



Agenda Item Report

Meeting Type: HLPC

Meeting Date: July 23, 2025

Item Title: Discussion/possible action regarding applying for a Certified Local Government Grant through the State Historical Society.

Submitted By: Mike Kornmann, Director of Community and Economic Development

Detailed Description of Subject Matter: There are challenges with funding for the State Historical Society Certified Local Government Grant (CLG) program. The federal government funds the program and has likely eliminated those funds. Applying for a grant that has no funding does not move you closer to implementing a project. What does help you move towards implementing a project is utilizing the funds you have in your budget. The grant that was submitted last December was not approved by HLPC and was not necessary. Funding was allocated to your budget per your requested budget submittal for 2025. Furthermore, the grant that was submitted was a small amount, \$1,500. The CLG grant submitted last December was denied because it was such a small amount and other application requested funds in the range of \$10,000 to \$25,000. The grant project was for the designation of downtown as a historic district.

It would also be helpful if HLPC could determine whether it was going to focus on creating new districts or designating individual properties. Another approach would be to focus on a historic recognition program that would help to tell the history of Columbus by installing plaques or other informational methods. And utilizing your budget is an effective way to do that.

List all Supporting Documentation Attached:

- none

Action Requested of HLPC: No action on CLG grant application.