The FFY 2021 and FFY 2022 CLG priorities* for grant funding are:

1. Projects that increase public awareness of historic preservation and establish partnerships—particularly with local tribes and underrepresented groups—to strengthen their local historic preservation program. Projects that result in nominations for new properties to the National Register of Historic Places, including projects that recognize places associated with Alaska Native and underrepresented communities, will be prioritized.

2. Projects that address the rehabilitation of historic properties and leverage funds and resources. Restoring and preserving defining elements of historic properties and addressing their sustainability are encouraged.

3. Projects that update plans, review ordinances, create local registers, draft local tax incentives, and determine design review guidelines. The use of a consultant to address local historic preservation issues is encouraged.

4. Projects that address the survey and evaluation of properties. Archaeological projects, projects in urban and rural areas, and cultural and historic sites are encouraged. Projects that record information on traditional Native places and place names as part of a survey projects are encouraged.

5. Projects that encourage historic preservation at the local level by supporting heritage and cultural tourism programs and other preservation efforts that use historic properties to stimulate economic incentives and community revitalization. Priority is given to projects that promote heritage tourism via surveys, inventories, preservation planning, development of historic contexts, national register nominations, education and interpretive materials, and predevelopment/development projects.

6. Historic preservation projects that address the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence (2026) are a priority. The nation’s semiquincentennial is an opportunity for all Alaskans to commemorate and learn how the 49th state has shaped American history. Suggested are projects that emphasize the historic preservation of properties, including National Register nominations, while reflecting the America 250 commemoration theme, The Power of Place.

*The priorities are numbered for administrative reasons. Grant applications need to clearly associate the proposed project with applicable priorities.