HISTORIC REVITALIZATION GRANT
CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION

Applicant must complete the application addressing the following:

1. **Funding Priority** - What is the priority of the requested project
   - Work required to give the building a weather proof envelope and make it structurally sound, or will abate any serious threat to the structure whether from internal or external sources. Examples - Roof replacement, gutter/downspout replacement/repair, replace hazardous wiring, foundation work or repairing of structural members
   - Rehabilitation of exterior features particularly those which will offer protection from deterioration typically caused by natural elements. Examples - Window repair or replacement if deemed necessary, major repointing, exterior painting required to protect exposed wood that has been neglected (by other than the applicant).
   - Rehabilitation of exterior features which are not necessarily required for stabilization or protection from natural elements.
   - Restoration of character-defining interior features,
   - Work necessary to facilitate putting the building to an appropriate use, including meeting all codes and accessibility standards.

2. **Architectural/historical significance** - Details on National Register status
   - Is the property a National Historic Landmark?
   - Is the property listed in the National Register of Historic Places?
   - Is the property an outbuilding?

3. **Application/Project** - How well does the application present this project?
   - Is the application well prepared, clear and provide the required material for review?
   - Is the proposed work adequately described? Is the budget clear and complete? Is an estimate included?
   - Do the photographs sufficiently illustrate the character of the property and demonstrate the project need?
   - Does the applicant demonstrate the ability to pay total project costs upfront prior to reimbursement?
   - Is the property in a rural community as outlined by SHPO?

4. **County Priority** – What priority level is the project?
   - High
   - Medium
   - Low

5. **Community support and benefit** - How will this project highlight West Virginia’s historic rural resources?
   - Does the building represent a significant aspect of rural West Virginia?
   - Do the letters of support and additional material demonstrate the importance of the property to the community?

6. **Administration** - Has the applicant demonstrated previous grant administrative experience?
   - Grant applicant has grant experience other than SHPO grants.
   - Grant applicant has demonstrated the ability to administer the grant.