

How the CLG Program Can Help Your Community Develop a Preservation Ethic: Two Case Studies

Fort Madison (population 10,764)

- 1986 Became a CLG
- 1989 Preservation Study (CLG)
- 1990 Survey of the City (CLG)
- 1991 Preservation Plan (CLG)
- 1998 Intensive Survey of Commercial District (CLG)
- 2006 Commercial District National Register Nomination (CLG)
- 2006 Preserve America Community designation
- 2007 Santa Fe Passenger and Freight Complex Rehabilitation plan (Preserve America \$20,000)
- 2009 Rehabilitate (and elevate) Complex to save from future flooding (\$3.2 million)
- Support to conserve artifacts damaged in flooding (IMLS)
- 2008 Survey of Old Town residential district (HRDP)
- 2009 rejoined Main Street
- 2011 Intensive Survey of Old Town district (HRDP)
- 2012 \$500,000 in CDBG/HUD funding for Main Street facade improvements
- 2012 CLG grant to develop design guidelines for downtown
- 2014 Park to Park National Register nomination
- Used small City funds and in-kind as match



Manning (population 1,485)

- 1977 ordinance required all new buildings and any facade remodeling of existing buildings to use a Bavarian theme
- 2008 Manning Historic Preservation Commission established
- 2008 Bavarian ordinance revoked
- 2009 Manning became a CLG and a Main Street Community
- 2012-13 Intensive Survey of Downtown district (CLG)
- 2012 CDBG Façade Enhancement Grant
- 2014 National Register nomination of Downtown District



Certified Local Government Program



STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE OF IOWA

The National Historic Preservation Act established a nationwide program to encourage the preservation of our nation's historic resources. Among other programs, the Act created the National Register of Historic Places, State Historic Preservation Offices, and the Certified Local Government (CLG) program to support local governments' historic preservation programs. Each state's historic preservation office administers a Certified Local Government Program on behalf of the National Park Service.

The CLG Program has as its purpose and objectives:

- Encourage historic preservation at the local level through local governmental sponsorship;
- Encourage local governments to follow the *Secretary of the Interior's Standards & Guidelines for Archaeology and Historic Preservation* in their historic preservation programs;
- Provide training and technical assistance through the State's historic preservation office;
- Provide funding to underwrite various historic preservation activities;
- Create a federal, state, and local governmental partnership in historic preservation

Meeting Certified Local Government Requirements:

To participate in the CLG program, a local government must have a local historic preservation program that complies with CLG program requirements. To qualify or obtain "certified status," the local government must demonstrate that its local historic preservation program meets certain standards. Briefly, these are as follows:

1. Operates under a historic preservation ordinance (city) or resolution (county).
2. There is a historic preservation commission to oversee the program.
3. Elected officials involve the commission and seek the commission's input on matters relating to historic preservation.
4. Preservation commissioners must meet certain criteria to be appointed to the commission and the commission must receive annual training.
5. Local government is committed to the preservation of the full range of properties from archaeological sites to historic districts.
6. Preservation activities include identifying, evaluating and registering historic properties.
7. Local government will maintain a file/inventory of properties.
8. Preservation program encourages nominations to the National Register of Historic Places.
9. Conduct public review and comment on National Register nominations of properties within its jurisdiction.
10. Public is encouraged to participate in all aspects of the preservation program.
11. Local government will enforce all appropriate state and local ordinances for designating and protecting historic properties.

Why Participate in the CLG Program?

For the local government, its staff and Historic Preservation Commission, there are direct benefits. There is free historic preservation technical assistance from the State's historic preservation staff. Cities and counties in the CLG program also qualify for Historical Resource Development Program (HRDP) grants for rehabilitating properties listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Finally, cities and counties qualify for the competitive, CLG grant program that is open only CLG program participants.

For more information about Iowa's CLG Program, visit <https://iowaculture.gov/history/preservation> or contact Paula A. Mohr; 515.281.6826; paula.mohr@iowa.gov