OVERVIEW

The Certified Local Government (CLG) Program encourages and expands local involvement in historic preservation activities through partnership between local governments, the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), and the National Park Service (NPS).

BENEFITS OF FORMING A CLG

- Access to grant funds available only to CLGs. These grants do not require a cash match and can be used for survey, planning, nomination, or educational activities.
- Technical support from SHPO (History Colorado) and NPS staff to advance local preservation objectives.
- Opportunities to join national organizations, such as the National Alliance of Preservation Commissions, that provide informational resources and access to a 50-state preservation network.
- Gain CLG-exclusive training and networking opportunities through the SHPO.
- Qualifies property owners for the 30% State Historic Preservation Tax Credit and provides access to the State Historical Fund preservation grant program for locally designated properties.
- Participate in the review of select tax credit projects, if desired.
- Receive free access to Compass, Colorado's Cultural Resource database.
- Complements the preservation efforts of the Colorado Main Street Program.
- Potential to increase property values, assist in promoting heritage tourism, and promote community heritage and identity.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Enact and enforce a local ordinance to designate and protect historic buildings, sites, structures, and districts.
- Create a commission of at least five members that have demonstrated interest, competence, or knowledge of preservation. Meets at least four times a year.
- Maintain a system for survey and inventory of historic properties.
- Provide opportunities for public participation in local preservation efforts.
- Review and provide comment on National Register of Historic Places nominations submitted for properties within jurisdiction.
- Attend a SHPO-approved educational/training event each year.
- Forward meeting minutes to the SHPO and complete an annual report for the SHPO and NPS.

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