

MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 15, 2020
TO: Georgia Historic Property Owners
FROM: Melanie Holthaus, Grants Coordinator, Historic Preservation Division
RE: HURRICANE IRMA EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION FUND GRANT APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

A grant application package for the Hurricane Irma Emergency Supplemental Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) subgrant program, administered by the Historic Preservation Division (HPD) of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources is now available on HPD's website at <https://www.georgiashpo.org/disaster-recovery-grants>. This subgrant program has been made available through the award of a Hurricane Harvey, Irma, and Maria Emergency Supplemental Historic Preservation Fund grant (HIM ESHPF grant, CFDA No. 15.957) from the National Park Service (NPS) to the Historic Preservation Division. This package includes the application forms, instructions, and criteria used to evaluate grant applications for building or site-specific predevelopment and development projects.

The purpose of the HIM ESHPF subgrant program is to assist Georgia historic property owners with recovery from Hurricane Irma by addressing historic property needs unmet through other funding sources (FEMA, GEMA, Insurance, etc.). The HPD may award up to \$400,000.00 in total in HIM ESHPF subgrants to private, public, and nonprofit historic property owners, and we encourage all interested in this grant to apply. This is a reimbursement grant, and project cost reimbursements are based on invoices and receipts that are directly related to work items in the scope of work and budget which must be approved by the HPD and NPS. No project match is required, and there is a minimum project cost of \$5,000. There is no maximum project cost.

Owners of historic buildings, structures, and objects in Georgia counties designated for general public assistance and individual assistance by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for Hurricane Irma are eligible to apply. The following counties were not designated for general or public assistance by FEMA for Hurricane Irma and are therefore ineligible to apply:

- Bartow, Bleckley, Carroll, Catoosa, Chattooga, Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, Columbia, Dade, Douglas, DeKalb, Fannin, Fulton, Floyd, Gordon, Murray, Paulding, Polk, Richmond, Walker and Whitefield

For the purpose of this grant program, only predevelopment and development projects will be considered. Essential criteria for a qualified grant application include demonstrating the property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places; demonstrating property damage was caused

or worsened by Hurricane Irma; placing a preservation easement of up to 20 years on the property deed of all awarded development grant projects; compliance with applicable federal and state laws, regulations, and standards, including meeting federal procurement requirements; and signing a funding agreement. All project work and final products must be clearly stated in the grant application along with a line-item detailed budget. Project work must meet the *Secretary of the Interior's Standards and Guidelines for Archeology and Historic Preservation*, must follow OMB regulations in 2CFR200 and the Historic Preservation Fund Grant Manual, and will be reviewed by HPD prior to project commencement. If the property is not listed, but is eligible to be listed, please contact grants coordinator Melanie Holthaus before submitting an application at Melanie.Holthaus@dnr.ga.gov.

All grant applications will be evaluated and awarded based on information provided in the application, scoring criteria, funding availability, and reviews by the HPD staff and the NPS. If you apply for more than one project (i.e. a predevelopment AND development project), you must complete a separate application for each one.

Applications must be **postmarked on or before May 15, 2020**. Grant awards are expected to be announced in **July 2020**. Projects may begin as early as **August 2020** upon HPD and NPS approval and must be completed by **December 2021**. If you have questions about the grant program or the application process, please don't hesitate to contact me at melanie.holthaus@dnr.ga.gov.