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United States Department of the Interior  
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Re: RIHPHC Project No. 18883  
SAT Grant  
Rehabilitation of the General Burnside Building  
22-26 Burnside St.  
Bristol, Rhode Island

Dear Ms. Brown:

The Rhode Island Historical Preservation and Heritage Commission (RIHPHC) staff has reviewed the information that you provided for the above-referenced project. The National Park Service (NPS) has awarded federal funds for improvements to the General Burnside Building at 22-26 Burnside Street in Bristol, Rhode Island.

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 (<https://www.nps.gov/orgs/1739/preservation-briefs.htm>).

NPS has reviewed the changes in scope of work submitted by the applicant. The Statement of Work is defined to include the following. However, this review is ONLY for the work being done at the Bindery. The work at the Big House will be submitted at a later time.

- i. Foundation repair and repointing
- ii. Hazardous material removal
- iii. Siding and trim repair, or replacement as needed
- iv. Door and window repair, or replacement as needed
- v. Draining repair, or replacement as needed.

NPS finds that the work as described will meet The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties (Rehabilitation) and will have No Adverse Effect to the historic resource with the following conditions:

- Replacement masonry will be submitted for review and approval at a later date
- Cut sheets for storm windows will be submitted for review and approval at a later date
- Cut sheets for new windows will be submitted for review and approval at a later date
- Mortar testing and proposed new mortar will be submitted for review and approval at a later date.

Based upon the information provided, the RIHPHC concurs with these determinations.

These comments are provided in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. If you have any questions, please contact RIHPHC Project Review Coordinator Elizabeth Totten at 401-222-2671 or [elizabeth.totten@preservation.ri.gov](mailto:elizabeth.totten@preservation.ri.gov).

Sincerely,



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