

Memorandum

REPORT TO: Bozeman Historic Preservation Advisory Board

FROM: Rebecca Harbage, Deputy Director of Community Development
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SUBJECT: Commission Approval of 2026-2027 Montana State Historic Preservation Office Certified Local Government Program Grant Application

MEETING DATE: March 31, 2026

AGENDA ITEM TYPE: Citizen Advisory Board/Commission

RECOMMENDATION: None

STRATEGIC PLAN: 1.3 Public Agencies Collaboration: Foster successful collaboration with other public agencies and build on these successes.

BACKGROUND: The City of Bozeman has been designated as a Certified Local Government (CLG) under the National Historic Preservation Act since 1991 by the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) in partnership with the National Park Service. The CLG program certifies local governments with historic preservation programs, provides technical preservation assistance, and annually dedicates 10% of the SHPO's federal funding to CLG communities. The City of Bozeman application is to receive the maximum amount of \$6,000 for the 2026-2027 grant cycle. This funding helps support the City's historic preservation efforts.

City Commission approved signature of the City's annual grant application for the 2026-2027 cycle at their meeting on March 10, 2026.

UNRESOLVED ISSUES: None

ALTERNATIVES: None

FISCAL EFFECTS: Total grant funding is to be \$6,000 for the 2026-2027 grant cycle, with City of Bozeman funding match far exceeding that amount by existence of the historic preservation staff position and the two policy projects currently ongoing with consultant contracts funded in the FY25-26 biennial budget. These expenditures and the grant funding, if received, are identified in the Planning Fund.

Attachments:

[CLG_2026_GrantApplication.pdf](#)

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