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## **CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROGRAM**

Historic preservation is a significant component of community revitalization and economic development. The rich and diverse collection of historic resources that surround us enhance our quality of life, provide important educational opportunities and instill a sense of pride in our past. Established by the National Historic Preservation Act, the **Certified Local Government Program (CLG)** is a nationwide initiative that supports and strengthens local preservation activities by helping communities protect, preserve and celebrate their historic resources. This program is administered by each State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO); in New York, the SHPO is the Historic Preservation Field Services Bureau. The bureau provides technical assistance to the numerous members of the Certified Local Government network across the state and administers the CLG subgrant program, distributing financial aid for community preservation projects.

A city, county, town or village can participate in the CLG program after the Field Services Bureau certifies that the local government has enacted preservation legislation and appointed a review commission that meet state and federal standards. Once a community becomes a CLG, it can receive a variety of services from the Field Services Bureau, including: special grants, professional legal advice, technical preservation assistance, training opportunities, direct involvement in the bureau's programs and membership in a national preservation information network. The CLG Program provides a direct link between a community's preservation goals and state and federal preservation programs.

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## **CLG Program Benefits**

- Ongoing support & partnership with your State Historic Preservation Office.
- Eligibility to apply for especially earmarked grants administered by the Historic Preservation Field Services Bureau. Each year, ten percent of New York's federal preservation funding is distributed to CLG communities in the form of project specific subgrants.
- Technical preservation assistance and legal advice as well as training opportunities from the Field Services Bureau. These services enable communities to protect their historic resources and integrate them into short and long term planning and development initiatives.
- Direct involvement in identifying and nominating properties to the New York State and National Registers of Historic Places.
- Membership in a nationwide network of communities with access to a wide range of technical preservation information and services.

**The Certified Local Government Program** can help communities encourage, develop and achieve local preservation goals.

To receive information about this program, please contact:

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