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Re: FY15 Grant Cycle Announcement: Round 1

To all Certified Local Governments:

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

CLGs may receive up to 60% matching assistance for project costs. We encourage applications for projects in the range of \$10,000 to \$20,000 federal share. An application package is available online at <http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/oha/grant/akclg.htm>.

**Postmark, e-mail, fax, or deliver applications by 5:00 pm, Monday, October 6, 2014.** Only complete, signed and notarized applications will be reviewed. A resolution of the governing body is not required.

Alaska Historical Commission (AHC) priorities for FY15 CLG grants are:

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 are encouraged.
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 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 are encouraged.
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 are encouraged.

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. Evaluation criteria used by staff and AHC members is online.

The Alaska Historical Commission will review and prioritize CLG applications in November 2014. To be eligible for funding, applicants must have approved CLG status prior to the Commission meeting. The Commission's recommendations are forwarded to the State Historic Preservation Officer, who approves allocation of these funds.

For questions, please contact the HPF grants administrator at [jean.ayers@alaska.gov](mailto:jean.ayers@alaska.gov) or 907-269-8694.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Judith E. Bittner in blue ink.

Judith E. Bittner  
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