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Information on the Historic Preservation Fund Grant Program

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Each year, the State Historic Preservation Office (HPO) offers grants through the Historic Preservation Fund (HPF), a federal grants program administered by the National Park Service (NPS). Eligible projects include architectural and archaeological surveys, National Register nominations, survey publication manuscripts, local preservation design guidelines and preservation plans, educational activities, and pre-development planning and restoration of National Register properties. Grants are awarded on a matching basis, with federal funds providing up to 60% of the total projects costs.

Certified Local Governments

HPF grants are available to the 44 Certified Local Governments (CLGs) in North Carolina. The CLG Program is a preservation partnership between local, state, and national governments that focuses on promoting historic preservation at the grass roots level. Becoming a CLG demonstrates a community's commitment to historic preservation and enables the local government to apply for federal funding through the HPF program.

Applying for Grants Through a Certified Local Government

Of special interest to Federation members is the fact that nonprofits that reside within the jurisdiction of a local CLG are also eligible to apply through that local government. More information about CLGs, along with a list of local governments with CLG programs, may be found on the HPO web site at www.hpo.ncdcr.gov/clg.htm. Please note that some CLG's are

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county-based, while others are limited to particular cities or towns. Nonprofits anywhere within a countywide CLG can apply for a grant through that Certified Local Government. For instance, nonprofits anywhere in Lincoln County may be eligible to apply for a grant through the Lincoln County CLG. There are currently 10 counties that have a countywide CLG. If you are not located in one of these ten counties, you need to have a CLG in your city or town to apply for a grant.

To apply for a grant through your CLG, please contact your CLG's historic preservation commission. To find out how to get in touch with your commission, please visit www.hpo.ncdcr.gov/NCPreservationCommissions.pdf.

Applications for the grants are typically available in November, with a deadline of late January. Grants will be awarded in early spring. All CLGs will be notified of the availability of the grants, and information will be posted on the SHPO web site at www.hpo.ncdcr.gov. For more information or to discuss the eligibility of a project, please contact Michele McCabe, grants coordinator, at (919) 807-6582 or michele.patterson.mccabe@ncdcr.gov.

Becoming a CLG

If you discover that your county or town is not a Certified Local Government, you can contact your local historic preservation commission to encourage it to become one. You can find commission contact information at www.hpo.ncdcr.gov/NCPreservationCommissions.pdf. Commission members can learn more about becoming a CLG by contacting Alta Cassady, Preservation Commission Services and Certified Local Government Coordinator, at (919) 807-6580 or alta.cassady@ncdcr.gov.

Grants Made in 2009

For 2009, HPO awarded a total of \$84,164 to ten projects in eight counties around the state. These projects include the preparation of National Register nominations for historic African American neighborhoods in Durham and High Point; engineering studies of Endor Iron Furnace in Lee County and buildings in the Dallas Historic District; and an architectural survey and GIS mapping project in Greenville. More details about this year's grant awards are available at www.hpo.ncdcr.gov/2009HPFGrantRelease.pdf.

The following list is a brief summary of the successful applicants and their projects, divided by county.

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The list includes the names of the Certified Local Governments that received the grants as well as a short description of the funded projects.

Beaufort County

The City of Washington received \$25,000 for the Beaufort County Comprehensive Architectural Survey, Phase II.

Buncombe County

The Town of Black Mountain received \$3,960 for the Town of Black Mountain Residential District Nominations.

Durham County

The City of Durham received \$12,000 for the Stokesdale Historic District National Register Nomination.

Gaston County

Gaston County received two grants this year. A \$3,000 grant was awarded to the not-for-profit group Hoyle Historic Homestead, Inc., for the repair and stabilization of the floor joists and sills of the Hoyle House. A \$3,600 grant was also awarded to the county to assist with an engineering study for the Old Gaston County Courthouse and Hoffman Hotel in the Dallas Historic District Engineering Study.

Guilford County

The City of High Point received \$6,000 for the Washington Drive Historic District National Register Nomination.

Haywood County

The Town of Waynesville received \$3,800 for the "Spread Out" Historic District National Register Nomination.



This 1920s bungalow is included in the nomination of the "Spread Out" neighborhood in Waynesville to the National Register of Historic Places. The Town of Waynesville received a grant of \$3,800 to help it prepare the National Register nomination. Photograph courtesy of the State Historic Preservation Office.

Lee County

The City of Sanford received \$9,900 for the East Sanford Historic District National Register Nomination. It also received \$5,904 for the Endor Iron Furnace Stabilization Planning.

Pitt County

The City of Greenville received \$11,000 for the City of Greenville Historic Inventory and GIS Mapping Project

The State Historic Preservation Office is pleased to be able to help Certified Local Governments identify, evaluate, and protect historic properties. Please let us know if we can answer any questions about the HPO's grant program.

Please also note that HPO staff are also happy to talk with anyone with a historic structure who has questions about repairing or preserving historic buildings. You can reach us at (919) 807-6570.