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News Release

California Office of Historic Preservation (OHP) Announces $185,000 in Federal Historic Preservation Fund Grants to Nine Cities and Counties

      SACRAMENTO – California's Office of Historic Preservation (OHP) today announced that nine cities and counties will receive $185,000 in federal grants to assist local historic preservation programs. California is required to pass a minimum of 10 percent of its yearly share of federal funds received through the National Park Service Historic Preservation Fund Grants Program to local governments whose preservation programs have been certified by the NPS.

The Certified Local Government (CLG) Program is a partnership among local governments, the State of California (OHP) and the National Park Service, which is responsible for administering the National Historic Preservation Program. The CLG program encourages the direct participation of local governments in the identification, evaluation, registration, and preservation of historic properties within their jurisdictions and promotes the integration of local preservation interests and concerns into local planning and decision-making processes.

California's Certified Local Government grants are awarded on a competitive basis and require a 40 percent local government match that can be provided using a combination of public funds, private funds, and allowable in-kind donations.

The 2013-2014 Certified Local Government Grants will be awarded to the cities Burbank, El k Grove, Eureka, Glendale, Los Angeles, Riverside, South Pasadena; the county of Ventura; and the City and County of San Francisco.

Burbank, $18,000. The city will survey historic signage in commercially zoned properties to help develop an ordinance that will enable property owners to preserve and restore historic signs.

Elk Grove, $24,000. Following up on its recently completed historic context statement the city will update the Elk Grove Historic District, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, and document a potential Winemaker District.

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Eureka, $12,000. The city will develop a map-based, interactive, historic preservation website that will provide an architectural and historic tour of Eureka, along with existing histories and photos linked to points on a map.

Glendale, $24,000. The city will prepare a historic context for the southern portion of Glendale, which will be included in the South Glendale Community Plan.

Los Angeles, $20,000. The city will develop a Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Historic Context to be included as part of SurveyLA's citywide historic context statement.

Riverside, $24,000. The city will design, complete and implement a mobile application called Landmark Connect: a mobile app for Riverside's historic landmarks.

San Francisco, $24,000. The city will conduct a historic resource survey focused on neighborhood commercial buildings, constructed between 1870 and 1965, that are subject to a recently enacted mandatory seismic retrofit program for soft-story buildings.

South Pasadena, $15,000. The city will augment, expand, and enhance South Pasadena's city-wide historic context statement that identifies property types, associated character-defining features, and location patterns from pre-history to the mid-century modern era.

Ventura County, $24,000. The county will develop a historic context statement and historic resources reconnaissance survey for the eastern Oxnard Plain, an area rich with agricultural history and cultural diversity.

The Office of Historic Preservation is a division of California State Parks. The mission of the OHP, in partnership with the people of California and governmental agencies, is to preserve and enhance California's irreplaceable historic heritage as a matter of public interest. Additional information about the CLG Program is available online at www.ohp.parks.ca.gov.

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