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Idaho State Historic Preservation Office Certified Local Government Grant Program FY23 Call for Applications

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Dear Idaho Certified Local Governments,

The Idaho State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) is pleased to announce that we are now accepting Certified Local Government (CLG) Grant applications for FY23! We expect federal funds available for FY23 will remain level, which means we anticipate a total of approximately \$85,000 to be available for CLG Grants. This represents 10% of the total funds available to Idaho for historic preservation from the National Park Service and the Department of the Interior.

Instructions for submitting an application are in the Idaho Certified Local Government Grant Manual, available on-line at the web site of the Idaho State Historical Society: <u>https://history.idaho.gov/clg/</u>. The CLG Grant manual contains examples of acceptable projects and the method of scoring applications for distribution of funds. SHPO staff are available to assist with any aspect of the application process.

As a reminder, the Idaho Certified Local Government Grants are reviewed on a competitive basis, so it is important that CLGs carefully plan out their proposed projects and submit a strong application. Please refer to the CLG Grant Manual for more details on how the CLG Grant applications will be scored by SHPO.

For FY23, the Idaho CLG Grant program will prioritize funding projects in the following areas:

- Surveys and National Register Nominations, especially those related to Idaho's post-war and mid-century history;
- Developing or updating a local historic preservation plan;
- Projects related to underrepresented communities; and
- Training for preservation commission members, city/county staff, and elected officials.

Communities may still submit project proposals in other areas; however, SHPO would strongly encourage CLGs to keep these four (4) priority areas in mind as they develop their proposals. It is recommended that CLGs also refer to the Idaho State Historic Preservation Plan's Goals and Objectives (attached to this call) and any local Historic Preservation/Community Comprehensive Plans as projects are planned.

Communities thinking about submitting an application for an Archaeological Survey or a Development ("Bricks and Mortar") project should be aware that

the National Park Service requires such projects to complete a National Environmental Policy Act Statutory Compliance worksheet; this worksheet must be completed before the contract is executed and the project can begin. SHPO Staff will provide the necessary forms for completion and are happy to help complete the review.

Additionally, CLGs who are awarded funds will be required to complete and submit three (3) interim progress reports. These are intended to help keep CLG Grant funded projects on schedule and identify and address issues which might impact the on time and on budget completion of the project. The Idaho SHPO will provide the forms for these interim reports. National Register of Historic Places Nomination projects will be required to submit a complete draft of the Nomination by January 16, 2024.

The anticipated schedule for the FY23 Idaho CLG Grant program is as follows:

October 1, 2022	Call for Applications Released
December 31, 2022	Applications Due
Mid-February 2023	Awards Announced
March 2023	Contracts mailed to CLGs
June 1, 2023	Project Start Date*
September 30, 2023	Interim Report #1 Due
January 16, 2024	Complete drafts of National Register Nominations Due
February 1, 2024	Interim Report #2 Due
February 1, 2025	Interim Report #3 Due
May 31, 2025	Project Completion and Publication Drafts Due
June – August 2025	Review and Revision Period
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September 1, 2025	Final Products and Reimbursement Request Due

* The June 1st Project Start date is dependent on SHPO receiving its notice of funding from the National Park Service and this date may change on any given year; CLGs will be notified of any such changes.

Completed applications must be received by SHPO no later than the end of business on **December 31**, **2022**. Applications will be accepted via email or postal mail, provided they are received not later than end of business on December 31, 2022. Applications must be signed by the City Mayor/County Commissioner (City Manager is also acceptable); however, they may sign the application digitally if desired.

If you need any assistance or would like to discuss potential projects call please contact our office at (208) 488-7461 or by email at <u>dan.everhart@ishs.idaho.gov</u>. We are happy to help in any way we can!

Sincerely,

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Enclosures: FY23 Grant Application form Idaho Historic Preservation Plan Goals and Objectives