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To: Assembly <assembly@petersburgak.gov>

Subject: Certified Local Governments

Dear Petersburg Assembly,

I have been in communication with the Office of History and Archaeology in Anchorage. There are a lot of grant opportunities with the state and federal government that Petersburg is not taking advantage of, but should because they are related to historic preservation. There is an opportunity for municipal governments such as our own to gain access to earmarked state and federal grant funding for historic preservation and restoration projects. This funding is not available to Petersburg because we are not a Certified Local Government (CLG). The CLG program was set up to benefit local communities by providing them with matching grants through the Secretary of the Interior. In order to be eligible for these earmarked funds, Petersburg would have to:

a) draft an ordinance

b) dedicate a modicum of staff time as a liaison with its own Historic Commission to serve as a "pass-through" for grant funding.

The program is run through the Park Service, which is why the Historic Commission is essential to making the program work. I am writing to you because I would like to assemble a group of people in the community that could form our commission. We would need to meet at least twice a year to maintain our commission. The time commitment for each of the members would be about 10 hours per year. I have included some documentation for your perusal. It is my hope to set up a pilot meeting with history-minded folks to discuss topics relating to historic preservation.

Can you think of any historic structures that you might like to use grant funding to restore?

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