

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING

October 30, 2023 6:00 PM

PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Michael Hittner, Chairperson Jackie Bredl Dietrich, Vice Chair Ryan Austin, Alderperson William Parker Justin Pluess Jeff Penzkover, 1st Alternate

AGENDA ITEM RECIPIENTS

Sue Schill, City Attorney Erika Esser, Secretary Jennifer Gossick, City Clerk

Notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Wisconsin Rapids Historic Preservation Commission to be held in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 444 West Grand Avenue, Wisconsin Rapids, on **Monday, October 30, 2023, at 6:00 PM.** The meeting will be streamed live on the City of Wisconsin Rapids Facebook page and will also be broadcast live on Charter Cable Channel 985 and Solarus HD Cable Channel 3. If a member of the public wishes to access this meeting live via Zoom audio conferencing, you must contact the City Clerk at least 24 hours prior to the start of the meeting to coordinate your access. This meeting is also available after its conclusion on the City's Facebook page and Community Media's YouTube page, which can be accessed at www.wr-cm.org. It is possible that members of the Historic Preservation Commission may appear remotely via video or audioconferencing for this meeting.

AGENDA

- **1.** Approval of the reports from the July 27, 2023, August 2, 2023, and October 18, 2023, Historic Preservation Commission meetings
- **2.** Grant request to apply for a 2024 Certified Local Government Grant Program grant to conduct a Citywide property survey update
- 3. Historic district tour summary
- 4. Staff updates discussion/information only
- **5.** Commissioner updates discussion/information only
- 6. Next meeting date
- **7.** Adjourn

The City of Wisconsin Rapids encourages participation from all its citizens. If participation at this meeting is not possible due to a disability or other reasons, notification to the city clerk's office at least 24 hours prior to the scheduled meeting is encouraged to make the necessary accommodations. Call the clerk at (715) 421-8200 to request accommodations.



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REPORT OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING

July 27, 2023

The Historic Preservation Commission met at 6:00 p.m. on July 27, 2023 in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 444 West Grand Avenue, Wisconsin Rapids. It was also streamed live on the City of Wisconsin Rapids Facebook page, Charter Cable Channel 985 and Solarus HD Cable Channel 3. Members present were: Chairperson Michael Hittner, William Parker, Jackie Bredl Dietrich and 1st Alternate Jeff Penzkover; Justin Pluess joined mid-way through the discussions. Ryan Austin did not attend the meeting. Also present were Community Development Director Kyle Kearns, Associate Planner Carrie Edmondson, Alderperson Dennis Polach and Alderperson Tom Rayome.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairperson Mike Hittner.

1. Approval of the report from the May 25, 2023, Historic Preservation Commission meeting.

Motion by Parker to approve the report from the May 25, 2023, Historic Preservation Commission meeting; second by Bredl Dietrich.

Motion carried (4-0)

2. Update on CLG property survey and update grant request and "letter of intent."

Carrie Edmonson provided the update and indicated that a draft of the letter has been written for the grant application regarding the property survey update. Bids have been submitted by consultants to the City.

3. 1996 Historic Property Reconnaissance Survey presentation.

Ms. Edmondson provided a review on the Mead & Hunt findings.

4. Historic district tour information/discussion, scheduled for August 2, 5:00 p.m.

Justin Pluess joined the meeting.

5. Staff updates – discussion/information only

Carrie Edmonson provided information for a virtual summer short course on August 23rd and 24th.

6. Commissioner updates – discussion/information only

There were no updates.

7. Next meeting date

The next meeting will be held in October or November, 2023: specific date TBD.

8. Adjourn

Motion by Pluess to adjourn the meeting; second by Penzkover.

Motion carried (5-0)

Meeting adjourned at 6:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Erika Esser, Secretary



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REPORT OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING TOUR

August 2, 2023

The Historic Preservation Commission was scheduled to hold a meeting at various locations throughout the City as described below, to begin in the parking lot at City Hall, 444 West Grand Avenue, Wisconsin Rapids, on **Wednesday, August 2, 2023, at 5:00 PM.** Members present were: Chairperson Michael Hittner, William Parker, and 1st Alternate Jeff Penzkover. Jackie Bredl Dietrich, Justin Pluess, and Ryan Austin were absent. Also present were Community Development Director Kyle Kearns, Associate Planner Carrie Edmondson, Alderperson Dennis Polach, Alderperson Tom Rayome and Phil Brown and Marilyn Penzkover.

A quorum of members was not present and therefore, the meeting was not called to order. However, the tour continued as noticed on the agenda below.

AGENDA

- **1.** A physical walking tour of previously identified historic properties and districts with the following itinerary:
 - 5:00 p.m. meet at the City Hall parking lot to observe various downtown properties.
 - **5:45 p.m.** meet at the northeast corner of First Street North and Apricot Street to observe Saints Peter and Paul historic district.
 - **6:30 p.m.** meet at the northwest corner of Mead Street and Third Street South to observe various residential historic districts.

2. Adjourn

The tour concluded at 7:10 PM.



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REPORT OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING

October 18, 2023

The Historic Preservation Commission was scheduled to hold a meeting to initially be held in the McMillan Memorial Library All-Purpose Room, at 490 East Grand Avenue, Wisconsin Rapids, on **Wednesday, October 18, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.,** regarding a Downtown District Workshop. The meeting included a downtown walk as indicated below and returned to the Library All-Purpose Room after the downtown walk. The only member present was William Parker. Michael Hittner, Alderperson Ryan Austin, Jeff Penzkover, Jackie Bredl Dietrich, and Justin Pluess were absent. Also present were Community Development Director Kyle Kearns, Associate Planner Carrie Edmondson, Alderperson Dennis Polach, Alderperson Tom Rayome, Alderperson Matt Zacher, WEDC Senior Downtown Development Director Errin Welty, Heart of Wisconsin Chamber of Commerce President/CEO Staci Kivi, and others listed on the sign-in sheet.

A quorum of members was not present and therefore, the meeting was not called to order. However, the meeting and tour continued as noticed on the agenda below.

AGENDA

- **1.** 5:00 p.m. Presentation/Overview by Community Development Department Staff in the All-Purpose Room.
- 2. 5:25 p.m. Downtown Walk and Visioning Session. Walk from Library (proceeding counterclockwise) to the adjacent downtown area (see map below).
- **3.** 5:50 p.m. Return to the All-Purpose Room for Break-Out Groups, Sharing, and Summary.
- **4.** 6:30 p.m. Adjourn

The meeting concluded at 6:30 p.m.





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Memo

To: Historic Preservation Commission
From: Carrie Edmondson, Associate Planner

Kyle Kearns, Community Development Director

Date: 10/20/2023

Subject: Request from the Community Development Department to apply for a Certified

Local Government (CLG) grant to complete a single-phase Citywide property survey

update

In March of 2023 the City became certified under the Certified Local Government (CLG) program. This certification allows the City to apply for Certified Local Government (CLG) grants. Each year the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) grants approximately \$120,000 to CLG communities across the state. The typical grant awards are between \$1,500 and \$25,000. However, the award maximum is \$50,000. Property surveys are one of the eligible historic preservation planning projects under the grant guidelines.

A Citywide property survey was completed in 1996 by Mead and Hunt, Inc. The state generally recommends that property surveys be updated at least every 25 years. Because the survey was done over 25 years ago, the updated survey is within the recommended window.

The property survey will be completed in one phase and will include the whole City. The consultant will identify individual properties or districts that would be eligible for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). The application for property and/or district nomination would be eligible for future CLG grant funding.

Staff submitted a Letter of Intent to the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) in July for CLG grant funds. After receiving two competitive bids, the expected grant request for a single-phase Citywide property survey update is \$32,000. The application is due on December 18, 2023. Grants are reviewed and scored in January and February 2024, and grant awards are published in March. In April through May of 2024 the City would issue a Request for Bids (RFB), select a consultant, and start project work.

When individual properties and districts are placed on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP), this enables those that own income-producing properties and those that own and occupy historic homes access to Historic Preservation Tax Credits and Historic Homeowners Tax Credits respectively. However, a property survey that identifies these properties and districts is the first step in the process to nomination. Therefore, staff is requesting approval of the application for a Certified Local Government (CLG) grant to complete a single-phase Citywide property survey update.



CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT GRANT PROGRAM

INSTRUCTIONS

For Completing the CLG Grant Application Form

For assistance with CLG grant funding, contact: Wisconsin State Historic Preservation Office

Jason Tish, CLG Coordinator jason.tish@wisconsinhistory.org 608-264-6512

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Instructions

Completing the Application for Federal Historic Preservation Funding to Certified Local Governments in Wisconsin

This section guides you through the attached grant application form below. Certified Local Government (CLG) grants are available to local governments in Wisconsin that have been certified under the CLG program. If your local government is a CLG, you are eligible for grants. If you are not sure, check here to verify.

Each year the Wisconsin State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) grants approximately \$120,000 to CLG communities throughout the state. Grants may be used for historic preservation planning projects like:

- surveys for historic properties and archaeological sites
- nominations of historic properties and districts to the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) or your local list of Landmarks
- educational programs related historic properties and local history
- development of design guidelines and Historic Preservation Plans.

The typical grant award is between \$1,500 to \$25,000. Higher awards, up to \$50,000, will be considered for exceptional, timely, and high-priority proposals.

The CLG Grant program occurs on an annual cycle, opening in the spring and closing in December when grant applications are due (see Annual Grant Calendar, page 2).

Applications must propose projects that will benefit historic or archaeological resources located in For assistance on anything related to CLG grant funding, contact the State Historic Preservation Office:

Jason Tish, CLG Coordinator jason.tish@wisconsinhistory.org 608-264-6512

Wisconsin. Multiple grant applications may be submitted. Each application will be evaluated independently.

This grant program is funded by federal money. Federal rules and regulations apply to ensure that expenses for project-related work are auditable according to federal standards.

Annual Grant Calendar

March Identify project(s) for grant funding – In the spring months, think about

projects you would like to propose for grant funding. Discuss your ideas with SHPO staff.

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April Grant cycle opens – The SHPO will announce the availability of grant funding

and issue propsal criteria.

May-June **Define project for grant funding** – Develop objectives and begin scoping out

tasks needed to get the project done. Request initial quotes from consultants to

get an idea of how much the project will cost.

August Submit Letter of Intent - By August, you should have a clear idea of what you

would like to propose for grant funding. You should have initiated discussions with SHPO staff about the details of your project. Submit a Letter of Intent to the SHPO before the <u>published deadline</u>. Some projects, like surveys and nominations to the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP), require community engagement in advance so property owners know what to expect, and so that the project manager can secure their support. If engagement has

not happened. it should be scheduled in the next three months.

Sept.-Nov. **Define scope of work, hold engagement session –** Work with SHPO staff to define a work program for your project. If the project includes a survey or an

NRHP nomination, schedule an informational meeting with property owners.

Dec. Application deadline - Submit completed, signed grant application to the

SHPO on or before the published deadline.

Jan.-Feb **Review and scoring of applications, grant awards approved -** SHPO staff review and score applications based on published priorities and criteria.

Proposals recommended for funding are forwarded to the State Historic Preservation Review Board for final approval at their quarterly meeting in February. Grant applicants will then receive written notification of award

decisions.

March Memoranda of Agreement (MOA) prepared, grant awards published - The

SHPO prepares a MOA for each funded project, articulating the scope of work, deliverables, timeline, budget, and other stipulations. Each MOA is reviewed, negotiated, and signed by the person who will act as the project manager, as

well as the authorized financial agent for the applicant.

The SHPO advertises the grant awards and issues a Request for Qualifications from historic preservation consultants who have worked in Wisconsin. The SHPO sends an executed MOA, Purchase Order, and a list of interested

consultants to each grant recipient.

April-May Grant recipients issue a Request for Bids (RFB) for their funded projects, select a consultant, and start project work. Grant recipients have until the end of

August the following year to complete project work. Next grant cycle begins.

Completing the Grant Application Form

-Page 1 of the Application Form-

There are no required fields to fill out on this page, only a checklist of minimum requirements that must be met for your proposal to be considered.

Minimum Requirements

The first page of the grant application form lists 8 minimum requirements that must be met before an application will be considered for funding. The first six apply to all applications, while the last two apply only to certain types of projects.

- 1. Applicant consulted with SHPO staff on proposal prior to submission of LOI Talk about your project with the CLG Coordinator at the SHPO at the earliest stages of planning for a grant-funded project. We want to know what you would like to do before you submit a Letter of Intent so that we can guide you to a successful and fundable project.
- 2. Applicant submitted a Letter of Intent before the deadline

A Letter of Intent (LOI) is required for every grant proposal. Applications will not be considered without having submitted a LOI. The LOI deadline is usually in early August.

3. Application submitted on or before the deadline

The complete application form with fully scoped proposal and itemized budget estimates must be submitted on or before the application deadline, usually in early December.

The Letter of Intent

A Letter of Intent (LOI) is required for all CLG grant applications. It is the first formal step in the application process after you have an informal conversation with the CLG Coordinator about your project idea. The LOI is typically due in early August of each year (see Annual Grant Calendar above).

The LOI only needs to be as thorough as necessary to describe the scope and objectives of the proposed project and provide an estimate of costs required to complete it. Submission of a LOI does not obligate the applicant to follow through on an application or a project. Your letter-of-intent must be received by the SHPO on or before the published LOI deadline for the current grant cycle.

4. Applicant has submitted CLG Annual Report in January for the prior year Proposals from applicants who did not previously submit a <u>CLG Annual Report</u> for the prior year will not be considered. The CLG Annual Report is due at the end of January each year and is a basic requirement of CLG certification status. Not submitting an Annual Report puts the community out of compliance with the requirements of the CLG program.

- 5. Applicant complies with all state and federal requirements of the CLG program Proposals from applicants who are out of compliance with other requirements of the CLG program will not be considered.
- 6. Applicant has no incomplete CLG subgrant projects in the past five years Proposals from applicants who have not completed grant-funded projects within the past five years will not be considered.
- 7. For intensive surveys, applicant has reviewed survey boundaries with SHPO staff

Surveys require consultation with, and concurrence from SHPO staff on appropriate survey boundaries. Plan ahead to get concurrence from SHPO on your proposed survey boundaries.

8. For historic district nominations to the NRHP, applicant has consulted with SHPO staff on current eligibility of the district and has held a public informational meeting within the past 12 months.

Historic district nominations to the NRHP require more groundwork than other projects. Before you submit a full application for a NRHP district nomination, you will need to consult with SHPO staff to confirm that the district remains eligible for listing. You will also need to invite property owners in the district to an informational meeting to gauge the level of support for nominating the district. Applications for historic district nominations will not be considered if this groundwork has not been done.

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Grant Amount Requested

Enter the amount of grant funding, in whole dollars, that you are requesting for you project. This amount should reflect a thoroughly developed scope of work and should rely on at least two quotes from qualified consultants.

Applicant

The CLG grant program is available to local units of government that are certified under the federal CLG partnership program.

In this section of the application form, enter the name of the CLG community, the year that the community was certified (if you're not sure, <u>check here</u>), the title (or brief description) of the proposed project, and the community's federal Employer Identification Number (EIN).

Project Manager

Enter the name and contact information for the person (usually CLG staff) who will manage the project. This typically includes preparing and issuing a Request for Bids (RFB), selecting and contracting with a consultant, directing the consultant, monitoring project work, ensuring the timely completion of the Scope of Work, completing progress reports to SHPO, and ensuring that deliverables are completed adequately and on time.

Financial Agent

Enter the name and contact information for the municipal official who can ensure that municipal funding is available for the completion of the project prior to the disbursal of grant funding. Grant funding is disbursed on a cost-reimbursement basis, so the local government must fund project work before being reimbursed from grant funds.

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Project Type

Check one project type. A grant application may propose only one project type. A CLG may submit more than one application in a grant cycle for different project types. The project type is scored on its potential to advance the objectives of the federal National Register of Historic Places program. Priorities are set by the National Park Service. Point values reflect federal priorities for funding from the Historic Preservation Fund.

A. Initial intensive survey (30 pts.)

An initial intensive survey, designed to identify historically and architecturally significant properties and districts, in an area that has never been evaluated for historic properties.

- B. Nomination of a historic district to the NRHP (25 pts.)

 Check this box if you propose to complete a NRHP nomination for a historic district that was identified as potentially eligible in a prior survey.
- C. Nomination of a historic district under a local historic preservation ord. (25 pts.)

 Check this box if you propose to complete a nomination for a historic district under your local historic preservation ordinance.
- D. Resurvey of a community that was surveyed more than 25 years ago (20 pts.)

 A survey or resurvey is done in an area of your community that was previously surveyed over 25 years ago. Check this box if you are proposing this type of project.
- E. Nomination of individual, *publicly-owned* property, archaeological site to NRHP (15 pts.) Check this box if you propose to complete a NRHP nomination for an individual property or archaeological site that is owned by a local unit of government.
- F. Nomination of individual, *publicly-owned* property or archaeological site under a local historic preservation ordinance (15 pts.)

Check this box if you propose to complete nomination for an individual property or archaeological site, owned by a local unit of government, to be designated as a Landmark under your local historic preservation ordinance.

G. Nomination of individual, *privately-owned* property to the NRHP (10 pts.)

Check this box if you plan to complete a NRHP nomination or local Landmark nomination for an individual, privately-owned property.

H. Nomination of individual, privately-owned property or archaeological site under a local historic preservation ordinance (15 pts.)

Check this box if you propose to complete nomination for an individual property or archaeological site, owned by a private party, to be designated as a Landmark under your local historic preservation ordinance.

- I. Public outreach and educational projects (5 pts. plus potential Bonus)
 - Outreach and educational projects are subject to a broad interpretation, and can include 1) programs that increase public awareness of preservation methods and techniques, 2) dissemination of information to promote working relationships between the public and private sectors to achieve historic preservation objectives, 3) programs that broaden public understanding of state or local historic preservation planning or objectives, or 4) dissemination of results of grant-funded work, including explanation of outcomes and issues directly related to grant-assisted programs.
- J. Design Guidelines and Historic Preservation Plans (5 pts. plus potential Bonus) Check this box if you propose to develop design guidelines for designated historic properties or districts, or if you propose to develop a Historic Preservation Plan. Design guidelines are distinct from the design standards in a local historic preservation ordinance in that they are not legally enforceable. Design guidelines are usually illustrated guidelines that provide general guidance for owners of historic properties in making sensitive repairs or alterations to the exterior of historic properties. A Historic Preservation Plan is a municipal planning document that organizes historic preservation activities (identification, evaluation, designation, and treatment) in a logical sequence. Historic Preservation Plans are often developed to integrate with community's Comprehensive Plan.

Bonus, 20 points – Applicable to Project Types I and J. You will get a 20-point bonus if you are proposing a project that fits into type I or J above only if you have a current survey of your entire community and have made reasonable efforts to nominate all properties and districts evaluated in your survey report to be potentially eligible for the NRHP. This bonus is provided to assist communities who have done all they can with surveys and nominations and have moved on to other types of projects.

K. Host a CAMP training workshop

Commission Assistance and Mentoring Program (CAMP) training workshops are presented by the National Association of Preservation Commissions (NAPC) in collaboration with CLG communities. NACP provides the training content and presenters, and the CLG plans the logistics to host the event. CAMP is an opportunity for CLG communities to bring people to their city from around the state. CAMP is prioritized highly for funding every other year.

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Project Description

Describe the goal of the project and discuss all the steps needed to make it happen.

Discuss the roles that professional consultants, staff, and/or volunteers will play in the project work. Describe the tasks for which each will be responsible.

Discuss previous work that has been done toward completing the project.

Discuss the timeline for completion of the project.

Describe products or deliverables that you expect to be produced during the project.

If your project will entail a survey of an area of your community for historic properties, describe the survey area. Attach a map.

If your project will entail the nomination of a property or a district to the NRHP, include the property address or a brief description (location, number of properties) of the district.

If you are proposing a CAMP event, describe all aspects of the plan, including:

- Itemized budget
- Venue
- Food and refreshments
- Lodging
- Marketing plan defined in consultation with SHPO staff
- Registration plan defined in consultation with SHPO and NAPC
- Consultation with NAPC and SHPO to select sessions and presenters
- Complete list of items to be covered by grant funding

Local Historic Preservation Objectives

Discuss how the project would advance historic preservation objectives in local planning efforts. This can include identification of historic properties, protection of properties through policy or guidance, evaluation of a property's history or construction to inform repair, rehabilitation, or preservation strategies, or education programming to broaden the community's recognition, awareness, and appreciation of, and identification with local historic properties.

Describe how the project would encourage or enable the protection of historic properties or generate economic development opportunities for the community?

Describe whether and how this project would illuminate or inform the history of racial, ethnic, sexual, or gender minority communities who have been underrepresented in past surveys or plans?

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Previous CLG Grant-Funded Projects

List previous CLG grant funding that your local government has received in the past five years, and which years you got the grants. Briefly describe the projects that have been funded, and whether they were completed successfully.

Training

Occasional training and education for historic preservation commissioners and staff is important for a well-functioning local historic preservation program. Here, describe all training in which your historic preservation staff or commissioners have participated in the past three years. This can include webinars, conferences, online modules, technical workshops, CAMP, or any other formats that include training on historic preservation policies, best practices, or technical methods.

Budget

A proposed budget is required for a CLG grant application to be considered complete. Budget amounts must be realistic and based on estimates from qualified consultants.

The typical grant award is up to \$30,000. Higher awards, up to \$50,000 will be considered for exceptional, timely, and high-priority proposals.

The applicant will be reimbursed for documented, project-related expenses up to the amount of the grant award, including staff time spent managing the project.

No match is required for CLG grants.

Grant funding will be distributed as reimbursement for incurred costs. The applicant will be reimbursed for documented, project-related expenses up to the amount of the grant award, including staff time spent managing the project.

The SHPO strongly recommends that applicants obtain at least two itemized estimates of major cost items to use as a basis for preparing a budget proposal (applications with written estimates will score higher). Include estimates as attachments to the application. If you are submitting less than two estimates, describe efforts made to obtain quotes from qualified consultants.

The selected consultant must meet the federal Professional Qualification Standards

If you are awarded a subgrant, the purchase of items in this budget must follow federal procurement standards, which provide for maximum open and free competition, regardless of the monetary value.

You can paste your budget in this field or attach it to the application form. Please use a whole dollar amount.

The consultant contracted to complete the project work must meet the <u>Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualification Standards.</u>

Eligible Expenses:

Salaries – Salary for CLG staff directly involved in project activities are reimbursable from the grant award. The maximum rate is \$63.00 hourly or \$504 daily. CLG staff salaries. considered "cash" for this grant.

Professional services contracts – Grant recipients must use a competitive negotiation process for procurement of professional contractors who are qualified to perform the work. The earnings limit per person for contractors \$131,544 annually.

Small, woman-owned, and minority-owned businesses - It is national policy to award a fair share of contracts to small, woman-owned, and minority-owned businesses. Affirmative steps must be taken to assure that these businesses are utilized whenever possible as sources of supplies, equipment, and services.

Supplies and Equipment:

Administrative costs – Costs including secretarial, accounting, communication costs (telephone, etc.), and other miscellaneous costs may be eligible under certain conditions. These expenses must be itemized and supported by auditable documentation. Administrative costs in excess of 10% of total direct labor costs will be reviewed closely prior to project selection and during project negotiations. The SHPO reserves the right to limit the amount of administrative costs allowed on any grant-assisted projects.

Capital equipment, defined as "per item cost of \$300 or more." If the SHPO does allow the purchase, at the conclusion of the project the equipment may become the property of the SHPO or the National Park Service.

Equipment rental. The total cannot exceed the cost to purchase the item.

Office supplies, maps, copying, printing, binding, etc. needed for project administration and production of deliverables.

Curation costs for archaeological artifacts for the duration of the project only.

Travel expenses – Costs for travel to complete project work is reimbursable. Lodging (up to \$62 per day), meals (up to \$34 per day), and mileage (up to \$0.325 per mile). If a new rate is approved by the federal or Wis. State government, the lower of the two rates must be used after it becomes effective.

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The final page of the application form must be signed by the person who will act as the project manager for the grant-funded project. The project manager will be the point of contact between the SHPO and the recipient of the grant – the CLG.

The application must also be signed by the CLG's financial agent. This is the person who can affirm that the CLG has funding available to fund the project prior to being reimbursed from the grant award.



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July 31, 2023

Jason Tish, Certified Local Government and Preservation Education Coordinator Wisconsin Historical Society 816 State Street Madison, WI 53706

RE: 2024 Certified Local Government Grant Program - Letter of Intent

Dear Mr. Tish,

On behalf of the City of Wisconsin Rapids Historic Preservation Commission, please accept this letter of intent to apply for a 2024 Certified Local Government (CLG) grant. If successful, our grant request would fund a single-phase Citywide property survey update. The most recent Historic Property Reconnaissance Survey was conducted by Mead and Hunt, Inc. in 1996.

The primary objective of this effort will be to document properties of architectural or historical interest and potential significance. This will help to facilitate the education and investment in historic districts and properties. Additionally, it will enable to City to direct preparation and submittal of National Register of Historic Places nominations. In summary, as a new CLG member, this work will lay the foundation for preservation of treasured community resources through investment and education.

Four consultants were contacted from the Wisconsin Historical Society Survey Consultant List. After receiving two competitive quotes, the City of Wisconsin Rapids expected 2024 CLG grant request is thirty-two thousand dollars (\$32,000.00).

The Wisconsin Rapids Historic Preservation Commission anticipates grant submittal later this year for the purposes described herein. If you have questions or require additional information, please don't hesitate to contact me at either cedmondson@wirapids.org or 715-421-8258.

Sincerely,

Carrie Edmondsor Associate Planner

City of Wisconsin Rapids

2024 Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Schedule
Thursday, March 28, 6:00 p.m.
Thursday, May 30, 6:00 p.m.
Thursday, August 29, 6:00 p.m.
Thursday, November 21, 6:00 p.m.