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Dear CLG Contact:

The Alabama Historical Commission is accepting grant applications from Certified Local Governments for Fiscal Year 2014 Historic Preservation Fund grants. Only local governments that have been certified under the National Parks Service National Register Program are eligible. Project applied for must be within the geographical jurisdiction of a Certified Local Government.

FUNDING PRIORITIES

The Alabama Historical Commission has identified priorities in its Statewide Historic Preservation Plan. Proposals are solicited especially for: Survey and registration projects; converting survey information from previous grant cycle into National Register nominations; training and education programs addressing significance of cultural resources, local preservation planning and/or design review guidelines; and development of local preservation plans.

ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

Categories are: Local Historic Preservation Commission Training, Preservation Plan Development, Survey and Registration, Planning, Predevelopment, Staffing and Public Awareness/Education. Examples of eligible activities are found in the application instructions.

APPLICATIONS

The total amount anticipated to be available statewide for all grants is \$78,000. Funding limits are found in the Criteria section of the Application. Applicants must address criteria listed in the application. A panel of professional staff members will meet and review the applications against the Evaluation Criteria schedules for each category. Proposals are rated on how they address the State Historic Preservation Plan goals and five programmatic questions. After review, all applicants are notified of the Commission's action on their grant applications. Contacts at the Alabama Historical Commission for assistance in the grant application process are listed in the application.

CONSIDERATIONS FOR PROJECT PLANNING IN FY2014 GRANT CYCLE

The timeline for grant activities should be from June 15, 2014 to June 15, 2015 to allow adequate time for AHC to review financial and project documentation and receive any additional information required to close out the grant by the federal deadline of September 30, 2015. Grantees must receive approval on grant products before paying consultant invoices. Failure to follow the timeline may result in loss of grant funds. Grantees providing payment to a consultant for products not approved by AHC may not be reimbursed for those expenses. A new category, Staffing, is included in this application to provide professional assistance for CLGS regulating local districts without existing professional staff. Details are provided in the application instructions.

APPLICATION DUE DATE - March 3, 2014

Please contact Mary Shell at 334-230-2691 to answer questions on this program. Please remember to complete the updated grant application for 2014. Do not use previous versions from earlier years. If an application is submitted that is not on the current form, it may not be considered for funding. Thank you for your hard work to protect Alabama's cultural resources.

Sincerely,

Frank White Executive Director