

LOUISIANA STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE

ANNOUNCEMENT OF GRANT AVAILABILITY

2020-2021 Historic Preservation Fund Grants

Mission

The Louisiana State Historic Preservation Office (LASHPO), a component of the Office of Cultural Development, is composed of the Division of Archaeology and the Division of Historic Preservation. The Office of Cultural Development serves the citizens of Louisiana by preserving, supporting, developing, and promoting Louisiana culture, including archaeology, arts, French language, and historic places.

Overview

Each year the State Historic Preservation Office distributes an allocation of federal funds for projects through a competitive grants process. These funds are from the National Park Service, U.S. Department of the Interior.

Projects in the following categories are eligible

- Survey and Inventory
- Cultural Resource Documentation
- Preservation Planning
- Educational and Public Outreach Activities
- National Register Nominations

Previously funded projects include the development of preservation plans; surveys of historic districts; the preparation of National Register Nominations; Historic American Building Survey (HABS) documentation; and educational activities to promote historic preservation.

CLGs

For Certified Local Governments (CLGs), examples of previously funded projects include developing design guidelines for historic districts; municipal Historic Resource Inventory Surveys; feasibility studies on a single historic building or groups of historic buildings; conditions assessments and historic structures reports; public information projects relative to historic preservation; education projects relative to historic preservation; and historic preservation training programs for officials and local citizens.

Historic home in McDonoghville eligible National Register District, surveyed by City of Gretna and Calhoun + Rolf Preservation Works, LLC.



*City of Gretna – FY 2018-19 HPF/CLG Grant Recipient
for McDonoghville Historic District Survey*

Priorities

In 2020, LASHPO will give special priority to **Digitizing Historic Resources**. Other proposals that relate to ongoing state and federally mandated programs and initiatives outlined in the Louisiana Comprehensive Plan entitled First We Make a Roux: Ingredients for Preservation Partnerships in Louisiana: 2017-2025, will also be considered. These initiatives include but are not limited to:

Expanding Existing Partnerships and Collaborations...

- Creating webinars, story boards, and virtual tours
- Documenting local musicians, restaurants, food halls, dance halls, etc.
- Museum online curation and virtual tours
- Transcribing or collecting oral histories



Image taken in 2018 as part of the HABS documentation of the Gordon Hotel in Lafayette Parish. The property was documented by students at UL Lafayette.

Emphasizing the Importance of Education and Public Knowledge

- Creating or enhancing digital databases, maps and websites
- Digitizing local historic district maps and websites
- Digitalization of documents and collections that relate to the built environment for online publications
- Building statewide digital databases of documentation materials
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Funding Availability

Grant awards generally are between \$3,000 and \$75,000. The grant period is from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021. Funding is contingent upon LASHPO's annual appropriation from the National Park Service Historic Preservation Fund and State General Fund appropriations.

Applicants

Past LASHPO Historic Preservation Fund Grant recipients include historic preservation organizations, parish governments, economic development districts, planning commissions, museum houses, state agencies, municipal governments, educational institutions, historic district commissions, and Certified Local Governments.

Grant Awards

Grant funds must be matched by non-federal monies on at least a 50/50 basis, though grantees may elect to overmatch. In addition, funds are distributed on a reimbursable basis, i.e., the recipient makes an expenditure and is subsequently reimbursed for the grant portion of the expenditure, once the necessary billing documentation is received. An individual or entity may submit no more than two applications.

Grant Schedule

Grant Applications due	June 1, 2020
Grant Selection	June 2020
Notice of Award	June 26, 2020
Grant Period	July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021

Information and Application

To apply for grant, please visit our website:

<https://www.crt.state.la.us/cultural-development/historic-preservation/grants/national-park-service-historic-preservation-fund-grants/index>

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