LCHIP Land & Community Heritage Investment Program

INVESTING IN NEW HAMPSHIRE'S HERITAGE

Historic Resource Project

INTENT TO APPLY

Date Submitted: 5/8/2020

Project Name	Jaffrey Meetinghouse Tower	**Grant Request**	$ 60,000
Resource Location	15 Laban Ainsworth Way, Jaffrey, NH. Cheshire. (Street, City/Town, County)	**Total Project Cost**	$ 120,000
Applicant	Town of Jaffrey	**Organization Type** (Use arrow to select)	Municipality
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Has a representative attended an LCHIP Grant Orientation Workshop within the last five years? ☑ Yes ☐ Not yet

1. Who is the property owner? Town of Jaffrey
2. To what year does the resource date? 1775 (Tower 1822)
3. Is the resource listed, or determined eligible to be listed, on the State or National Register? Check all that apply.

	Listed	DOE	No
State Register			
National Register	✔		

4. Project Type ☑ **Rehabilitation/Restoration** ☐ **Planning Study** ☐ **Acquisition**
5. Does the applicant and/or property owner understand that all Historic Resource projects must comply with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties? ☑ Yes ☐ No
6. Has an Historic Structure Report or similar planning study, been completed? ☑ Yes ☐ No
   a. If so, list names and titles of authors, and date of report – and submit report with this form

   Catlin + Petrovick, Architects; Mae Williams, Architectural Historian. See http://www.rs41.org/CLG/clg.htm
7. Please provide a BRIEF description of the significance of the resource. (MAX 550 characters)

   The Jaffrey Meetinghouse—its frame raised on the day of the Battle of Bunker Hill—is the sole surviving Second Period Meetinghouse in the Monadnock Region. It's been in continuous use since 1775: as meetinghouse, church, high school, town offices, concert hall, theatre, etc. It's been well preserved and. It is certainly the most recognized and loved building in the town. A full documentation of the structure was undertaken in 2014-15, the complete details of which may be seen at http://www.rs41.org/CLG/clg.htm. Numerous historic and modern photographs of the Meetinghouse may be found at https://rs41.smugmug.com/Jaffrey/Meetinghouse
8. Please provide a BRIEF description of what the proposed project will accomplish. (MAX 650 characters)

   The Jaffrey Meetinghouse Tower dates to 1822. The upper balustrade of the Bell stage is deteriorated. Access is very difficult and regular maintenance has consequently suffered. The clock faces require conservation and painting and the hands, numerals and digits need re-gilding. The recommended approach is to remove the faces and complete the work off-site. Scaffolding of the entire Tower has been determined as the best way to accomplish these tasks. With the scaffolding in place, the entire Tower and the western façade of the Meetinghouse will be painted. Two levels of the Tower flooring and the stairs need repair and reinforcement to provide a safer path to the clock and bell and upper stages. At the same time, the ground-level public entry needs refurbishment.