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TO: HISTORIC & SCENIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
THROUGH: BRIAN DESATNIK, DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIRECTOR
FROM: BRIAN FOOTE, CITY PLANNER/PLANNING MANAGER
SUBJECT: 2023 C.L.G. ANNUAL REPORT

One of the requirements for a Certified Local Government (CLG) is the filing of an annual report by the local government summarizing its activities and continuing eligibility to the State of California Office of Historic Preservation (OHP). The City of Redlands annual report for calendar year 2023 is attached and will be submitted to OHP.

HISTORY

As an outcome from the February 28, 2012, joint meeting of the Historic & Scenic Preservation Commission, Planning Commission, and City Council (with input from the Redlands Conservancy and the Redlands Area Historical Society), momentum began building for the City of Redlands to become a “Certified Local Government (CLG).” On December 15, 2015, the Historic & Scenic Preservation Commission made a recommendation to the City Council, and the City Council subsequently approved the Application and Certification Agreement to become a CLG. The City of Redlands was designated an official CLG on April 11, 2016.

The 1980 amendments to the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, provided for the establishment of a Certified Local Government (CLG) program to encourage the direct participation of local governments in the identification, evaluation, registration, and preservation of historic properties within their jurisdictions and promote the integration of local preservation interest and concerns into local planning and decision-making processes. The CLG program is a partnership among local governments, the Office of Historic Preservation (OHP), and the National Park Service (NPS) which is responsible for administering the National Historic Preservation Program.



REQUIREMENTS

The requirements to be a CLG include the following:

- Enforce appropriate state and local laws and regulations for the designation and protection of historic properties;
- Establish a historic preservation review commission by local ordinance;
- Maintain a system for the survey and inventory of historic properties;
- Provide for public participation in the local preservation program; and
- Satisfactorily perform responsibilities delegated to it by the State (including the filing of an annual report by the local government summarizing its activities and continuing eligibility to OHP).

BENEFITS

The benefits of being a CLG include the following:

- **Credibility** – Local survey and designation program will be consistent with the National Register and California Register.
- **Technical Assistance** – Through the use of a members-only listserv, CLG's receive open access to expert OHP staff.
- **Streamlining** – The use of the National Register/California Register criteria and the Secretary of the Interior's Standards integrates local, state, and federal levels of review.
- **Funding** – States allocate 10% of their annual Historic Preservation Fund grant from the National Park Service to CLGs. Funding can support important activities including completion of a preservation element or plan, a survey, preparation of a National Register district application, or the update of an ordinance. Only CLGs are eligible for certain types of CLG grants.
- **Autonomy** – CLGs agree to carry out the intent of the National Historic Preservation Act and the Secretary of the Interior's Standards. OHP's role is advisory. Beyond that, neither the NPS nor OHP have any regulatory authority over local governments.

ANNUAL REPORT

The draft 2023 CLG Annual Report, using the standard template provided by OHP, is attached for the Commission's review. A new item of inquiry in this year's report is a question regarding training, "What are your top three topics for future training provided by the OHP?" Staff requests input from the Commission prior to completing this component of the report. The final report will then be submitted to OHP prior to the deadline.