The Keystone Historic Preservation Grant Program is the Pennsylvania State Historic Preservation Office’s (PASHPO) signature funding program for planning and construction projects related to historic places in the Commonwealth. Keystone applicants may receive bonus points for projects within Certified Local Governments, provided that the municipality has provided a letter of support for the project.

What types of projects are eligible for Keystone funding?
The Keystone Historic Preservation Grant Program supports Planning and Construction projects undertaken by local governments and nonprofit organizations. All Keystone grants require a 1:1 cash match and must include historic resources that are listed in or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.

- **Planning** Grants provide financial assistance of $5,000 to $25,000 for non-construction projects such as cultural resource surveys, National Register nomination, feasibility studies, construction documentation, and archaeological investigations.
- **Construction** Grants provide financial assistance of $5,000 to $100,000 for preservation, rehabilitation, and restoration work on the interior and exterior of publicly accessible historic buildings.

How does being a CLG benefit my community’s Keystone applications?
Keystone applicants are eligible to receive bonus points on their applications if their project is located in a CLG and the municipality has provided a letter of support for the project. If the municipality is the applicant, the municipal government is not required to submit a letter of support for their own project. To receive the bonus points:

1. Keystone applicants must provide a letter of support for the project from the local government. Applicants should request this letter well in advance of the application deadline to provide local officials time to prepare the letter so that it can be included with the Keystone application materials.
2. Support letters must be on municipal letterhead and be signed by the CLG contact or other municipal employee or elected official. A sample letter is available on the PASHPO website.
3. Letters should be addressed to Karen Arnold, Keystone Historic Preservation Grant Program Manager and be submitted via the online application portal with the rest of the application materials.
4. In the event that applicants are unable to receive the CLG support letter by the application deadline, PASHPO will accept the letters up to two weeks following the deadline.