

DATE: November 20, 2020
TO: Georgia Historic Property Owners
FROM: Marah Grossman, Grants Coordinator, Historic Preservation Division
RE: Hurricane Michael Disaster Assistance Grants Now Available

A grant application package for the Hurricane Michael Disaster Assistance Grants, a subgrant program administered by the Historic Preservation Division (HPD) of the Georgia Department of Community Affairs is now available on HPD's website [here](#). This subgrant program has been made available through the award of a Hurricane Florence, Yutu, and Michael Emergency Supplemental Historic Preservation Fund grant (FYM ESHPF grant, CFDA No. 15.957) from the National Park Service (NPS) to the Historic Preservation Division. This package includes the application forms, instructions, and criteria used to evaluate grant applications for building or site-specific predevelopment and development projects.

The purpose of the FYM ESHPF subgrant program is to assist Georgia historic property owners with recovery from Hurricane Michael by addressing historic property needs unmet through other funding sources (FEMA, GEMA, Insurance, etc.). The HPD may award up to \$3,500,000 in total in FYM ESHPF subgrants to private, public, and nonprofit historic property owners, and we encourage all interested in this grant to apply. This is a reimbursement grant, and project cost reimbursements are based on invoices and receipts that are directly related to work items in the scope of work and budget which must be approved by the HPD and NPS. No project match is required, and there is a minimum project cost of \$100,000. There is no maximum project cost. Grants may be fully or partially awarded.

Owners of historic buildings, structures, and objects in Georgia counties that were not designated for public assistance by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for Hurricane Michael are unfortunately ineligible to apply. For a list of eligible counties and a map, please see <http://www.fema.gov/disaster/4400>.

The following Georgia counties were designated for individual and public assistance by FEMA. Therefore private, public, and nonprofit historic property owners are eligible to apply.

- Baker, Calhoun, Clay, Crisp, Decatur, Dougherty, Early, Grady, Laurens, Lee, Miller, Mitchell, Randolph, Seminole, Sumter, Terrell, Thomas, Tift, Turner, and Worth

The following Georgia counties were designated for public assistance by FEMA. Only public and nonprofit historic property owners and are eligible to apply in these counties.

- Appling, Atkinson, Bacon, Ben Hill, Berrien, Bleckley, Brooks, Bulloch, Burke, Candler,

Chattahoochee, Coffee, Colquitt, Cook, Crawford, Dodge, Dooly, Echols, Emanuel, Evans, Glascock, Hancock, Houston, Irwin, Jeff Davis, Jefferson, Jenkins, Johnson, Jones, Macon, Marion, Montgomery, Peach, Pulaski, Putnam, Quitman, Schley, Screven, Stewart, Tattnall, Telfair, Toombs, Treutlen, Twiggs, Washington, Webster, Wheeler, Wilcox, and Wilkinson

For the purpose of this grant program, only predevelopment and development projects will be considered. Essential criteria for a qualified grant application include demonstrating the property is listed in or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places; demonstrating property damage was caused or worsened by Hurricane Michael; placing a preservation easement of up to 20 years on the property deed of all awarded development grant projects; compliance with applicable federal and state laws, regulations, and standards, including meeting federal procurement requirements; and signing a funding agreement. All project work and final products must be clearly stated in the grant application along with a line-item detailed budget. Project work must meet the *Secretary of the Interior's Standards and Guidelines for Archeology and Historic Preservation*, must follow OMB regulations in 2CFR200 and the Historic Preservation Fund Grant Manual, and will be reviewed by HPD prior to project commencement. If the property is not listed, please contact grants coordinator Marah Grossman before submitting an application at marah.grossman@dca.ga.gov. Preference may be granted to properties that are previously listed in the National Register of Historic Places or have a formal determination of eligibility dating to within 3 years of this grant application.

All grant applications will be evaluated and awarded based on information provided in the application, scoring criteria, funding availability, and reviews by the HPD staff and the NPS. If you apply for more than one project (i.e. a predevelopment AND development project), you must complete a separate application for each one.

Applications must be **postmarked on or before January 15, 2020**. Grant awards are expected to be announced in **May 2021**. Projects may begin as early as **July 2021** upon HPD and NPS approval and must be completed by **December 2022**. If you have questions about the grant program or the application process, contact marah.grossman@dca.ga.gov.

