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HPF Grant Cycle Announcement – FFY15, CLG Round 2

The Office of History and Archaeology is soliciting applications for grants from the Historic Preservation Fund (HPF). Certified Local Governments (CLGs) in Alaska are eligible to apply for these 60-40 matching grants.

Applications are due by 5:00 pm, Friday, March 6, 2015. An application package is available online at http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/oha/grant/akcig.htm. To be eligible, an applicant must have approved CLG status prior to the Alaska Historical Commission (AHC) April meeting. AHC recommends awards to the State Historic Preservation Officer, who approves allocation of grants. Evaluation criteria used by staff and AHC is online.

Alaska Historical Commission Priorities. The Commission encourages the following:

1. Projects that address the preservation of historic properties and leverage funds and resources. Studying and drafting local tax incentives and design review guidelines, restoring and preserving defining elements of historic properties, and addressing sustainability.
2. Projects that increase public awareness of historic preservation and establish new partnerships, particularly with local tribes and under-represented groups, to strengthen a local historic preservation program. Projects that use historic properties for anniversary commemorations, projects that install interpretive signs calling attention to significant historic places, and education materials with a historic preservation emphasis.
3. Projects that update plans, review ordinances, and create local registers. Use of a consultant to assist in addressing local historic preservation issues is encouraged.
4. Projects that address survey and evaluation of properties. Archaeological projects, in urban and rural areas, and for prehistoric as well as historic sites, are encouraged. Those less than fifty years old, such as those associated with the Cold War and projects that address Alaska transportation and the growth of communities.

Eligible Project Types

Survey, inventory, historic preservation planning, National Register nomination, public preservation education, predevelopment, development and acquisition projects are eligible for program funds. Conformance to state and local plans, ability of the sponsor to complete the project and significance of the project will be considered.

Postmark, E-mail, Fax or Deliver completed applications by 5:00 pm, Friday, March 6, 2015 to:

State of Alaska: DNR
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