



## FAQ's ~ Frequently Asked Questions

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### Your Historic Home

*Working Partnership Program*

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***The future of historic preservation depends on our decisions today!***

***What is "Your Historic Home" program?*** This is a very special new working partnership between Building Blocks Preservation Group Inc. (BBPG) and a qualified future homeowner who desires to own and live in a rehabilitated historic/heritage home within the 10-block "inner core" of Medina Square.

***What is a "Working Partner"?*** A Working Partner agrees to work a minimum 350 hours, on-site, in tandem with BBPG, rehabilitating the house he/she/they intend to make their own. These hours will be banked as "real down payment dollars" to be used at purchase time of the house.

***What is the main benefit for a "Working Partner"?*** Homeownership for a family, couple or individual who might not otherwise be able to afford a market-rate restored home; owning a 184-year-old tangible connection to an original pioneer family of Medina.

***How does this program benefit Medina?*** Single family homeownership revitalizes communities; maintained homes increase home values. Plus, when an older, heritage home is saved in the process, we all win.

***Is there an application process?*** Yes. Applications are now being accepted for a Working Partner for our current project home, the Sophia Huntington Parker Farmhouse, located at 529 W. Friendship Street, Medina. Applications will be accepted until a viable candidate(s) is selected.

***Can anyone apply?*** Yes. BBPG does not discriminate based on race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, or sexual orientation. We are an equal opportunity organization, willing to partner with those equally invested in protecting local historic resources. Working Partner(s) must be pre-qualified and able to pay an affordable mortgage.

***What if I'm not sure about staying in Medina?*** Qualifying for this program requires commitment – of time, hard work, and desire to make Water Tower Historic Neighborhood District, of the inner-core of Medina Village, home. Applications will be reviewed by Board Directors of BBPG, and motivation is a key minimum qualification.

***How much will all this cost?*** Final purchase amount depends totally on partner-directed choices relative to restoration and building elements. For example: if a partner is restricted to a \$145,000 mortgage (*example only*), rehabilitation efforts will be structured to fall below that limit. BBPG will make every effort to off-set construction costs by seeking community and business donations.

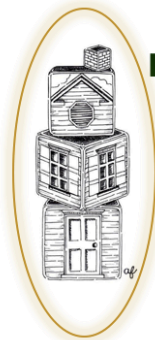
***What does Building Blocks Preservation Group, as a nonprofit charity, bring to this partnership?*** BBPG provided front-end financing for the historic relocation of the Huntington House. Community donations built a good portion of the foundation. Board Directors will continue to pursue cash gifts as well as in-kind donations of time and materials to offset rehabilitation costs involved. Keeping costs low ensures that the Working Partner may obtain an affordable mortgage.

***Does anyone personally profit from this program?*** No. Nonprofits cannot earn profits. BBPG's Board of Directors is made up of volunteers only.

***What happens after rehabilitation work is done?*** The Working Partner(s) will officially purchase the home. Going forward, they honorably agree to upkeep and maintain the quality of their home to the standards of an historic neighborhood district, and to the extent possible play an active "neighborly" role, as a steward of history and citizen of Medina.

***What's next for BBPG?*** Community support **now** is vital to ensure our success going forward. All donations to BBPG will be used directly to fund construction of the foundation and rehabilitate the Huntington House. Proceeds remaining after the home's sale will be immediately invested in the next identified project, thus improving the quality of life and condition of "Medina Village" housing stock, one home at a time.

***Do you have additional questions?*** Please email [MedinaPreservation@gmail.com](mailto:MedinaPreservation@gmail.com) and we will be glad to assist you.



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