

Historic Preservation Fund Grants: Survey & Planning/Predevelopment/Development

The Historic Preservation Division receives funds annually from the National Park Service to carry out a statewide historic preservation program in participation with state and local governments, organizations, and the citizens of Georgia. Each year, 10% of that federal allocation is given out in the form of the grants to Georgia's Certified Local Governments.

Who Can Apply:

Certified Local Governments (CLG's) may apply for this grant funding. CLG's are assigned to categories by HPD based on the historic preservation work previously completed in their communities. CLGs in Category I either have not yet completed a community-wide historic structures/archaeological survey or need to update an older, out-of-date survey. Category I CLGs may only apply for survey funding. Category II CLGs have completed or updated a community-wide survey and may, therefore, apply for any of the activities listed below.

Eligible Activities:

Predevelopment, Survey and Planning grants are awarded on an annual basis for projects which will enhance historic preservation in local communities or throughout the state. All grants are awarded on a 60% federal/40% local matching basis. Eligible activities include the following:

- Historic resource surveys
- Preservation planning activities & studies
- National Register nominations
- Educational activities & publications
- Archaeological surveys and testing
- Predevelopment (plans & specifications)
- Development (bricks & mortar)

Grant Awards

The Historic Preservation Fund grant funds are awarded once a year on a competitive basis. Approximately 10-12 grants are awarded annually, depending on the amount of the Historic Preservation Fund allocation. Grant amounts generally range from \$1,000 to \$15,000. Grant applications are rated according to objective selection criteria, and in relation to the quality of all the other applications received. The selection criteria emphasize the need for the project, sound project and financial administration, and proper preservation methodology. Also, geographical distribution and the selection of a variety of project types are factors in the award of grant funds.

Requirements

The grantee is required to follow federal and state regulations that govern the use of federal grant funds. The grant must be matched by nonfederal funds. This match must be partially cash, but may include donated materials and labor, as well as staff and/or volunteers. All grant projects must be either conducted or supervised by personnel who meet recognized professional qualifications.

Application and Schedule

Grant applications are distributed to all interested parties the first Friday in December. At that time, the postmark deadline for completed applications also is announced, but typically it is early February. Applicants are encouraged to discuss grants projects with the grants coordinator before submitting applications. Grant awards are announced in April.

For more information, visit [HPD's Tax Incentives website](#), or contact Allison Asbrock, Outreach Program Manager and Grants Coordinator, at 770-389-7868 or allison.asbrock@dnr.ga.gov.