23, 2021

RE: Fiscal Year 2021-22 Operating Budget
LI 10120-52635

The Operating Budget for FY July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 for the Historic Properties Commission in the amount of \$400.00 is herewith attached for your review.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

John J. O'Neill, Jr.

HISTORIC PROPERTIES COMMISSION
Operating Budget FY 2022-23

Social Service Grants/Misc 10120

LI 52635 (Historic Properties Commission)

\$400.00

Postage
Membership, CT Trust
Preservation outreach/programs
Workshops/seminars
Grant application costs
Minor cemetery maintenance expenses
Misc.

FY'21 Budget	FY'21 Actual	FY'20 Budget	FY'20 Actual	FY'19 Budget	FY'19 Actual	FY'18 Budget	FY'18 Actual
\$400	\$158	\$400	\$158	\$400	\$355	\$400	\$368

Historic Properties Commission Donations Fund Balance FY'21:

\$3,307.00

Expenses associated with the cost of speakers, programs, activities, projects, matches for grants, publishing costs, etc., expenses above and beyond and/or in addition to operating costs, cemetery maintenance/repairs, equipment, misc.

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ORIGINAL APPROP	TRANFRS/ ADJSTMTS	REVISED BUDGET	YTD EXPENDED	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT USED
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52635 HISTORIC PROPERTIES COMM.

400	0	400	90.50	.00	309.50	22.6%
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2022/01/000438	07/01/2021	BUC	400.00	REF				ORIGINAL BUDGET 2022	
2022/01/000485	07/31/2021	GEN	9.57	REF				JULY 2021 METERED MAIL	
2022/02/000294	08/31/2021	GEN	2.55	REF	AUG			METERED MAIL AUGUST 2021	
2022/03/000056	09/17/2021	API	75.00	VND	002008	VCH	CT TRUST FOR HISTORI	membership for John J O'Neill	305860
2022/03/000284	09/30/2021	GEN	3.38	REF	METER			SEPT 2021 METERED MAIL	

GRAND TOTAL	400	0	400	90.50	.00	309.50	22.6%
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	ORIGINAL APPROP	TRANFRS/ ADJSTMTS	REVISED BUDGET	YTD EXPENDED	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT USED

10120 SOCIAL SERVICE GRANTS							

52635 HISTORIC PROPERTIES COMM.							

10120 52635 HISTORIC PROPERTIES	400	0	400	211.16	.00	188.84	52.8%
2021/01/000406 07/31/2020 GEN	1.70	REF JULY20					
2021/01/000422 07/01/2020 BUC	400.00	REF					
2021/02/000195 08/20/2020 API	75.00	VND 002008 IN WATERFORD HIST. PROP CT TRUST FOR HISTORI NON PROFIT MUNICIP					300678
2021/02/000232 08/31/2020 GEN	4.30	REF					
2021/03/000220 09/30/2020 GCR	4.30	REF MAIL					
2021/04/000081 10/13/2020 API	50.00	VND 000731 IN RENEWAL R NYE					301438
2021/04/000234 10/31/2020 GEN	2.15	REF POSTAG					
2021/05/000179 11/30/2020 GEN	7.00	REF					
2021/05/000197 11/30/2020 GEN	.30	REF GB54					
2021/06/000218 12/31/2020 GEN	4.90	REF					
2021/06/000230 12/31/2020 GEN	.60	REF GB38					
2021/08/000208 02/28/2021 GEN	2.42	REF					
2021/10/000214 04/30/2021 GEN	1.11	REF MAIL					
2021/11/000191 05/31/2021 GEN	.51	REF					
2021/12/000047 06/11/2021 API	50.00	VND 000731 IN HIST PROP RENEWAL					304400
2021/12/000272 06/30/2021 GEN	3.57	REF POSTAG					
2021/12/000299 06/30/2021 GEN	3.30	REF GB72					
GRAND TOTAL	400	0	400	211.16	.00	188.84	52.8%

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JOURNAL DETAIL 2020 1 TO 2020 13

	ORIGINAL APPROP	REVISED BUDGET	YTD EXPENDED	MTD EXPENDED	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT USED

24320 DONATIONS HISTORIC PROPERTIES -----							
52030 PROFESSIONAL FEES -----							
24320 52030 PROFESSIONAL FEES	0	0	850.00	.00	.00	-850.00	100.0%*
2020/03/000145 09/23/2019 API	850.00	VND 002212 IN 10860		SHARON E HERTZLER	PLAQUE: ROGERS FA		15040
53020 OTHER SUPPLIES -----							
24320 53020 OTHER SUPPLIES HPC FUN	0	0	463.94	.00	.00	-463.94	100.0%*
2020/02/000192 08/26/2019 API	401.42	VND 000184 IN 108577		CASH TRUE VALUE HM C	HISTORIC PROPERTIE		14649
2020/09/000089 03/20/2020 API	62.52	VND 000475 IN REIMB CHAIN, BAR COS		ROBERT M NYE	CHAIN SAW BAR AND		17388
TOTAL EXPENSES	0	0	1,313.94	.00	.00	-1,313.94	
GRAND TOTAL	0	0	1,313.94	.00	.00	-1,313.94	100.0%

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	ORIGINAL APPROP	TRANFRS/ ADJSTMTS	REVISED BUDGET	YTD ACTUAL	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT USED

24300 DONATIONS HISTORIC PROPERTIES							

44008 DONATIONS							

24300 44008 DONATIONS HISTORIC	0	0	0	-100.00	.00	100.00	100.0%
2020/05/000110 11/22/2019 GCR	-100.00	REF					
						CONT GIFT B ROGERS DONATION	
24320 DONATIONS HISTORIC PROPERTIES							

52030 PROFESSIONAL FEES							

24320 52030 PROFESSIONAL FEES	0	0	0	850.00	.00	-850.00	100.0%*
2020/03/000145 09/23/2019 API	850.00	VND 002212 IN 10860					
				SHARON E HERTZLER	PLAQUE: ROGERS FA	15040	
53020 OTHER SUPPLIES							

24320 53020 OTHER SUPPLIES HPC	0	0	0	463.94	.00	-463.94	100.0%*
2020/02/000192 08/26/2019 API	401.42	VND 000184 IN 108577					
2020/09/000089 03/20/2020 API	62.52	VND 000475 IN REIMB CHAIN, BAR COS					
				CASH TRUE VALUE HM C	HISTORIC PROPERTIE	14649	
				ROBERT M NYE	CHAIN SAW BAR AND	17388	
GRAND TOTAL	0	0	0	1,213.94	.00	-1,213.94	100.0%

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BALANCE SHEET FOR 2020 13

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FUND: 243 HISTORIC PROPERTIES DONATIONS			NET CHANGE FOR PERIOD	ACCOUNT BALANCE
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ASSETS				
	243	14101 DF GENERAL FUND	-1,313.94	3,307.66
		TOTAL ASSETS	-1,313.94	3,307.66
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LIABILITIES				
	243	24101 DT GENERAL FUND	1,313.94	.00
		TOTAL LIABILITIES	1,313.94	.00
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FUND BALANCE				
	243	31510 FUND BALANCE	1,213.94	-3,307.66
	243	39001 REVENUE CONTROL	100.00	.00
	243	39002 EXPENDITURE CONTROL	-1,313.94	.00
		TOTAL FUND BALANCE	.00	-3,307.66
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		TOTAL LIABILITIES + FUND BALANCE	1,313.94	-3,307.66
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MUNICIPAL HISTORIAN
HISTORIC PROPERTIES COMMISSION
FY 2020-2210

The MUNICIPAL HISTORIAN is an agent of the town, appointed by the board of selectmen for a term of three years. The current historian was appointed in 1993. There is no job description. The 1987 enabling legislation simply allowed for municipalities to "[p]rovide for the appointment of a municipal historian. . ." What municipal historians statewide do is determined mostly by personal inclinations and local situations.

Among other accomplishments the historian was instrumental in the establishment of the HISTORIC PROPERTIES COMMISSION (HPC) in 1999. The HPC qualified the town for designation as a Certified Local Government (CLG), a program designed to promote the preservation of historic and cultural resources in partnership with the National Park Service and the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). The town has subsequently benefited from technical assistance and grant funding, amounting to some \$70,000 over the years, allowing Waterford to participate in federal and state historic preservation programs, including National Register nominations and historic structure assessments.

The HPC's challenge is summarized in its mission (Ch. 2.86, Code of Ordinances):

In order to promote the educational, cultural, economic and general welfare of the Town of Waterford, the purpose of [the Historic Properties Commission] shall be the preservation and protection of buildings, archaeological sites, landscapes, and places of historic and cultural significance and their settings in Waterford, Connecticut, recognizing such as landmarks in the history of the town, state or nation.

In the twenty-plus years since its establishment, the HPC has established an enviable record working in concert with the historian. Listings in the National Register of Historic Places include districts in Quaker Hill, Graniteville, the Oswegatchie Colony, and the Hartford Colony, as well as the listing of the Walnut Grove Farm (former Hammond Estate). Listings in the State Register include the 1923 Cohanzie School and the Secchiaroli Barn. (Additional National Register listings include the Jordan Village Historic District, Eolia (Harkness Estate), and the Seaside Sanatorium). The proposed Oil Mill district is still a work-in-progress. Listing in the National Register is anticipated spring of 2022.

Though the HPC and the historian continue to advocate and/or support projects/issues consistent with their mission, there is real concern about demolition by neglect relative to three town-owned historic buildings. Time is running out for both the Cohanzie School and the Nevins Tenant Cottage. Though the town approved \$100,000 for the latter in the FY'22 budget, it is nowhere enough for the building's restoration. Meanwhile time has essentially run out for the Secchiaroli barn. It is, in fact - and has been - a town liability. A fourth town-owned building, the Jordan Park House (formerly the town's first purpose-built library, 1928), is in urgent need of repairs. An established "historic property" and

contributing property to the Jordan Village National Register Historic District, a long-term maintenance program must be set in place and repairs begun in FY'22.

Chairman John O'Neill activated the HPC Facebook page in light of public response to Elaine Olynciw's forgotten cemeteries articles in the Waterford Times. The response has also included interest in their care and maintenance. The pandemic, however, has dampened enthusiasm for the time being. Retired State Archaeologist Nick Bellantoni returned to Durfey Hill on June 16 and flagged sites where last year's ground penetrating radar indicated possible burials. Soil from selected sites, with the possible exception of one, revealed no disturbance. Efforts to document slave burials both inside and outside the walled site have been fruitless. Meanwhile Patrick Crotty continued his oversight of the Morgan, Gorton, Rogers, Church & Williams and Durfey Hill cemeteries.

Assistant Municipal Historian Vivian Brooks' Anne Belle Rogers Minor, A Masterpiece in Modesty has been published. Copies are available from Vivian. The cost is \$20 which will be donated to the DAR.

A number of ongoing projects and concerns remain on the table, action stalled in some cases due to the pandemic. Regular meetings for July, January, April and May were all cancelled. Looking ahead to FY'23, the HPC could consider collaboration with the Historical Society as well as the Land Trust to explore common heritage themes relate to history, conservation and preservation. There is also a need for a discussion regarding an historic cemetery association, separate from HPC and officially recognized by the town to assume responsibility for neglected burial sites, among them Gorton, Durfey Hill and Church & Williams. In addition, the HPC could benefit with an increased on-line presence. Worthy of HPC agenda consideration are the nomination of the Hall of Records to the State Register; re-installation of the Jordan fishway marker and repair of the fishway itself; updating the 1996-67 Historic/Architectural Survey; advocating for maintenance of the extant buildings at the Eugene O'Neill Theater Center, listed in the National Register of Historic Places, (Chrm. O'Neill has reached out to the new Executive Director); monitoring Seaside Park and Friends of Seaside developments; and encouraging the Planning & Zoning Commission to approve village district regulations as applied to Jordan Village. Legal action regarding violation of the delay of demolition ordinance at 151 Oswegatchie Road in FY'19 has been sidelined for more than a year. A satisfactory conclusion to the suit is anticipated I FY'22. And finally, HPC continues to support Save the River - Save the Hills, Connecticut Preservation (formerly Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation), and the Hartford-based lobbying group Preservation Action.

At the 2020 Annual Meeting in November, HPC officers elected were John O'Neill, Chairman; Eileen Olynciw, Vice-Chair; Secretary, Debra Walters; and Treasurer, Robert Nye. Rounding out the membership are Vivian Brooks (Assistant Municipal Historian), Mark Olynciw and Patrick Crotty. There remains an alternate vacancy.

Both historians R. Nye and V. Brooks continue to field historical and genealogical inquiries directly from individuals as well as through the town clerk's office, the Historical Society and the Library. The Historic Properties Commission and the Municipal Historian serve the entire Town of Waterford and are, in turn, supported by the town pursuant to state statute and town ordinance.

Respectfully submitted,

John J. O'Neill, Jr., Chairman, Historic Properties Commission
Robert M. Nye, Municipal Historian