

October 2, 2023

Mr. Mark Stevens
Watertown City Hall
106 Jones St.
Watertown, WI 50394

RE: Application for Certified Local Government Grant Funds

Dear Mark,

The Watertown Historic Preservation & Downtown Design Commission is seeking to apply for a 2024 Certified Local Government grant through the Wisconsin Historical Society to update the city's intensive survey of historic properties last completed in 1987. As the result of the 1987 survey, Watertown has been successful in listing four residential neighborhoods and one commercial district in the National Register of Historic Places.

Due to the age of the survey, the fact it is not digital, and that many more properties could now be included (especially mid-century modern architecture), the State Historic Preservation Office has suggested we update the 1987 survey, versus applying for funds to list a sixth district at this time. The city last received CLG grant funds in 2014 when we listed the Clyman Street Residential Historic District in the National Register.

CLG grants have a ceiling of \$50,000. Intensive surveys are typically the costliest of the CLG eligible projects, and the estimated cost for our project is \$47,000. If we are successful in securing this grant, the city would be responsible for paying the consultant fees upfront, with full reimbursement coming from the state once the project is completed.

HPC member Tim Little has taken the lead as the project coordinator with my assistance. Our project letter of intent was accepted by the historical society in September, and the next step is to submit a formal application by Dec. 16.

I will do my best to attend the Finance Committee discussion next week and will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Melissa Lampe
Secretary
Historic Preservation & Downtown Design Commission