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Mr. Roberto Hernandez
City Manager
P.O. Box 1027
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**RE: FFY 2019 Historic Preservation Fund Grant
Savannah Citywide Historic Neighborhood Survey: Phase 3 Part B**

Dear Mr. Hernandez:

I am pleased to inform you that the Historic Preservation Division of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources has approved the award of a FFY 2019 Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) grant for partial funding in the amount of **\$6,800** to the City of Savannah to complete the historic resource survey for the Cuyler-Brownville neighborhood.

Our Outreach Program Manager, Allison Asbrock, will be contacting your designated grant project manager with further details about your grant. A press release is enclosed for your use.

We are very pleased to be able to fund this important community historic preservation project, and the Historic Preservation Division looks forward to working with the City of Savannah in the coming year.

V/r,

Dr. David Colin Crass
Division Director

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cc: Ms. Leah G. Michalak, City of Savannah, Project Manager and Grant Writer
Mr. Eric Landon, Coastal Regional Commission
U.S. Representative Buddy Carter
U.S. Senator Johnny Isakson
U.S. Senator David Perdue
State Senator Lester Jackson
State Representative Craig Gordon
State Representative Jesse Petrea
State Representative Mickey Stephens
State Representative Ron Stephens



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Georgia Communities Awarded Federal Historic Preservation Grants

ATLANTA (June 28, 2019) – Nine Georgia municipalities will receive federal subgrants totaling more than \$96,000 to support historic preservation activities in their respective communities, the Georgia Historic Preservation Division announced Friday.

The 2018 Historic Preservation Fund grants facilitate historic preservation planning initiatives and projects such as historic resource surveys, outreach efforts, and bricks-and-mortar projects throughout the state. The grants are provided annually through the Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) of the U.S. Department of the Interior's National Park Service and are administered by the Historic Preservation Division (HPD) of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources.

This year's grant recipients are as follows:

- **City of Avondale Estates** — \$10,200 — Design guidelines for the Avondale Estates Historic District
- **City of Brunswick** — \$13,200 — Design guidelines for the Old Town Historic District
- **City of Hawkinsville** — \$6,705 — Phase 1 of a historic resources survey
- **City of Richmond Hill** — \$18,000 — Design guidelines and local designation report for the Ford Avenue commercial district
- **City of Savannah** — \$6,800 — Completion of the Cuyler-Brownville neighborhood historic resource survey
- **City of Valdosta** — \$13,500 — Updated historic resource survey
- **City of Washington** — \$7,200 — Moisture mitigation for Callaway Plantation
- **Dade County** — \$15,000 — Phase 1 of a historic resources survey
- **Jones County** — \$6,311 — Phase 1 of a historic resources survey

Each year, Georgia's 99 Certified Local Governments (CLGs) are eligible to apply for these matching (60 percent federal/40 percent local) grants.

To be eligible to become a federal Certified Local Government, a city or county must have passed a preservation ordinance and have established a historic preservation commission.

“Historic preservation works best as a partnership with local stakeholders, and we are proud of the efforts of this year’s grant recipients and all of our Certified Local Government partners,” said Dr. David Crass, HPD Division Director. “The CLG program is one of our most important tools in promoting economic development focused on local historic resources. The communities participating in the program have taken the initiative to work to protect the historic resources that make their respective cities, or counties, truly special.”

HPF grant funds may be used for a variety of other preservation activities, including archaeological surveys, design guidelines, educational/promotional/tourism activities, and publications. For information on the Historic Preservation Fund grant program, contact Allison Asbrock at 770-389-7868 or allison.asbrock@dnr.ga.gov. For information on the Certified Local Government program, contact Sarah Rogers at 770-289-7869 or sarah.rogers@dnr.ga.gov.

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The Historic Preservation Division (HPD) of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources serves as Georgia’s state historic preservation office. Its mission is to promote the preservation and use of historic places for a better Georgia. HPD’s programs include archaeology protection and education, environmental review, grants, historic resource surveys, tax incentives, the National Register of Historic Places, community planning and technical assistance.

The mission of the Department of Natural Resources is to sustain, enhance, protect and conserve Georgia’s natural, historic and cultural resources for present and future generations, while recognizing the importance of promoting the development of commerce and industry that utilize sound environmental practices.

Contact:

For press inquiries contact Historic Preservation Division Outreach Program Manager, Allison Asbrock, at (770) 389-7868 or allison.asbrock@dnr.ga.gov.