OVERVIEW

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

BENEFITS

- CLGs' communities have 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.
- CLG communities receive technical support from SHPO and National Park Service staff in order to advance local preservation objectives.
- CLG communities have the ability to join national organizations, such as the National Alliance of Preservation Commissions, that provide informational resources and access to a 50-state preservation network.
- The SHPO offers CLG-exclusive training and networking opportunities throughout the state.
- The opportunity to participate in the review of tax credit projects.
- Local designation qualifies property owners for the 20 percent State Historic Preservation Tax Credit and provides access to the State Historical Fund preservation grant program.
- A strong local preservation program can increase property values, assist in promoting heritage tourism, and promote community heritage and identity.

OBLIGATIONS

- Each CLG must enact and enforce a local ordinance that provides a legal framework for a preservation program that will achieve the purpose of designating and protecting significant historic buildings, sites, structures and districts.
- Each CLG must create a commission of at least five members that have a demonstrated interest, competence, or knowledge of preservation, and the commission must meet at least four times a year.
- At least one commission member must attend a SHPO-approved educational/training event each year.
- CLGs must maintain a system for survey and inventory of historic properties.
- CLGs must provide opportunities for public participation in local preservation efforts.
- CLGs must review and provide comment on National Register nominations submitted for properties within their jurisdiction.

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