



preservation initiatives grant

MISSION STATEMENT

The Preservation Initiatives (PI) Grant Program provides matching grants to individuals and non-profit organizations for preservation planning, research, outreach/education, and bricks and mortar projects related to historic and cultural sites. These grants are intended to help stimulate public discussion, introduce the public to preservation concepts and techniques, make technical expertise accessible, and encourage partnerships.

GRANT CYCLE & DEADLINES (2025)

Awarded projects must be completed within one year of signing the grant agreement.*

- **December 2, 2024:** Application opens
- **March 7, 2025:** Application closes - NO EXCEPTIONS

After the application closes, the review process begins. All grantees will subsequently be notified of whether or not they are receiving a 2025 PI Grant. Successful grantees will then sign a grant agreement.

*Bricks & Mortar projects are allowed up to two years for completion.

PRESERVATION INITIATIVES FUND : VIRGINIA AVENUE TUNNEL

Administered by DCPL, in consultation with the DC State Historic Preservation Office (DC SHPO)

GOAL

The goal of the fund is to distribute funds **within the geographic area surrounding the Virginia Avenue Tunnel Reconstruction Project** that will be used to preserve, restore, research, identify and evaluate, interpret or otherwise benefit historic resources within the project area.

SOURCE

Funds for the Virginia Avenue Tunnel Grant Project were provided by CSX Transportation Inc., and through the DC Historic Preservation Office as mitigation for adverse effects associated with reconstruction of the historic tunnel in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

Virginia Avenue Tunnel
Constructed: 1870-1906
Demolished/Reconstructed: 2015

WHICH PRESERVATION INITIATIVE WILL YOU TAKE?

Funding is available for the following 4 project types related to historic and cultural sites



Develop strategies for the preservation of a historic site.

\$5,000-\$10,000
25% Match Required



Programs or educational material related to historic sites that actively engage & educate the public.

\$5,000-\$10,000
25% Match Required



Support for research efforts of a historic property/site.

\$5,000-\$10,000
25% Match Required



Work that physically preserves a historic property (must be a designated historic landmark).

\$10,000-\$50,000
100% Match Required

HOW TO APPLY

Eligible Applicants: Individuals and 501(c)3 organizations

1. Obtain letter of **sponsorship***
2. Complete **online application***
3. Mail (1) **printed application packet to DCPL***

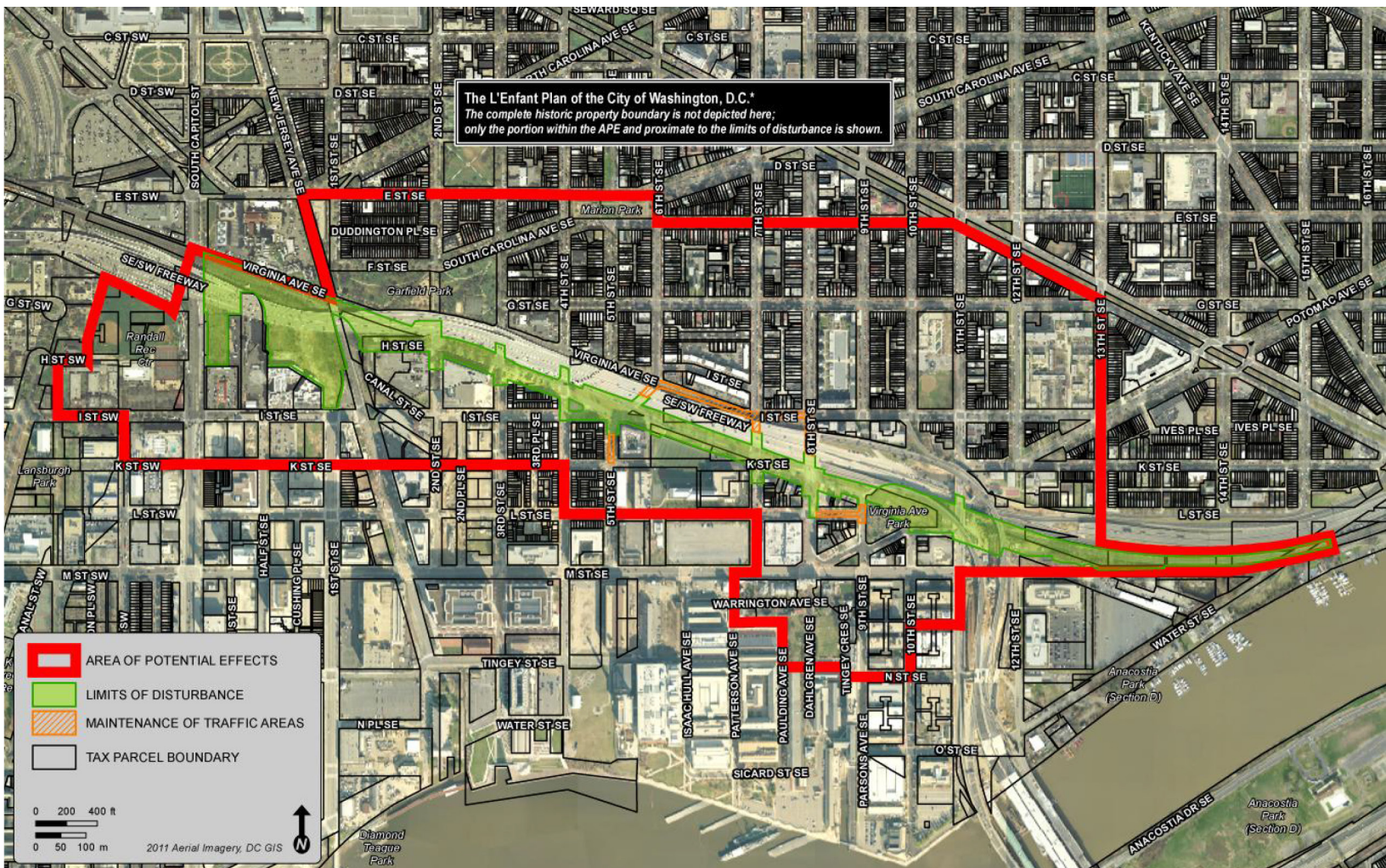
Must be postmarked on or before March 7, 2025

MAIL TO:
DC Preservation League (PI Grant - VAT)
PO Box 26005
Washington, DC 20001

*See Grant Guidelines on website for additional details



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BASIC REQUIREMENTS (ELIGIBLE PROJECTS MUST BE):

- Located within the Area of Potential Effect (see map above);
- Involve properties which are listed in the National Register of Historic Places and/or the DC Inventory of Historic Sites, or determined eligible for listing in the National Register/DC Inventory by the DC SHPO;
- “Historic preservation-related”;
- Comply with *The Secretary of Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties*, as applicable;
- Involve “bricks and mortar” work, survey, evaluation, historical research, archaeological investigations, public outreach, interpretation or other closely related topics.