**Blackstone River Valley**

**National Heritage**

**Corridor, Inc.**

**2014 Partnership Grant Program**

Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor, Inc. (Blackstone Heritage Corridor) offers cities and towns, non-profit organizations, and state agencies an opportunity to receive funding for projects that relate to the work of the organization.

**Telling the Story of American Industrialization**

*Sharing the Blackstone Valley’s nationally significant story with residents and visitors.*

**Preserving and Enhancing Valley Communities**

*Preserving the Blackstone Valley’s historically and culturally significant buildings and landscapes, thereby maintaining community character and improving quality of life; enhancing economic development efforts for local communities.*

**Balancing Conservation and Growth**

*Conserving the Blackstone Valley’s natural resources and historic land use patterns and encouraging appropriate development.*

**Promoting River Recovery**

*Improving the health of the river system, increasing public awareness and facilitating the use and enjoyment of the Blackstone River and its tributaries.*

**Grant Amounts:** $5,000 - $30,000.

**Match requirements:** Projects should demonstrate the ability to provide non-federal matching funds at a ratio of at least 1:1 through cash or in-kind contributions. In-kind contributions include donated volunteers services, employee salaries, supplies, materials, etc. **Projects that provide a greater ratio of non-federal match will score higher in the selection process.**

**Application requirements:**

* A one-page letter of intent
* A signed Application Cover Sheet with budget
* Application must be received by **noon on November 17, 2014** to be considered in this grant round.
* Applications can be emailed to: Charlene Cutler at

c\_cutler@blackstoneheritagecorridor.org **OR** snail mailed to Charlene Cutler, Blackstone Heritage Corridor, Inc., One Depot Sq., Woonsocket, RI 02895.

**Eligible projects include but are not limited to:**

* Preservation, rehabilitation or restoration of historic buildings and landscapes
* Habitat restoration, park development, trails, and/or river clean-up
* Canoe/kayak access sites and/or recreational development
* Educational programs, exhibits and/or interpretive signs, publications
* Heritage and sustainable tourism projects or programs
* Projects or programs engaging youth and/or minority populations in awareness and stewardship of the Valley’s heritage

**One-Page Letter of Intent:**

* Include the geographic area served by the project.
* Succinctly list the goals of the project and the anticipated outcomes.
* List the personnel involved and their qualifications.
* List the project partners.
* Communicate how the project will be evaluated.
* Specify how Blackstone Heritage Corridor, Inc. will be credited with support of the project.

**The Fine Print:**

1. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered for this round of grant funding.
2. If selected, an applicant will be required to complete a contract with Blackstone Heritage Corridor, Inc. and provide additional documentation. If that documentation is insufficient the grant award may be rescinded.

