

KHC 2027 Statewide Historic Preservation Conference

Host City Application Instructions



Introduction:

The Kentucky Heritage Council (KHC) invites cities across the Commonwealth to apply to host the 2027 Statewide Historic Preservation Conference. This biennial event brings together preservation professionals, city officials, community leaders, and enthusiasts from across Kentucky to share best practices, explore emerging trends, and celebrate the rich, historic resources of Kentucky.

Hosting the conference is an exciting opportunity to showcase your community, engage local stakeholders, and contribute to the preservation movement statewide. The conference is a multi-day event featuring educational programming, networking, workshops, special tours, and events. Scheduled for May 2027, the conference is expected to draw over 200 attendees from across the Commonwealth. KHC provides and coordinates the educational content, including sessions, speakers, and materials, ensuring high-quality experience for all attendees. For reference, session videos and other information from KHC's 2025 conference can be found at: [Historic Preservation Conference - Kentucky Heritage Council](#).

KHC is accepting applications to host the 2027 Statewide Historic Preservation Conference from **October 1 to December 31, 2025**.

Host City Responsibilities

While KHC manages the conference's educational programming, the selected host city is responsible for all aspects of conference logistics and local hosting, including but not limited to:

- Securing and financially supporting an appropriate venue(s) for conference sessions, meals, off-site tours, and social events
- Coordinating local hospitality, including accommodations, transportation (if necessary), and social programming
- Providing local volunteer support (in conjunction with KHC assistance)
- Handling logistics in coordination with KHC
- Managing local marketing and outreach in partnership with KHC

Applications are due no later than December 31, 2025.

Submit applications through the KHC HP Conference Application Portal:

[Historic Preservation Conference - Kentucky Heritage Council](#)

Application Requirements:

To be considered as a host city, please submit the following:

1. Letter of Interest

From the Mayor or City Manager expressing the city's commitment to host and support of the conference.

2. Statement of Purpose

Why do you propose the 2027 Historic Preservation Conference be held in your city?

Please describe your community's historic assets, recent preservation successes, or other programs that reflect a commitment to historic preservation. Consider also how hosting the conference could impact your city economically, socially, and in terms of preservation awareness and momentum. Also, please suggest a proposed theme for the 2027 conference that reflects your community's character and preservation experience.

3. Description of Proposed Venue(s)

Provide an overview of potential conference venues, including session space, accessibility, on-site amenities, and proximity to accommodations and local attractions. Please include potential off-site tour locations.

4. Overview of Local Support

Identify the city staff, organizations, local businesses, sponsors, volunteers, and community partners that would support planning and logistics. Please include any previous conference hosting examples, if applicable.

5. Preliminary Budget Outline

Include a basic outline of anticipated costs of hosting (e.g., venue rental, catering, A/V, transportation, etc.) and a summary of how those costs would be covered.

Please note that KHC is unable to receive or manage event income, including registration fees or sponsorships. Host cities are encouraged to partner with local non-profit or other eligible entities to handle funds and apply them towards conference costs – a model that has worked successfully in past years and supports local flexibility.

6. Accommodations and Transportation Plan

Provide information on lodging options, walkability, and any planned shuttle services or parking accommodations.

7. Optional Supporting Materials

Please include any other relevant materials that demonstrate your city's suitability and enthusiasm for hosting.