## DOWNTOWN HISTORIC PRESERVATION GRANT POLICY

TOWN COUNCIL NOVEMBER 17, 2020



#### **HISTORIC PRESERVATION GRANT**

- Goal to support property improvements that maintain historic character of Downtown.
- \$50,000 approved in 2021 Budget
- Policy outlines eligibility requirements
  - Open to any property in the Downtown Overlay District with a building 50 years or older
  - Does not have to be landmarked
  - Priority given to property in the Downtown Core





## **HISTORIC PRESERVATION GRANT**

- Competitive grant process with priority going to properties in Downtown Core District, specifically those around Courthouse Square
- Each grant not to exceed \$25,000 of matching funds per project per calendar year
- Eligible projects include exterior work, roof repair and or maintenance of mechanical systems, not interior work
- Grant is a reimbursement after project is constructed and open
- Property receiving grant would be encumbered in perpetuity by historic preservation easement to Town

## **HISTORIC PRESERVATION GRANT**

- Two grant rounds per year:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> round due Feb 1<sup>st</sup> for award April 15<sup>th</sup>
  - If funds remaining -2<sup>nd</sup> round due Aug 1<sup>st</sup> for award by Oct 15
- Historic Preservation Board would review grants and recommend projects for Town Council, Town Council to award
- Projects still go to DRB for review and approval of SDPs
- Separate from existing programs:
  - Local Restoration Grant for Landmarked structures in Historic District (\$2,000 per award, funded for up to \$15,000)
  - DDA façade grant program

# RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of the Downtown Historic Preservation Grant Policy.





## **PROPOSED MOTION:**

#### "I MOVE TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION, AS PRESENTED BY TITLE".



## **QUESTIONS?**