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The Certified Local Government Historic Preservation Program in Alaska

The Certified Local Government (CLG) program promotes development of local preservation programs. It is a partnership between the State Historic Preservation Officer, part of the Alaska Office of History and Archaeology, and qualifying communities. It is part of the nationwide program established by the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966. The intent is to preserve places important to understanding the history and cultural life of the nation. Cities and boroughs apply to the State Historic Preservation Officer to become certified.

Certification requirements

To become certified, local government must have a:

- Historic preservation ordinance
- Historic preservation commission
- Process for inventorying historic and archaeological resources
- Procedure for reviewing nominations to the National Register of Historic Places
- Procedure for reviewing local projects for impact on historic resources
- Process for local historic preservation planning and, at a minimum, a draft outline of the plan
- Process for public participation

CLGs receive technical assistance and training. They are eligible to apply for matching Historic Preservation Fund grants.

CLG grants

CLGs can apply for federal Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) grant funds administered by the Office of History and Archaeology. The purpose of the 60/40 matching grant program is to assist local governments in carrying out historic preservation activities for the identification, evaluation, and protection of historic properties.

Eligible grant projects include:

- survey and inventory of historic properties
- survey of prehistoric and historic archaeological resources
- preparation of documentation for the National Register of Historic Places
- historic preservation planning, including
- staff support for a local historic preservation commission
- development of architectural guidelines for the local commission to assist with review of new construction and alterations to properties within historic districts,
- development or strengthening local preservation ordinances, and
- preparing condition surveys and management plans for the protection of local historic resources

Public education grant projects include:

- preparing exhibits concerning local historic resources and their protection
- producing brochures, videos or other presentations describing local historic resources and historic preservation programs, and
- organizing special events that educate the public concerning local history and the community's historic buildings and sites.

Restoration of historic buildings and development of architectural plans and engineering studies are also eligible.

Sources of additional information:

Alaska Office of History and Archaeology

Alaska Certified Local Government Historic Preservation Program, State Guidelines and Application for Certification. Revised 2003.

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Certified Local Governments in the National Historic Preservation Program.

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