

**SUBJECT:** A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE STATE OF ALASKA OFFICE OF HISTORY AND ARCHEOLOGY TO SUPPORT PHASE II OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN UPDATE.

**AGENDA OF:** August 17, 2022

**Assembly Action:**

Adopted with Assembly members 8-17-22  
Tew, Sumner & Bernier opposed (PSP)

**MANAGER RECOMMENDATION:** Present to the Assembly for consideration.

**APPROVED BY MICHAEL BROWN, BOROUGH MANAGER:** WBS

Route To:	Department/Individual	Initials	Remarks
	Originator - A. Bradway	AB	
	Planning and Land Use Director	JD	
	Finance Director	CW	
	Borough Attorney	Cheryl MS.	
	Borough Clerk	Bonnie Jackson	

**ATTACHMENT (S) :** Fiscal Note: YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO x \_\_\_\_\_

HPC Resolution 18-04 (2 pp)

Resolution 19-012 (2 pp)

HPC Resolution 21-01 (2 pp)

Historic Preservation CLG Grant Announcement (1 pp)

Resolution Serial No. 22-069 (2 pp)

**SUMMARY STATEMENT:**

The Matanuska-Susitna Borough (MSB) Planning Department is seeking grant funding to update the Borough's Historic Preservation Plan (HPP). This plan was last updated nearly forty years ago in 1987 and should be updated to reflect current conditions in the Borough.

The Office of History and Archeology is offering a grant opportunity to Certified Local Governments (CLG) to fund Historic Preservation Planning efforts. Awards of up to \$50,000 per project can be used to support:

- Resource surveys,
- Archive inventories,
- National Register Nominations,
- Public preservation education,
- Pre-development and development, and
- Historic preservation planning

As a CLG, the MSB is eligible to apply for this funding.

**BACKGROUND:**

In 2019, the Planning Division began work on the Historic Preservation Plan update. The update was broken into two phases because of the size of the plan and funding constraints.

Phase I of the HPP update was completed in 2021. This Phase inventoried thousands of historic resources within the Borough and completed significant public outreach to develop an initial HPP vision, goals, and objectives summary. Local tribes, historical societies, the MSB Historic Preservation Commission, and regional museums assisted us during this Phase.

Phase I was funded with a CLG-specific grant from the State of Alaska Office of History and Archeology. Phase I was supported by the Borough's Historic Preservation Commission resolution 18-04 and by Assembly resolution 19-012.

With guidance from the public, Tribes, Museums, Historical Societies, and the Historic Preservation Commission, Phase II will build on the work completed during Phase I. This includes developing a list of priority chapters, identifying critical historical themes to be documented, developing implementation goals, and ultimately drafting the final plan update.

**BENEFITS OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN:**

An updated Historic Preservation Plan will benefit the community by guiding the Borough to efficiently and systematically accomplish a community-supported, prioritized list of historic preservation goals and objectives. Preserving history also helps residents to develop a sense of "place" and pride in their community.

**RECOMMENDATION OF ADMINISTRATION:**

Staff respectfully recommends Assembly approval of Resolution 22-069 authorizing the submittal of a grant application to the Office of History and Archeology in the amount of \$50,000 to support Phase II of the Historic Preservation Plan update.

**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH  
HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 21-01**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMISSION RECOMMENDING CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN UPDATE.

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WHEREAS, the Borough's status as a Certified Local Government requires the creation and updating of a historic preservation plan; and

WHEREAS, there is no updated long term historic preservation plan available to guide future historic preservation efforts in the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Historical Preservation Commission recognizes the benefits and efficiencies that will result from long term historic preservation planning efforts.

WHEREAS, the Commission initiated the preservation plan update process by approving HPC Resolution 18-04 in support; and

WHEREAS, the Borough since has leveraged pass-through Historic Preservation Fund grant money to begin work on the update; and

WHEREAS, the commission believes work completed on the update thus far to be successful and worthy of continued support.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Historical Preservation Commission recommends continued support of the Historic Preservation Plan Update.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission recommends pursuing funding to support the preservation plan update.

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Historical Preservation Commission this 30th day of September, 2021.

Angela L Wade  
Angela Wade, Chair

ATTEST:

Adam Bradway  
Adam Bradway, Planner II



Adopted: 01/15/19

**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH  
RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 19-012**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY AUTHORIZING  
THE SUBMITTAL OF A GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN FOR THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH.

WHEREAS, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough harbors a rich history going back thousands of years; and

WHEREAS, Borough residents value historic preservation and the stories our historic assets tell as evidenced by the many historic sites and historical societies found in the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Borough is required to have a historic preservation plan to maintain its status as a certified local government which allows it to receive grants supporting historic preservation and education; and

WHEREAS, the Matanuska-Susitna Historical Preservation Commission unanimously passed Resolution No. 18-04 on December 13, 2018, recommending that the Borough initiate the process of developing a long-term historic preservation plan; and

WHEREAS, developing a historic preservation plan using public input will allow the Borough to more efficiently and effectively promote historic preservation within the Borough for the benefit of residents and visitors alike; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska State Office of History and Archeology has a grant opportunity available for certified local governments that will help fund the development of this plan; and

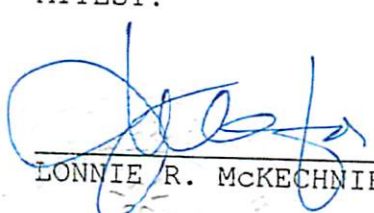
WHEREAS, the Department of Planning and Land Use has submitted an application for this project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly supports the submittal of the grant application and the development of a historic preservation plan for the Borough.

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly this 15 day of January, 2019.

  
VERN HALTER, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:

  
LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

(SEAL)

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: Sykes, Beck, McKee, Mayfield, Sumner, and Boeve

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH  
HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 18-04

A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH HISTORICAL  
PRESERVATION COMMISSION RECOMMENDING SUPPORT FOR UPDATING THE  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN FOR THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH.

WHEREAS, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Historical Preservation Commission is to initiate the historic preservation planning process for the Borough; and


WHEREAS, the Borough's status as a Certified Local Government requires the creation and updating of a historic preservation plan; and

WHEREAS, there is no updated long term historic preservation plan available to guide future historic preservation efforts in the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Historical Preservation Commission recognizes the benefits and efficiencies that will result from long-term historic preservation planning efforts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Historical Preservation Commission recommends that the Matanuska-Susitna Borough initiate the process of developing and updating a long term historic preservation plan.

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Historical  
Preservation Commission this 13th day of December, 2018.

  
Fran Seager-Boss, Chair

ATTEST:

  
Ted J. Eischeid, Planner II





THE STATE  
of **ALASKA**  
GOVERNOR MIKE DUNLEAVY

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June 22, 2022

RE: FY22 Historic Preservation CLG Grant Applications

To Alaska CLGs:

The Office of History & Archaeology is accepting grant applications from Certified Local Governments (CLGs) for 60-40 Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) matching grant projects. All projects would need to be completed by December 15, 2023.

The Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) grant program provides up to 60 percent assistance with a 40 percent CLG match for the cost of a historic preservation project in one of the following categories:

- Survey
- Inventory
- National Register Nomination
- Historic Preservation Planning
- Public Preservation Education
- Predevelopment
- Development Acquisition

The Office of History & Archaeology anticipates \$200,000 will be available to award to eligible projects. Grant requests must not exceed \$50,000 maximum in matching assistance.

The application deadline is 4:00 p.m. on August 26, 2022. The HPF application package is attached and available online at <http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/oha/index.htm>.

If you have any questions, please contact Maria Lewis at [maria.lewis@alaska.gov](mailto:maria.lewis@alaska.gov) or by telephone at 907-269-8717.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Judith E. Bittner".

Judith E. Bittner  
State Historic Preservation Officer

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