



CITY OF GRASS VALLEY HISTORIC LEGACY AWARD POLICY

Purpose

The City of Grass Valley recognizes the importance of preserving and promoting its unique historical and cultural legacy. To honor individuals, groups, or businesses whose exceptional contributions reflect this commitment, the City has established the Historic Legacy Award.

Award Overview

The Historic Legacy Award is presented annually by the Grass Valley City Council, based on a formal recommendation from the Historic Commission. The award honors those whose actions have significantly preserved, promoted, or enhanced the historical and cultural fabric of the City of Grass Valley.

Eligibility

Eligible recipients may include:

- Individuals
- Groups or community organizations
- Businesses or commercial entities

Criteria

Nominees must have demonstrated outstanding contributions in one or more of the following areas:

- Historical research and writing
- Public education or outreach concerning local history
- Advocacy for historical preservation
- Restoration or rehabilitation of historic structures or sites
- Physical preservation of artifacts, documents, or cultural landmarks

Contributions should reflect a clear and positive impact on the awareness, preservation, or enrichment of Grass Valley's historical and cultural heritage.

Nomination and Selection Process

1. Nominations will be solicited annually from the public, local organizations, and members of the Historic Commission.
2. Nomination applications will be due on September 30th in order to be eligible for consideration for that year's award.

3. The Historic Commission will review nominations, evaluate their alignment with the award criteria, and select a recommendation within the following two to three months.
4. The City Council will consider the recommendation and formally approve the award recipient.
5. The award will be presented publicly at a designated City Council meeting or special event prior to the end of the calendar year.
6. If no nomination applications are submitted by September 30th there will be no recipient of the award for that year.

Award Presentation

The award will be presented as a formal certificate or plaque and may include additional forms of recognition at the City's discretion.

Statement of Intent

This award is intended to honor those whose vision and dedication ensure that the rich heritage of Grass Valley is remembered, respected, and carried forward for future generations.