Certified Local Government Program

Project Grants

CLG Project grants are for studies, plans, programs, and tools that help a community build capacity, implement effective preservation programs, and meet the Ongoing Performance Standards of the CLG program. These grants are generally for projects with larger budgets and longer timelines as opposed to short-term needs. Project grants may be up to $25,000 and a cash match equal to either 10%, 25%, or 50% of the total project cost, depending on the type of activity being funded. All project grants must produce tangible products and benefits.

What types of projects are eligible for Project Grants?

Project Grants generally support capacity-building projects for CLGs that tend to take 6 to 18 months to complete and have budgets in excess of $10,000.

- Eligible Program Grant activities include: planning, ordinances, design guidelines, surveys, National Register nominations, public education, design assistance, and shared services/circuit-riders.
- Bricks-and-mortar construction projects are not eligible for funding.

What is the maximum Project Grant amount and what are the matching requirements?

- Project Grants may range from $3,000 - $25,000
- All Project Grants require a minimum cash match equal to 10, 25, or 50% of the grant award.
- The match amount required depends on the type of project you are proposing. Please refer to the Project Grant guidelines for information about the match required for your project type.

What are the contracting requirements for Project Grants?

- Project Grants are generally awarded through the CLG Master Grant Contract, which greatly reduces the time it takes to get a project agreement finalized.
- CLGs may designate a Third Party administrator for their grant in the application. Please consult with the Community Preservation Coordinator for your region about this possibility.

What is the application process?

Project Grants are available through an annual application cycle, with an application deadline typically in the Fall. Award notifications are made in December and projects are generally authorized to start around May 1. Please consult the PA SHPO website for more information.