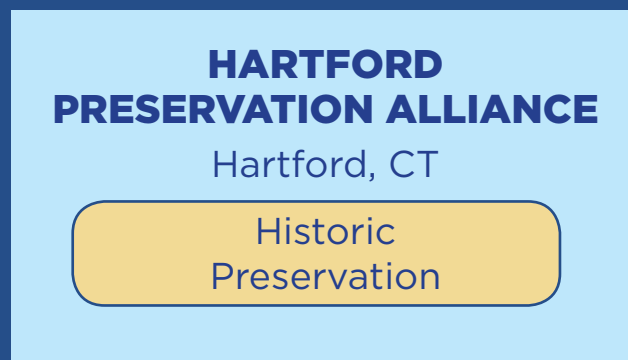


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The Community Investment Act (CIA) has been an integral component in empowering historic preservation efforts in Hartford. Over the past three years, \$466,500 in CIA funds has been awarded to the **Hartford Preservation Alliance** by the Commission on Culture & Tourism for program and basic operating support, as well as a three-year architectural survey of Hartford's entire building inventory and the creation of new historic districts. **These grants sustained nine jobs.**



Through historic preservation activity, Hartford has increased the number of commercial sites, jobs and sustainable housing. There have been community ap-

preciation events such as architectural walking tours, workshops, and lectures in collaboration with community development corporations (SINA, NINA, CIL, CAC), City Departments, and the State mandated Neighborhood Revitalization

Zones (NRZs). CIA funding helps the Hartford Preservation Alliance to continue advocacy for rehabilitating blighted and abandoned sites and reducing the severe impact of demolition-by-neglect. Technical Assistance requests have also grown exponentially with the adoption of the Historic Preservation Ordinance which provides guidelines for renovation work requiring a building permit and visible from the public way.

With over 4,500 buildings listed on State and National Registers, client requests for technical assistance increase as additional properties are added to the list of protected properties and owners learn of the economic benefits of historic preservation.



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