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Re: 5010 Historic Preservation Fund Grant Program

Dear Certified Local Government Participants:

At its November meeting the Alaska Historical Commission did not commit all of the funds anticipated to be available this year for Certified Local Government historic preservation grants from the federal Historic Preservation Fund. This is a second call for project proposals from eligible Certified Local Governments.

The HPF program provides up to 60% matching assistance for the cost of a project. The Alaska Historical Commission is encouraging applications for projects ranging from \$10,000 to \$20,000 federal share. The application package is available at www.dnr.state.ak.us/parks, by calling 907.269.8694, or by sending an e-mail to oha@alaska.net. **Complete applications must be postmarked by February 26, 2010.**

The Alaska Historical Commission has established the following priorities for FY 10 CLG grants:

1. Projects that address the preservation of historic properties and leverage funds and resources. Studying and drafting local tax incentives and design review guidelines, and restoring and preserving character defining elements of historic properties are encouraged.
2. Projects that update plans, review ordinances, and create local registers. Use of a consultant to assist in addressing local historic preservation issues is encouraged.
3. Projects that increase public awareness of historic preservation and establish new partnerships to strengthen a local historic preservation program.
4. Projects that address survey and evaluation of properties, especially those less than fifty years old, such as those associated with the Cold War, and the military. Also encouraged are survey and evaluation projects that address Alaska statehood, the Iditarod Trail, and growth of communities.

Survey, inventory, historic preservation planning, National Register nomination, public preservation education, predevelopment, development and acquisition projects are eligible for program funds.

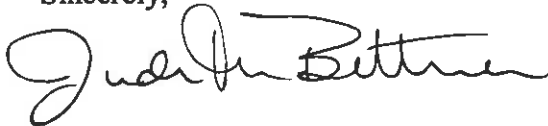
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Applications will be evaluated by criteria that rate the project quality. Conformance to state and local plans and priorities, the ability of the applicant to complete the project, and the project significance will be considered

The Alaska Historical Commission is expected to meet in April to review and make recommendations of awards. To be eligible for funding, applicants must have approved CLG status prior to the date of the meeting. The Commission's recommendations are forwarded to the State Historic Preservation Officer who allocates the funds.

Please keep the Alaska Historical Commission's grant priorities and the evaluation criteria that can be found in the application package in mind when preparing your request. Applications can be mailed, e-mailed, or faxed. Should you have questions about the application or process, please contact Kristy Gray at the above address, phone 907.269.8694 or e-mail carole.gray@alaska.gov.

Sincerely,



Judith E. Bittner
State Historic Preservation Officer

P.S. The National Alliance of Preservation Commissions has started a Commission Data Project to gather information about local preservation commissions across the country. The project is starting with a survey. As an incentive for completing it (www.uga.edu/napc), CLGs will receive the NAPC's guide to parliamentary procedure, a 6-month membership in NAPC, and entry in a drawing for 9 complimentary registrations to the National Commission Forum July 28-August 1, 2010 in Grand Rapids, Michigan. (The Office of History and Archaeology anticipates offering travel assistance to attend this biennial conference.) **The deadline to complete the NAPC survey is February 1, 2010.**