

OFFICE OF HISTORY AND ARCHAEOLOGY ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

HISTORIC PRESERVATION FUND DEVELOPMENT/PREDEVELOPMENT 2014-2015 GRANT PROGRAM

The Alaska Office of History and Archaeology is accepting applications for Historic Preservation Fund development and predevelopment grants to help preserve Alaska's endangered historic buildings and structures. The intent of the grant program is to assist owners of properties listed in the National Register of Historic Places to ensure the continued use and integrity of historic buildings and structures, stimulate economic development through heritage tourism, and increase public awareness and appreciation of Alaska's heritage.

These grants are reimbursable and must be matched dollar-for-dollar. Federal funds are not eligible as match. The period of the grant is from August 1, 2014 to September 30, 2015. Grant recipients will be reimbursed for allowable costs, less a state surcharge taken after work is completed and final narrative and financial information is submitted, reviewed, and approved by the Office of History and Archaeology. Predevelopment grant requests are limited to a minimum of \$3,500 and a maximum of \$10,000 Historic Preservation Fund share. Development grant requests are limited to a minimum of \$10,000 and a maximum of \$25,000 Historic Preservation Fund share.

Who can apply?

Owners of private and non-federal public buildings and structures are eligible for these grants. Individuals, businesses, corporations, nonprofit or for-profit organizations, local governments and state agencies may apply. Federal agencies are not eligible. Religious institutions cannot apply for development grants; however, can apply for predevelopment grants for architectural plans and specifications or building condition assessments.

What properties qualify?

Alaska buildings and structures listed in the National Register of Historic Places, either individually or as a contributing property to a historic district, qualify for a grant.

What activities are eligible?

- Predevelopment: The historical, architectural, archaeological research or planning necessary to properly document proposed construction work on a historic building or structure before commencement of development work.
- Development: A project that has for its purpose the preservation, stabilization, rehabilitation, or restoration of a historic building or structure.

Allowable costs

- Costs involved in preserving, stabilizing, rehabilitating, or restoring historic buildings and structures.
- Costs involved in retaining the services of a qualified architect, engineer, licensed construction contractor, historian, or archaeologist.

Non-allowable costs

- Funds cannot be used for routine maintenance, cosmetic repairs, or renovations.
- Funds cannot be used for work that fails to meet *The Secretary of Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties*, 1995.
(http://www.nps.gov/hps/tps/standguide/overview/using_standguide.htm)
- Funds cannot be used for major reconstruction or moving a property.
- Funds cannot be used for landscaping.
- Funds cannot be used for costs incurred before the grant is awarded and a funding agreement is signed.

Criteria

Applications will be evaluated using these criteria:

- Project involves a historic building or structure significant at the local, state, or national level and listed in the National Register of Historic Places individually or as a contributing property in a district.
- Development project demonstrates predevelopment activities have been completed and support the activities proposed. The application must reference the historic structure report or construction documents for the project.
- Project involves a historic building or structure threatened by development pressure, lack of adequate funding, or neglect.
- Priority is given to requests for work that will preserve a building or structure's historic elements.
- Project will benefit the public and increase public awareness and involvement in historic preservation.
- Project is well planned, proposes a sound plan of work, has an appropriate budget, and will use qualified personnel.
- Work identified in the project meets *The Secretary of Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties, 1995*.

Plans and specifications are not required as part of the grant application, but will be required if a project is funded, and will be reviewed and approved by the Office of History and Archaeology before a grant agreement is executed.

Section 106 (National Historic Preservation Act) project review will be required to be completed for development projects by the grant recipient before a grant agreement is executed.

(<http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/oha/shpo/sec106.htm>)

All work will need to be documented with photographs and quarterly narrative reports will be required.

Deed restriction for development projects receiving \$10,000 or more in grant funds will be required to be effective upon execution of the grant agreement and prior to disbursement of HPF funds. This is to ensure the properties are maintained to set standards and that any changes to the properties are made in compliance with *The Secretary of Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties, 1995*. The protective covenant will apply when there is a change in ownership, will be enforceable by Alaska law, and will be monitored by the Alaska Office of History and Archaeology. After HPF funds have been disbursed, they cannot be repaid to avoid the deed restriction.

Federal Historic Preservation funds:

\$10,000 - \$25,000

5-year covenant

Schedule: Applications must be postmarked, e-mailed, or delivered by 4:30 pm, Monday, June 30, 2014.

The Alaska Historical Commission will review and prioritize all applications by mid-July 2014.

For a Historic Preservation Fund Development/Predevelopment Project application, write, call, fax, e-mail or print from Web:

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