

# Understanding the DOE Requirement

## What does DOE stand for?

DOE is the acronym for Determination of Eligibility.

## Do I need a DOE to apply for LCHIP funds?

In order to qualify for a grant from LCHIP, a property must be **listed on or eligible for listing** on the National Register of Historic Places or the NH State Register of Historic Places. If a property is not already listed on either of these Registers, the NH Division of Historic Resources (DHR) must make a Determination Of Eligibility (DOE).

## The property may already be listed on the National Register. How do I check?

The National Register publishes a database of all listed properties on its web site. However, this database only shows properties *individually* listed on the National Register and the *names* of historic districts listed on the National Register. Hundreds of New Hampshire properties are listed on the National Register as “contributing” properties in historic districts. The names or addresses of these “contributing” properties are not shown in the web site database. If your property could be located within a listed district, call the DHR for more details. The National Register Information database is at the following link: <http://www.nps.gov/nr/research/> If the property is listed, print out the page and attach in place of the DOE Attachment to the proposal.

## The property may already be listed on the New Hampshire State Register. How do I check?

The New Hampshire State Register of Historic Places is a relatively new program designed to recognize resources that are meaningful in the history, architecture, archeology, engineering or traditions of New Hampshire residents and communities. Properties are only listed at the request of the owner. To find out whether your property is listed, please call DHR at (603) 271-3483.

## The property is not listed on the New Hampshire State or National Registers. Has it been determined to be *eligible* for listing?

The Division of Historical Resources reviews hundreds of properties each year to determine whether they are eligible for listing on either the New Hampshire State or National Registers. Most commonly, DOE reviews are completed as part of state and local planning processes, such as environmental review for state or federal projects, and through the efforts of town heritage commissions or historical societies. Property owners should check DHR’s files for previous research prior to beginning their own DOE inventory efforts

## The property has not been reviewed or listed. How do I go about receiving a DOE?

You need to request an “Individual Inventory Form,” along with the directions for completing it. These are available by calling DHR at (603) 271-3483. The DHR meets twice a month to review completed inventory forms and make determinations of eligibility.