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**New Mexico Historic Preservation Division**

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**NOTICE OF GRANT AVAILABILITY**

**FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2025, HISTORIC PRESERVATION FUND  
GRANTS TO CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENTS**

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**Mission**

The New Mexico Historic Preservation Division's (HPD) mission is to identify, study, and protect New Mexico's unique cultural resources, including its archaeological sites, architectural and engineering achievements, cultural landscapes, and diverse heritage.

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**Goals and Objectives**

HPD supports a variety of preservation projects statewide through the Certified Local Government (CLG) Program. For the 2025 CLG grant program, HPD will consider proposals that closely meet the Goals & Objectives outlined in the State of New Mexico's Historic Preservation Plan, *Preserving the Enchantment, Sustaining New Mexico's Cultural Heritage, 2022-31*. See "Resources" below for a link to the online location of the Goals & Objectives.

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**Funding, Grant Awards, & Reimbursement**

The pool of funding available for the 2025 CLG Grant Program is approximately \$50,000.

Applications for the CLG Grant Program range between \$5,000 and \$50,000.

Grants are awarded on a competitive basis. A maximum of two (2) applications for CLG Grants may be submitted by the same community.

This round of CLG Grant funding will require **NO MATCH**.

**Grant Program funding for the CLG Grant Program is contingent upon HPD's annual appropriation of funds from the Department of the Interior, National Park Service.**

**All awards will be paid on a reimbursable basis only.** The grantee must have the necessary financial resources available to fund and complete the total project. HPD will then reimburse the grantee for eligible project costs. Reimbursement should not be expected for a minimum of four (4) weeks after the required grant project documentation and an invoice are submitted and approved by HPD.

**Ineligible grant-funded expenses include catering and durable equipment purchases (computers, cameras, etc.)**  
**Eligible matching costs include:**

- Project costs paid by the grantee during the project period.
- Project costs financed with cash contributed or donated to the grantee by other non-federal third parties, including other public agencies, institutions, and private organizations and individuals.
- Project costs represented by services and use of property, or use of these, contributed or donated by non-federal third parties during the project period.

Instructions for completing Grant Reporting Forms and the required documentation needed to support grant expenditures are explained in the *Grants Manual*. Only project activities that are completed before the end of the grant period will be considered for reimbursement.

HPD may withhold up to 50% of the reimbursement, pending receipt and approval of the finished project deliverables. Final reimbursement requests must be submitted by September 30 after completion of the project. Final reimbursement will be held by HPD until the project work products are determined to be satisfactory.

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## Grant Schedule

CLG Grant Applications Due: **July 29, 2026**  
Grant Selection: Week of August 3, 2026  
Notice of Award: Week of August 10, 2026  
Contract Period Ends: September 1, 2027  
Note that all grants must be completed by 9/15/2027, HPD may select an earlier date for contract completion based on the project type.

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## The 2025 Grant Program – Eligible Project Types

This grant program is for the following types of work:

- Training (CAMP Training or other training)
- Construction, Restoration, Rehabilitation, or Stabilization of Buildings, Sites or Structures
- Updated or New National Register nominations
- CLG Staff Support / Partnerships
- Survey Projects & Historic Contexts
- Planning Projects; Design Guidelines
- Preservation Education & Outreach
- Publications
- Information Management & Technology

*Below are descriptions of the eligible project types*

### Training

HPD is interested in funding and hosting a training session for CLG communities across the state. If your community is interested in training staff, preservation commission members, and elected officials, please see enclosed survey and complete it to provide further information. Various training workshops are available.

Training is offered by the National Alliance of Preservation Commission's Commission Assistance and Mentoring Program or CAMP. See Resources for further information about the types of training offered by CAMP and enclosed information.

### Statewide Conference

The New Mexico statewide conference is being revived and will be held in Las Vegas, New Mexico, in October 2025. Grant funding may be used for travel to/from the conference, conference registration, NAPC CAMP presentations, and conference administrative support.

### Construction, Restoration, Rehabilitation, or Stabilization of Buildings, Sites or Structures (Brick & Mortar Projects)

Grant funds are available for projects that involve the construction, restoration, rehabilitation, or stabilization of historic structures. Eligible structures must be listed in the National Register of Historic Places either individually or be a contributing resource in a listed historic district.

For all physical construction projects, a project sign will be required noting assistance for the project from federal funds and the National Park Service.

All work must meet the Secretary of the Interior's Standards and be reviewed and approved prior to starting construction. Property owners in receipt of CLG funds must commit to preserving their properties for a period of years. The intent is to ensure that public funds are invested wisely for the long-term preservation of historic structures. Projects receiving up to \$10,000 will require the signing of a Preservation Agreement. A covenant will be recorded for any grant project over \$10,000. The property owner is obligated for 5 years for funding up to \$24,999.

### Updated National Register Nominations

HPD encourages applicants to revise existing National Register nominations. Many existing nominations are outdated. Nominations completed prior to 1993 are often not to current standards and do not contain information required to support the tax credit program. For districts, revisions often involve updating the lists of contributing and non-contributing properties and the reevaluation of their period of significance, which can include properties not originally documented. Updating these nominations will assist property owners in the use of the State Income Tax Credit for the Preservation of Cultural Properties. **Proposed individual property nominations must have the approval of the private property owner(s). Proposed National Register Historic District nominations may be listed if 51% of property owners do not object.**

### CLG Staff Support & CLG Community Partnerships

Certified Local Governments may opt to utilize CLG grant funds to support the hiring of, or continuation of, a staff person supporting the CLG program at the local level. CLG Communities may opt to partner with another CLG community to hire a consultant to satisfy the staff support position in both communities.

Staff/consultant must meet the Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualifications (SOIPQ). See CLG website for more information on the SOIPQs.

### Survey Projects & Historic Contexts

Identifying and documenting historic properties is a high priority when developing an effective historic preservation program. Surveys are undertaken to identify and gather information on prehistoric and historic properties such as buildings, structures, archaeological sites, landscapes, and districts. The purpose of a survey is to make well-informed decisions about the relative importance and future preservation of historic properties.

Decisions regarding the future preservation of historic properties are dependent on an in-depth understanding of the historic development of a community. A planning study of a particular historic property or related historic properties (e.g., historic districts, cultural landscapes, archaeological sites, railroad-related buildings, traditional neighborhoods, etc.) will result in a thorough knowledge of the properties and an assessment of their relative importance. Thematic studies are useful for threatened properties, properties that

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are not well understood by the public, and for common properties where evaluation is difficult. Other types of survey documents include:

**Intensive Surveys.** An intensive survey is a close and careful look at the geographical area or theme being surveyed and is designed to precisely identify cultural properties. It involves a thorough inspection and documentation of cultural properties in the field. Each property should have an Historic Cultural Properties Inventory Form (HCPI) completed with a photograph, description, construction date, physical changes, historical information, and a National Register evaluation of the property.

**Oral Histories.** Oral histories are often the only way to document community or neighborhood histories that are not identified through standard public records but are richly represented in the memories of the people and their associated cultural values. An oral history project should be structured to inform the development of a historic context and/or survey.

**Architectural and Archaeological Surveys.**

New Architectural and Archaeological Surveys are encouraged. Existing architectural and archaeological surveys should be updated regularly to consider properties that may have achieved significance since the survey was originally conducted and to incorporate resources that were initially overlooked. Updating an existing survey offers an opportunity to identify and document physical changes that have occurred to a property and its surroundings since the last survey and to reevaluate the property within broader historic contexts using local, New Mexico, and National Register criteria. New or updated surveys will require completion of NMCRIS Information Abstract Forms (NIAF), Laboratory of Anthropology (LA) site records, and HCPI forms, as appropriate.

Final Survey Project Requirements. A Final Survey Report is required. A digital (PDF) final survey report should be provided. The survey report is a separate document than the Final Grant Reporting Documents, which are the responsibility of the grantee. Digital versions of final HCPI forms are required by HPD. One USB drive is required that contains all the inventory forms in digital format and scanned photographs or JPG/TIFF files.

**Planning Projects**

Planning projects promote the preservation of existing resources and develop principles and techniques for future preservation and rehabilitation projects. Municipal and/or county comprehensive plans and local preservation plans should be periodically amended to incorporate new information, such as recent designations, preservation ordinance amendments, design review issues, and revised goals and objectives.

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**Comprehensive Community Preservation Plan.**

A preservation plan typically has several elements: the identification of historic and prehistoric properties; an evaluation of properties; and a protection strategy. The preservation plan should incorporate a range of possible strategies for preserving and enhancing historic properties, and it should integrate preservation efforts into the community's goals and comprehensive long-range and short-range plans.

**Archaeological Resource Protection Plan.**

Archaeological resources are extremely susceptible to inadvertent damage. Protection plans take into account detailed identification and determination of resource significance, potential sources of negative impacts and counteractions, an exploration of strategies for future protection and management, the place of the archaeological resources within the overall preservation plan for the local community and ways to enhance public appreciation and understanding of the resources.

**Feasibility Studies and Structural Assessment.**

Proposals related to structural restoration or work on an archaeological site, preparation of architectural plans, specifications, and feasibility studies, are eligible grant projects. Applications for these projects require the name of property owner, street address, current and proposed use of structure, plans, specs and construction estimates, RFPs, and Scope of Work documents. Acquisition of historic buildings; projects involving active churches or those used for religious purposes; and historic markers/signage are not eligible projects.

**Historic Structure Report.**

Historic Structure Reports provide documentary, graphic, and physical information about a property's history and existing condition. Broadly recognized as an effective part of preservation planning, a Historic Structure Report also addresses management or owner goals for the use or re-use of the property. It provides a thoughtfully considered argument for selecting the most appropriate approach to treatment, prior to the commencement of work, and outlines a scope of recommended work. The report serves as an important guide for all changes made to a historic property during a project: repair, rehabilitation, or restoration; and can also provide information for maintenance procedures. Proposed work outlined in the report must comply with *The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties*. Finally, it records the findings of research and investigation, as well as the processes of physical work for future researchers.

**Cultural Landscape Report.**

A Cultural Landscape Report (CLR) is an inventory of a specific area that defines its boundaries by summarizing its history and describing its current condition. A CLR also makes recommendations about its treatment.

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## Ordinance Development & Revisions

### Applications for Certified Local Government Status.

Applications for the revision of a preservation ordinance, and completion of application and supporting materials for a community to support a CLG program, will be considered. The preservation ordinance provides the legal basis for a local jurisdiction's historic preservation program. All CLGs are required to have an ordinance in place that meets certain minimum requirements specified in the CLG Grant Application.

### Design Guidelines for Designated Historic Properties.

Design Guidelines can be an essential document for local review of work proposals on historic properties. Design Guidelines often explain, expand, and interpret general design criteria found in the preservation ordinance; provide a basis for making fair decisions; protect the value of investments in historic properties and neighborhoods that might be threatened by poorly managed growth; reinforce the character of a historic area; ensure consistency in the design review process; and provide predictability for anyone working on a historic resource. Guidelines may address design community-wide, focus on particular property types or styles, or treat neighborhoods or districts. Applicants must demonstrate a commitment to developing guidelines that are based on the principles in *The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties*. See Resources for a link to an online location of the SOI Standards.

### Preservation Education & Outreach Programs

HPD will consider funding educational and outreach programs that will promote historic preservation. Grant applications should indicate how the proposed program meets a critical need in a way that is both innovative, cost-effective and reaches a wide audience. The types of projects that will be considered may include but are not limited to:

- Hosting a regional historic preservation workshop
- Hosting webinars or developing eLearning on historic preservation topics
- Developing a mobile app for making information available about local historic resources
- Developing educational materials and outreach efforts to provide homeowners with guidance regarding design solutions, appropriate materials, and sources for such materials to help homeowners better preserve and maintain their properties
- Developing a citizen's guide to historic preservation in the community which is available in -print and online.
- Collaborating with local educators to develop a curriculum module that engages students in learning more about a community's history.

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## Publications

Reprint, digital re-mastering, or preparation of public information pamphlets, brochures, along with electronic publishing and distribution of research, outreach, and education materials, may be considered. Draft and final content must be pre-approved by HPD before publishing.

## Information Management & Technology

Applications for grant projects that involve innovative technology in acquiring, managing, and disseminating information about cultural resources are encouraged. Projects that may be considered include, but are not limited to phone applications, website design and databases. Software and licensing fees are allowable project costs.

## Applicants

Applications for the Certified Local Government Grant Program are open to the following communities which have been certified via HPD and the National Park Service:

City of Albuquerque	City of Belen
Village of Columbus	City of Deming
Town of Mesilla	City of Las Vegas
Los Alamos County	Lincoln County
City of Santa Fe	Village of Santa Clara
Town of Taos	City of Las Cruces

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## Grantee Obligations & Requirements

Grant recipients will be required to execute a legally binding Grant Agreement with HPD. The Grant Agreement includes a Scope of Work, Project Schedule, and Project Budget. The scope of work cannot be substantively changed once the grant is awarded and the Grant Agreement signed.

Failure on the part of the grant recipient to begin the project in a timely manner or to perform as agreed may result in HPD acting through a Notice of Default. Depending on the terms of the contract between the consultant and the grant recipient, a consultant's failure to perform could leave the grant recipient with costs that would not be reimbursed through the grant. HPD typically holds a significant portion of the grant amount in reserve, authorizing disbursement only after it has reviewed and accepted final grant products and deliverables. HPD recommends that grant recipients set up their contracts with consultants with a payment schedule that provides similar controls.

For more information about Grant Requirements please review the *Grants Manual* found on the HPD website under grants and Certified Local Governments – see link under Resources.

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## To Apply

1. **Does the project meet the goals & objectives?**  
Confirm that the project meets the State's Historic Preservation Plan Goals & Objectives.
2. **Assemble the project team.** Be sure that the experience and education of the Project Coordinator and/or key personnel meets *The Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualifications Standards*. Complete a Certification Form for each person who meets the SOIPQs. Professional qualifications may be found on the CLG Program page of the HPD website.
3. **Review Grants Administration Materials.** Review this announcement and the *National Park Service, Grants Manual*, and the *New Mexico Grants Manual*. Review grant reporting documents (found on HPD website) which will be required during contract period.
4. **Complete the Application.** These forms are downloadable from the CLG Program page of the HPD website – see link under Resources. The application should include:
  - Checklist
  - Application Form
  - Project Narrative
  - Project Budget
  - Project Schedule
  - Project Team Resumes & Certification Forms
  - Trip Cost Estimate if proposing to attend NAPC
5. **Submitting the Application.** Applications may be submitted in two ways:
  - Via Email. Please submit a PDF document of the entire application and supporting materials to [nm.shpo@dca.nm.gov](mailto:nm.shpo@dca.nm.gov). Note that ZIP files will not be accepted. Review electronic submittal guidelines above.
  - Via Mail/messenger. Please submit one copy of the application and supporting materials to the Grants Coordinator. Applications must be received by the deadline to be considered.

### Electronic Submittal Guidelines

- Submit application via HPD's online portal: <https://shorturl.at/PNGFB>
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## Contact

For additional information, please contact the Grants Coordinator:

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## How Are Grant Recipients Selected?

The State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) will convene an application review committee (Grants Committee) made up of both fiscal and program staff from HPD who will consider the proposed scope of work, the project personnel, the plan to administer the project, the benefits of the proposed project to statewide preservation efforts, and the budget. The committee will rank applications in order of their scores for selection as grant recipients.

## Grant Application Evaluation

A copy of the "Grant Application Score Sheet" used by the HPD Grants Committee follows this section. Each application will be reviewed and scored by two or more reviewers.

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## Resources

Links and resources are below to aid in your application for a CLG grant.

CLG Grant Application Materials: <https://bit.ly/3qhPqap>

HPD's SHPO EMAIL: [nm.shpo@dca.nm.gov](mailto:nm.shpo@dca.nm.gov)

SOI Standards: <https://bit.ly/2H9ffEZ>

HPD Goals & Objectives: <https://bit.ly/3QcPOS4>

NM Grants Manual: <https://bit.ly/3TvV3in>

NPS HPF Grants Manual: <https://bit.ly/3cwQiVl>

NAPC's CAMP Training Programs: <https://bit.ly/3cy2h1r>

SOIPQS: <https://bit.ly/3cBLVbu>