

Preserving Heritage

Utilizing preservation incentives



Objectives

- Understanding what makes a project eligible from designation level to work meeting the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation
- How one can apply the State Historical Fund and/or State Commercial Historic Tax Credits to a project
- How as a municipality can help promote and support preservation within the community



Historic Preservation

- Historic preservation encourages both the identification and protection of historic resources, both archaeological and built environment
- Actions taken by local, state, and federal organizations
- Historic preservation is all around us.
 - We interact with sites on a regular basis whether we know it or not
 - Several are considered what makes our communities unique



Designation

- Multiple levels of designation: local landmark, State Register of Historic Properties, or National Register of Historic Places
- All projects **MUST** be designated in order to be eligible for either program
- Certified Local Government



CLGs, Main Streets, and CLG Main Streets

Certified Local Governments (CLGs)

- Alamosa
- Aspen
- Aurora
- Berthoud
- Black Hawk
- Boulder County
- Boulder
- Breckenridge
- Brighton
- Broomfield
- Buena Vista
- Canon City
- Carbondale
- Castle Rock
- Colorado Springs
- Cortez
- Crested Butte
- Cripple Creek
- Denver
- Durango
- Erie
- Florence
- Fort Collins
- Fort Lupton
- Fort Morgan
- Georgetown
- Gilpin County
- Glenwood Springs
- Golden
- Greeley
- Gunnison County
- Idaho Springs
- Kiowa County
- La Veta
- Lafayette
- Lakewood
- Littleton
- Longmont
- Louisville
- Loveland
- Manitou Springs
- Minturn
- New Castle
- Northglenn
- Otero County
- Park County
- Pueblo
- Saguache
- Salida
- Telluride
- Walsenburg
- Westminster
- Woodland Park
- Yuma

Main Streets

- Granby
- Hugo
- Limon
- Meeker
- Ouray
- Rangely
- Ridgway
- Rifle
- San Luis
- Silverton
- Victor
- Wellington

CLG Main Streets

- Brush
- Central City
- Elizabeth
- La Junta
- Lake City
- Lamar
- Leadville
- Lyons
- Montrose
- Pagosa Springs
- Steamboat Springs
- Trinidad
- Windsor



Heritage for All

- Part of the 250/150 celebration
- Identify 150 currently unrecognized spaces and places that tell the stories of historically underrepresented communities
- Less than 3% of our current listings both at the State and National levels recognize these communities
 - Communities of color, women, and LGBTQ+ Coloradans
- Completion by the end of 2026



State Historical Fund

- The State Historical Fund is the granting arm of History Colorado
- Funded by tax revenue from the three gaming towns
- Various types of grants ranging from \$1-\$250,000 in grant requests
- Grants can cover a number of items from planning to construction or archaeology
- Eligible applicants include non-profits, government entities, private owners



Preservation Tax Credits

- Colorado has access to both the State and Federal Historic Tax Credits
- State ranges from 25-35%, \$1 million cap; Federal is 20%, no cap
- Building related activity ONLY
- Eligible applicants include non-profits or private owners



Benefits to Preservation

- Several studies have been conducted on the benefits of historic districts
- Walkability
- Economic Impact
- Feeling of Places
- Leader in preservation impact studies
 - Donovan Rypkema; PlaceEconomics



How can you help?

- Buildings and sites owned by municipalities
- Providing leasable space to meet community needs
- Applying on behalf of property owners
- Sharing opportunities with property owners
- Hosting workshops and arranging site visits



Case Study #1: Brush Central School

- Vacant school since 1997
- Donated to Brush Area Chamber of Commerce in March 2018
- Sold to a private owner in 2021 for affordable housing units
- SHF Grant for \$50,000; State Tax Credits for \$1 million



Case Study #2: Murdock Building

- Three interconnected buildings combined ownership in 1999
- Vacant in 2005
- Planning and construction from 2009-2019
- Owned by Kiowa County and leased to the Kiowa County Economic Development Foundation
- SHF Grants \$1,189,065; State Tax Credits \$611,186



Continue the Conversation

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Tax Credits/SHF Western Slope



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