

Agenda Item

Meeting Date: October 21, 2025

SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF FFY 2025 HISTORIC PRESERVATION FUND (HPF) GRANT

Item: Action Item

Department: Planning and Zoning

Presented By: Tamaya Huff, Planning Manager

Summary:

Background

In January 2025, the City of Stone Mountain ("City") applied for the FFY 2025 Historic Preservation Fund (HPF)Certified Local Government Survey and Planning Grant. The Grant will fund \$18,000 toward an update to the 2009 Stone Mountain Historic Resources Survey, which is necessary to:

- (1) Enable the Stone Mountain Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) to accurately define the borders of the local historic district and ensure the status of historic structures within the regional and National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) districts are still eligible properties.
- (2) Assist city residents, where funding is available, with the rehabilitation of buildings and structures
- (3) Maintain an inventory of two hundred and fifty-five (255) documented historic properties, which have not been updated in the past 15 years due to funding constraints.
- (4) Maintain the City's Certified Local Government (CLG) status

The City of Stone Mountain has attained Certified Local Government (CLG) status which affords participation in a program implemented through the National Park Service (NPS) and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) Historic Preservation Division (HPD), that integrates historic preservation policies into local planning decisions. The continuance of this status requires the City to prepare and maintain an inventory of historic properties using local surveys approved by the DCA HPD, that meet the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Identification and Evaluation of Historic Properties.

The benefits associated with CLG status include eligibility to receive historic preservation grant funds, technical assistance, access to statewide training, workshops, conferences, and exclusive review of National Register of Historic Places nominees, provided program requirements are maintained.

RESOLUTION 2025-28

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STONE MOUNTAIN, GEORGIA, TO ACCEPT THE 2025 HISTORIC PRESERVATION FUND CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT SURVEY & PLANNING GRANT

WHEREAS, the City of <u>Stone Mountain</u>, Georgia (the "City") identified the need for additional funding to maintain its Certified Local Government ("CLG") status by updating its 2009 Stone Mountain Historic Resources Survey through the solicitation of consultant services for the assessment of two hundred fifty-five (255) documented properties, and offering incentives where funds are available to property owners for improvement of historic properties within the City Area Map ("Map") attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, the City has achieved the Certified Local Government ("CLG") status through a program implemented by National Park Service (NPS), and the Georgia Department Community Affairs Historic Preservation Division (DCA) that that affords eligible municipalities opportunities to receive historic preservation grant funds, technical assistance, access to statewide training, workshops, conferences, and exclusive review National Register of Historic Places nominees if program requirements are maintained; and,

WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Fund Grant Program (the "Grant") appropriated annually by Congress through the NPS has awarded the City funds in the amount of \$18,000 to assist in achieving these goals; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council desire to authorize the City to contribute a forty percent (40%) match to the Grant as required by the terms of the Grant; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Council do hereby support the City's acceptance of the Grant Award as follows:

- 1. Officially accepts the grant funding in the amount of \$30,000 appropriated by Congress and administered through the NPS.
- 2. The required funding match on the part of the City is forty percent (40%), and the City shall contribute **Twelve Thousand** and 00/100 Dollars (\$12,000.00) in available funds, with said funds to be used to represent the City's required forty percent (40%) match for the 2025 Historic Preservation Fund CLG Survey & Planning Grant as awarded.
- 3. Authorize Mayor, City Manager, or an eligible designee, to enter into and execute all necessary agreements related to the Grant on behalf of the City.
- 4. Commits to fulfilling all requirements and obligations associated with the Grant, including but not limited to providing matching funds, submitting progress reports, and meeting state, federal and local regulations.

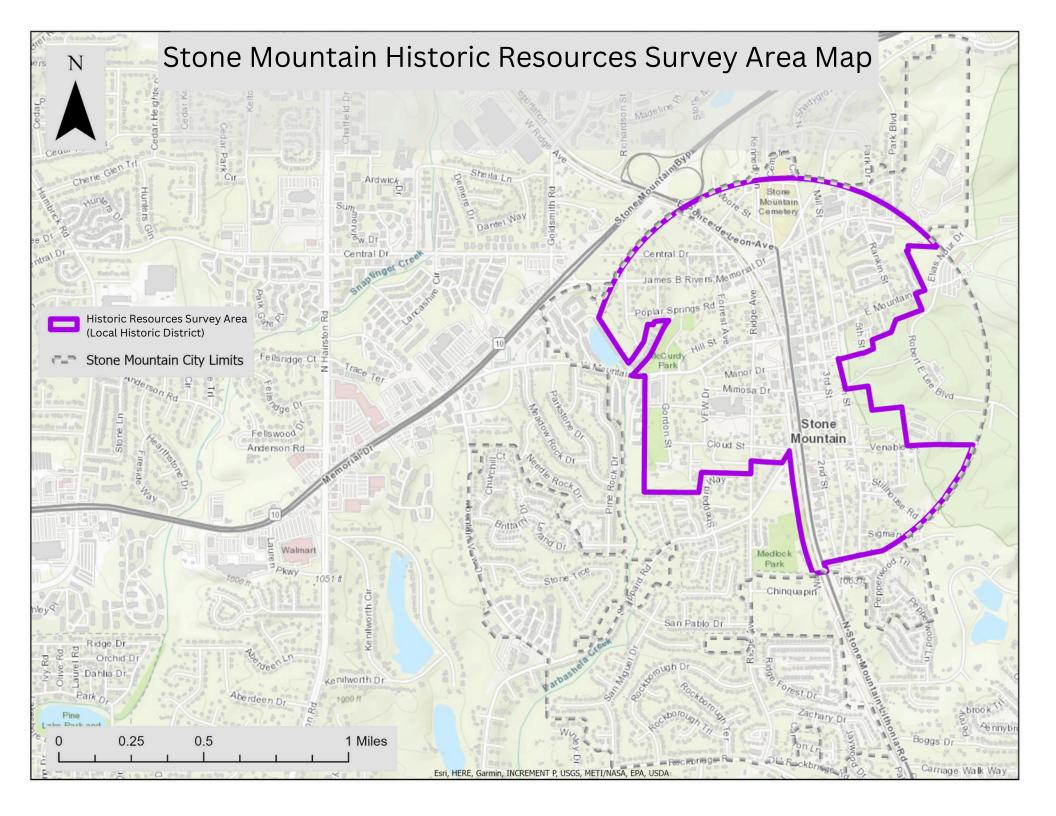
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption, this <u>21st day of October</u> 2025.

CITY OF STONE MOUNTAIN, GEORGIA Approved: Dr. Beverly Jones, Mayor Attest:

Shavala Ames, City Clerk

Approved as to Form:

Angela Counch, City Attorney





Certified Local Government Program: Preservation through Local Planning

Preservation activity occurs first at the local level; therefore, a community is in the best position to identify and protect its own resources. The Certified Local Government (CLG) program assists local governments with integrating historic preservation concerns into local planning decisions. Joining the CLG program is an important and effective way to preserve Georgia's historic places.

With the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, a federal and state partnership was initiated that created a national preservation program. The CLG program extends that federal and state preservation partnership to the local level. It enhances the local government role in preservation by strengthening a community's preservation program and its link with HPD.

In Georgia, the CLG program builds upon the longstanding working relationship between HPD and the local governments by expanding the scope of local responsibilities and opportunities for preservation. Any city, town, or county that has enacted an historic preservation ordinance, enforces that ordinance through a local preservation commission, and has met requirements outlined in the Procedures for Georgia's Certified Local Government Program, is eligible to become a CLG.

What are the benefits of becoming a CLG?

Once certified, a local government becomes eligible to:

- Apply for federal historic preservation grant funds only available to CLGs.
- Participate directly in the National Register of Historic Places program by reviewing local nominations prior to the GA National Register Review Board.
- Access technical assistance in the form of training sessions, information material, statewide meetings, workshops and conferences.
- Participate in partnerships among local, state, and federal preservation groups and organizations.

For more information, visit www.dca.ga.gov/georgia-historic-preservation-division, or contact Sandra Hall, Certified Local Government Coordinator, at Sandra. Hall@dca.ga.gov.

Governor



September 9, 2025

Honorable Beverly Jones Mayor, City of Stone Mountain 875 Main Street Stone Mountain, GA 30083 Sent Via Email

RE: FFY 2025 Historic Preservation Fund Grant

City of Stone Mountain, Historic Resource Survey

Dear Mayor Jones:

The Historic Preservation Division (HPD) of the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) has reviewed the FFY 2025 Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) application for a historic resource survey grant request in the amount of **\$18,000**. At this time, HPD would like to extend a conditional award.

In order for HPD to award, the City of Stone Mountain must complete the Report of Local Government Finance (RLGF) for FY2024 and FY2025 in order to be compliant with state funding requirements as soon as possible. Information regarding the reporting can be found here, and questions can be directed to research@dca.ga.gov.

We look forward to working with Stone Mountain in the coming years. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Natasha Washington, Grants Coordinator, at (470) 757-2551 or matasha.washington@dca.ga.gov. We are here to provide support through the compliance process, and Natasha Washington will work with your project manager on the conditions above. Thank you so much for your interest and support of preservation. We are excited for the opportunity to partner with you on this project.

Thank You,

Allison Asbrock

Director, Office of Community and Technical Services

Historic Preservation Division

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Cc: Evelina Burnett, Grant Writer
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Tracie Sanchez, DCA Regional Representative, Region 3
Keri Stevens, Historic Preservation Planner, Atlanta Regional Commission

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