

CONCISE EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

In accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act, R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-35-2.6, following is a concise explanatory statement:

AGENCY: Rhode Island Historical Preservation & Heritage Commission

DIVISION: N/A

RULE IDENTIFIER: 530-RICR-20-00-1

RULE TITLE: Rules and Regulations for the State Preservation Grants

REASON FOR RULEMAKING: This rulemaking amends the regulations in advance of the next round of grantmaking, scheduled for Fall 2021. The regulations have been reviewed and updated to 1) reference new bond funding and 2) make changes and clarifications to program rules.

TESTIMONY AND COMMENTS: No public testimony was provided at the public hearing held July 22, 2021. Five written comments were submitted to RIHPHC via email.

CHANGE TO TEXT OF THE RULE: No changes were made to the proposed regulation.

REGULATORY ANALYSIS: Benefits: Preserving historic structures that serve the public as museums, cultural art centers, and public historic sites contributes to the quality of life in Rhode Island and ensures that our arts, culture, and civic facilities continue to thrive. Preservation work creates jobs, stimulates tourism, educates us about the past, revitalizes our downtowns and neighborhoods, and combats sprawl in rural places. Costs: The program is funded by bonds approved by the voters of Rhode Island.