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**CELEBRATION COMMITTEE**  
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**To the Applicant:**

Please refer to the Celebration Trust Guidelines before completing the Grant Application.

The application period for celebrations and observances, etc. is January 1<sup>st</sup> through April 15<sup>th</sup>. While the Committee will consider applications for History and Preservation projects throughout the year, it would be wise to apply early in the year as funding is limited.

At the discretion of the Celebration Committee, a very short period MAY be established in order to disburse any unused portion of that year's funds that have yet to be committed.

After all applications have been received and reviewed, the Committee may ask applicants to appear for an interview.

Attachments: Grant Application Form  
Celebration Trust Guidelines

## **READING'S 350<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION TRUST GUIDELINES**

In 1994, the 350<sup>th</sup> Anniversary enhanced our sense of community and contributed to the awareness of our heritage. To perpetuate both, Reading's 350<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Trust has been established. Its intention is to alleviate funding aspects associated with town-wide projects planned by and for the people of Reading. It is hoped that through use of this Trust, a portion of the excitement, ceremony and history generated in 1994 will live on for at least the next half century.

### **Establishment of the Trust Funds**

At the end of the 350<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, all unexpended money was set aside for future use by the Town of Reading in commemorating its past. On November 14, 1994, Town Meeting accepted these funds with certain restrictions placed on their disbursement. In addition, expenditure of the money was to be placed under the jurisdiction of a new town body known as the Celebration Committee (350<sup>th</sup> Trust Fund). The new committee has five members each with a different appointing authority as listed below with the current appointees.

For the 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration in 2044, Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) and the interest earned on it has been set aside. At the end of the century, a Millennium Party has been allocated Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000). The remaining money was divided between a Celebration Fund and a Historic Preservation Fund as described in this document.

### **Celebration Committee (350<sup>th</sup> Trust Fund)**

A Trust Committee known officially as the Celebration Committee is appointed to determine the best use of the funds, and to negotiate specific terms with applicants. The Committee is comprised of the following members, each appointed to a three year term. (The first committee, however, has staggered terms.)

#### **Appointing Authority**

- Board of Selectmen
- Moderator
- Historical Commission
- School Committee
- Board of Library Trustees

#### **Current Members**

Kurt Habel  
Rita Robertson  
Robert Mittnacht  
Everett Blodgett  
Bob McLaughlin

### **Part A – Celebrations, Observances, Etc. (Celebration Fund)**

#### **Purpose**

To fund, lend or provide seed money for general audience projects organized and run by volunteers representing a cross-section of the community, in celebration, commemoration or observance of the Town of Reading, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts or the United States.

## **Income**

- All money that remained in the Treasury of Reading's 350<sup>th</sup>, Inc. when it dissolved (excluding any money specifically allocated for other purposes).
- All interest earned by Part A of this Trust.
- All gifts made to Part A of this Trust.

## **Disbursement**

On the first day of January of each year, 8% of the funds in Part A of this Trust will become available, and may be spent under the direction of the Committee. The yearly unexpended funds may accrue for use in subsequent years. The Committee can make specific arrangements with the applicant giving the money either as a grant or loan. Applications will be made to the Committee during the month of January, or at any other time specified by the Committee.

## **Appropriate Uses**

The money is to be used in town-wide celebrations, observances or commemorations. Examples given by the 350 Anniversary Committee when presenting the money were: First Nights, Town Days, Special Events, and anniversaries of the Nation, Commonwealth and the Town.

## **Part B – History and Preservation (Historical Preservation Fund)**

### **Purpose**

To provide funding through grants, loans or seed money to perpetuate the recorded history of the Town of Reading, Massachusetts.

### **Income**

- All money from the sale of the second and future printings of At Wood End.
- Other money allocated by the 350<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Steering Committee.
- All interest earned by Part B of this Trust.
- All gifts made exclusively to Part B of this Trust.

### **Disbursement**

Under the direction of the Committee, all or part of the interest earned on Part B of this Trust may be spent.

The principal may be used for a reprint of At Wood End, the production of new historical documents or reproduction of existing material. Proceeds above the cost of the project will be returned to Part B of this Trust, at least up to the amount spent on the project by this Trust.

### **Appropriate Uses**

Producing, reproducing or updating histories of Reading, Massachusetts in any media.

Preservation of historical collections under the jurisdiction of the Public Library or the Historical Commission.



