

**CITY OF COOS BAY CITY COUNCIL**  
**Agenda Staff Report**

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TO: Mayor Shoji and City Councilors  
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THROUGH: Rodger Craddock, City Manager  
ISSUE: Update on Certified Local Government (CLG) Grant

**BACKGROUND**

In October of 2015, the City Council approved Ordinance 471 which established the historic preservation process to identify, recognize, and preserve significant properties and to encourage the rehabilitation of historic buildings and structures. The City Council also approved Ordinance 472 which amended the duties of the Design Assistance Team to include acting as the City's Historic Preservation Committee.

The Certified Local Government (CLG) Program is a federal program (National Park Service) that is administered by the Oregon State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). The City's request to participate in the program was approved on March 14, 2016.

As a CLG Community, the City is eligible for grants that can be used for committee and staff education/training, public education/training, and restoration projects. Staff recently completed the grant application and was awarded \$12,000. This is the most that a City can receive in any one year.

Recently, three members of the City's Design Assistance Team (DAT) (Ariann Lyons, Andy Locati, and Perry St. John) and one staff member (Debbie Erler) attended the Historic Preservation Conference at the Oregon State Capitol. The purpose of this conference was to educate participating organizations on the purpose of the CLG program and the associated grants.

**Future Events**

The DAT is planning to hold a series of events this year. These events are related to the CLG program and grant that they received. These include:

1. Open House – The DAT and staff are working to hold an open house in September to be held in a historic building here in town (details are still being worked out). At this open house the DAT will inform the public and owners of historic properties here in the City about the Local Landmark Registry and the benefits to owners. Additionally, they are planning for a

representative from the State to be at the open house to inform building owners about State and Federal programs that help with costs related to preservation.

2. Public Education - As a new CLG Community, the DAT is working towards educating local property owners and the public about historic preservation and promoting historic properties in our community to help instill an appreciation for the local history. In order to achieve this, the DAT is thinking of having public displays as a way to inform the public where they gather, such as the monthly "Wine Walk" in businesses located in Downtown Coos Bay.

### **Future Projects**

During the next grant cycle, the DAT is planning to establish some new projects including:

1. An award program for recently completed historic preservation related projects around town. These could include building projects or recipients of the CLG grant awards.
2. Installing historic information plaques next to or on historic buildings such as the ones down on Front Street. These plaques would present the historic importance of the buildings and their place in the City's history.