
PRESS RELEASE

Georgia Communities Awarded Federal Historic Preservation Grants

ATLANTA (June 16, 2020) – Eight Georgia municipalities will receive federal subgrants totaling more than \$103,000 to support historic preservation activities in their respective communities, the Georgia State Historic Preservation Office announced Tuesday.

The 2020 Historic Preservation Fund grants facilitate historic preservation planning initiatives and projects such as historic resource surveys, outreach efforts, and bricks-and-mortar projects throughout the state. The grants are provided annually through the Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) of the U.S. Department of the Interior's National Park Service and are administered by the State Historic Preservation Office of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources.

This year's grant recipients are as follows:

- **City of Albany** — \$20,000 — Harlem Area Revitalization Plan
- **City of Greensboro** — \$10,920 — Solar Powered Audio Interpretive Stations for a Historic Audio Tour
- **City of Hawkinsville** — \$14,232 — Phase 2 of a Historic Resources Survey for the City of Hawkinsville
- **City of Roswell** — \$12,373.40 — Phase 2 of a Historic Resources Survey for the City of Roswell
- **City of Rome** — \$12,000 —Phase 1 of a Historic Resources Survey for the “Between The Rivers” Local Historic District
- **City of Sparta** — \$13,500 — Historic Resources Survey for the City of Sparta
- **City of Vienna** — \$5,160 — Phase 1 of a Historic Resources for the City of Vienna
- **McDuffie County** — \$15,000 — City of Thompson Residential Design Guidelines

Each year, Georgia's 98 Certified Local Governments (CLGs) are eligible to apply for these matching (60 percent federal/40 percent local) grants.

To be eligible to become a federal Certified Local Government, a city or county must have passed a preservation ordinance and have established a historic preservation commission.

“Historic preservation works best as a partnership with local stakeholders, and we are proud of the efforts of this year’s grant recipients and all of our Certified Local Government partners,” said Dr. David Crass, Assistant Division Director. “The CLG program is one of our most important tools in promoting economic development focused on local historic resources. The communities participating in the program have taken the initiative to work to protect the historic resources that make their respective cities, or counties, truly special.”

HPF grant funds may be used for a variety of other preservation activities, including archaeological surveys, design guidelines, educational/promotional/tourism activities, and publications. For information on the Historic Preservation Fund grant program, contact Grants Coordinator Melanie Holthaus 770-389-7859 or melanie.holthaus@dnr.ga.gov. For information on the Certified Local Government program, contact Outreach Program Manager Allison Asbrock at 770-389-7868 or allison.asbrock@dnr.ga.gov.

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The above is a news release from the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources. Its mission is to promote the preservation and use of historic places for a better Georgia. SHPO’s programs include archaeology protection and education, environmental review, grants, historic resource surveys, tax incentives, the National Register of Historic Places, community planning and technical assistance.

The mission of the Department of Natural Resources is to sustain, enhance, protect and conserve Georgia’s natural, historic and cultural resources for present and future generations, while recognizing the importance of promoting the development of commerce and industry that utilize sound environmental practices.

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