STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
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H.P. 19 - L.D. 15

An Act to Amend the Law Governing the State Grant Program Administered by the Maine Historic Preservation Commission

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 27 MRSA §505, sub-§2, ¶D, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 585, §2, is amended to read:

D. The director may administer a program of state financed grants for the stabilization preservation and restoration of unique historic structures properties consistent with the following conditions.

(1) An applicant for a grant must be either a governmental or a nonprofit organization.

(2) The historic structure which property that is the subject of the grant application must be listed on the National Register of Historic Places as provided authorized by the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 or have been nominated to the register by the commission.

(3) An applicant must provide assurance that public access to the structure historic property will be reasonably provided with respect to admission fees, visitation hours and physical accessibility, while maintaining the historical historic integrity of the structure historic property.

(4) Applications must address, to the satisfaction of the commission, the applicant's organizational and financial capacity to provide long-term maintenance of that structure which the historic property that is the subject of the application.

(5) Grants shall may not exceed 50% of the total expense of the proposed project, except that grants to this the State may be 100% of the total expense of the proposed project.

(6) All grants shall be are subject to final approval, by the commission.

(7) Prior to final approval, the commission may require the applicant to execute a covenant to secure continued public access to and maintenance of the historic integrity of the structure, and a right of first refusal for the State historic property.

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BY GOVERNOR
CHAPTER 9
PUBLIC LAW
With respect to the quality of work to be performed through this grant program, the commission and the director shall must be guided by the United States Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation the Treatment of Historic Properties.