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Ms. Brona Simon
Executive Director/State Historic Preservation Office/State Archaeologist
Massachusetts Historical Commission
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RE: National Park Service Grant P23AP02077-Pioneer Valley Regional
Ventures Center, INC.
Grant Program: FY 2022 Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization Grants Program
Project Title: Subgrant 4: South Hampton Town Hall
Location: 8 East Street, Southampton (Hampshire), Massachusetts, 01073
Total Grant Amount: \$750,000.00 /Subgrant 4 allocation: \$96,000.00

Dear Ms. Buntin,

Please find enclosed project documents for National Park Service (NPS) grant funded activities at Southampton Town Hall, located at 8 East Street, Southampton, MA. Built in 1904, the Colonial Revival is a two-story brick with a hip roof and a projecting entrance bay with pedimented gable features. Southampton Town Hall is a contributing resource in the Southampton Center Historic District listed in the National Register of Historic Places(NRIS#91000363). Period of Significance 1730-1930.

Grantee Information:

Pioneer Valley Regional Ventures has applied for, and been awarded, Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization Grant Program (PBHRGP) funding for improvements to contributing resources and/or eligible contributing resources in listed in the National Register of Historic Places and individually listed properties in the National Register of Historic Places. Grants will be provided for structures that are community anchors for exterior work to create economic development opportunities, and incentivize business investment in Hampden and Hampshire counties, as well as West Central and Southwest Central Worcester County through historic preservation and adaptive or continued use of historic buildings. Southampton Town Hall is the fourth subgrant. NPS funds will support exterior repairs.

Area of Potential Effect (APE):

Architectural: The APE is the historic building.

Archeological: The APE is impacted by removing concrete ramp and steps and installing/restoring original granite steps.

Section 106:

The NPS hereby initiates consultation on the potential effects of this undertaking to historic resources in accordance with procedures for Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (54 U.S.C. 306108), as found in 36 CFR Part 800: Protection of Historic Properties.

Scope of Work:

- The approved summary of objectives and results to be performed with this grant award will be done in accordance with *The Secretary of the Interior's Standards and Guidelines for Archeology and Historic Preservation*. Under the requirements of this grant funding, NPS expects work to meet the Secretary of Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties. Please refer to the Technical Preservation Services Preservation Briefs for specific treatment recommendations. All Preservation Briefs can be found on the National Park Service website at <https://www.nps.gov/tps/how-to-preserve/briefs.htm>

Work items for Subgrant 4 are as follows:

- Clean historic masonry (no more than 200 psi)
- Repoint mortar joints (match existing)
- Repair or replace brick where necessary (match existing)
- Repair and restore or replace in kind granite entrance steps-if funds permit (match historic)
- Install a historically compatible railing system that meets code compliance

NPS finds that the work as described meets *The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties* (Rehabilitation) and will have No Adverse Effect to the individual building with the understanding that the following changes will be made in order to meet the grant requirements:

- Please submit photos/tear sheet for railing to NPS and MA SHPO for approval prior to installation.

As per Section 800.5 we seek your concurrence with this determination. We have included the scope of work from the contractor. We have copied all relevant parties that might have an interest in the project. Please inform us if we have neglected to notify any other consulting parties or Indian Tribes with an interest in this property.

If you have any questions regarding the regulatory review of this project, the Technical Reviewer is Teresa Prober, who can be reached at teresa_prober@contractor.nps.gov or 202-839-0409. The

grant manager for this project is John McDade, who can be reached at John.McDade@nps.gov or 202-308-3818 regarding any questions about the grant or grantee and their performance.

Sincerely,



Megan J. Brown
Chief – State, Tribal, Local, Plans & Grants Division

Enclosures: Map and Photos.

cc: Shannon Walsh, Pioneer Valley Regional Ventures Center, (Project Director/Grantee)
Brona Simon, Massachusetts Historical Commission, (State Historic Preservation Officer/Executive Director)
Jessica Rudden-Dube, Preservation Massachusetts, (Executive Director)
John McDade, NPS WASO STLPG

Project Map:



Project Photos:



Southampton Town Hall Façade



East elevation



West elevation



West elevation brick and mortar deterioration



Side view of ramp



Original granite at entrance