Hillsborough County
Historic Preservation
“Challenge Grant” Program

FY19 Grant Year
“It has been said that, at its best, preservation engages the past in a conversation with the present over a mutual concern for the future”

William Murtagh, first Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places
Hillsborough County Historic Preservation Program

* Adopted in 1992 to foster planning for the continued use & preservation of historic sites and structures.
  - Designates & prepares guidelines for historic & archaeological landmarks.
  - 29 properties are local historic landmarks.
  - Property/site must be at least 50 years old & meet one or more of the criteria.
  - $25,000 matching grant program for owners of not-for-profit local landmarks in performing approved exterior preservation and restoration activities.
Historic Preservation Challenge Grant

Purpose

* To promote historic preservation, heritage tourism, & related economic development within Hillsborough County (both incorporated and unincorporated areas).
  – Rehabilitation/Restoration Historic Structures
  – Additions to Historic Structures
  – Improvements to Historic Site(s) or Grounds
  – Heritage Tourism Project
Who is eligible?

CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

– Private individual or entity.
– Nonprofit.
– Applicant may not be a federal, state, local government, or other public body, agency, department, instrumentality, political subdivision, municipality, or district thereof.

HERITAGE TOURISM

- New this year – limited only to Nonprofits
Project Requirements

- Maximum $250,000 per project per year.
- Located in Hillsborough County (incorporated or unincorporated).
- Must match grant funds by 1:1 ratio
  - Grantee’s 50% match can be in cash or in-kind contribution of labor or materials or from another grant source.
  - Grantee must provide half of the project cost in cash.
  - *Reimbursements are made on cash outlays only.*
“Challenge Grant” Review Committee

- BOCC appointed
- Nine (9) residents
  - Incorporated & unincorporated areas
  - Minimum - one (1) from Temple Terrace, Plant City and Tampa
  - Two (2) year term
- Expertise in one or more areas:
  - Historic preservation
  - Architecture
  - Heritage tourism
  - Marketing & Economic Development
  - Landscape architecture
  - Interior design
Application Review Process

- Ranked & prioritized by Committee based on BOCC Policy objectives.
- BOCC has final approval/vote.
Project Types
Rehabilitation/Restoration of Historic Structures

- Interior and/or exterior preservation, rehabilitation, restoration, reconstruction or relocation of existing “historic building”.
- Meets National Register listing criteria.
- Includes:
  - updating code requirements
  - installation of security related equipment
  - structural stabilization, including “moth-balling” of structures that without emergency measures may be lost, including associated engineering and architectural costs
Compatible Additions to Historic Properties

* Additions or alterations
  - Facilitates adaptive reuse
  - Reconstruction of lost historic resources
  - Construction of architecturally appropriate kiosks, information facilities or utility structures
  - Security-related equipment or improvements, including associated engineering and architectural costs.
Improvements to Historic Sites or Grounds

- Restoration/reuse of other non-building historic places.
- Includes:
  - security related equipment
  - improvements (e.g. cemeteries, gardens)
  - includes associated engineering & architectural costs
Heritage Tourism Projects

Includes:
- Development of print or electronic materials that support the mission
- Non-building projects that promote historic resources and heritage tourism
- Interpretive, promotional or wayfinding signage
- Exhibit/tour development
Application Process & Important Dates

2019
March 4 – Applications accepted
May 13 – Deadline for accepting applications
June 25, 26 – HPCG Review Committee Meeting
August – BOCC Approval
2018 Program Changes

- Grantee will have six (6) months from BOCC approval to develop agreement with County.
- Grantee will have one (1) year after entering into an agreement to complete project.
Application Review

Before

After
Applicant Strategies for Success

- Complete & Signed Application
- Delivered on Time
- Grantee’s 50% funding identified & set aside
- Grantee’s Match identified
- Organizational Documents
- Capital Funding for Outside Agencies
- Meet with Staff before deadline, if possible
Thank you and Good Luck!!

Hillsborough County Economic Development Department

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