

The Partnership

To carry out this goal, the National Trust will seek to partner with one emerging statewide in each of the seven Trust regions. The Trust will make available the following assistance to the partner statewide:

* **Intensive technical assistance by regional office staff.** Staff will assist the statewide's board in an assessment of the current effectiveness of the organization and in the development of an action plan to achieve a new level of sustainable effectiveness, including obtaining a qualified full-time staff person. Regional office staff experienced in both organizational development and preservation will provide this assistance. Staff will draw upon the Trust's extensive experience with strategic planning in preservation organizations through its Community Organization Effectiveness Program. Each regional office will give a high priority to assistance to the partner statewide.

* **A mentor relationship by a staffed statewide organization.** The members of the National Alliance of Statewide Preservation Organizations have stated their willingness to assist partner statewides as mentors. This offers the partner statewide an opportunity for a continuing relationship with a statewide that has successfully made the transition to an effective, staffed organization.

* **An initial grant of \$2,000 for each partner statewide.** These funds, to be matched by the statewide, will assist the statewide to gain additional technical assistance to develop or carry out their action plan. For example, funds could be used to pay the travel expenses of a leader of another statewide which has already made the breakthrough to full-time staff and could serve as a source of experience for the partner statewide.

* **Priority in related National Trust programs.** Partner statewides will receive priority in the following:

- Selection and scholarships for Preservation Leadership Trainings, intensive seven-day trainings in building preservation effectiveness.

- Cultural diversity scholarships for the National Preservation Conference.

- Use of the mailing list of National Trust members in the respective state.