

City of Fort Worth, Texas

Mayor and Council Communication

DATE: 03/19/24 M&C FILE NUMBER: M&C 24-0188

LOG NAME: 06TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION CAMP GRANT

SUBJECT

(ALL) Ratify the Application for and Authorize Acceptance of a Grant from the Texas Historical Commission to Host an Annual Preservation-Focused Training for the City of Fort Worth's Historic Preservation Office, the Public, and the Historic and Cultural Landmarks Commission

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council ratify the application for and authorize acceptance of a grant from the Texas Historical Commission to host an annual preservation-focused training for the City of Fort Worth's Historic Preservation Office, the Public, and the Historic and Cultural Landmarks Commission.

DISCUSSION:

As a participating community in the Texas Historical Commission's (THC) Certified Local Government (CLG) program, the City of Fort Worth is eligible for grant funding for preservation-related projects and training tied to the THC's Statewide Preservation Plan. Each year, the City's CLG program is required to ensure, to the maximum extent possible, public participation in the local historic preservation program as well as provide appropriate training for the Historic Preservation Officer, city staff, and members of the Historic & Cultural Landmarks Commission (HCLC).

In March of 2022, the City was subject to the Four-Year Review by the Certified Local Government program administered through the THC. The Review noted that as the second largest CLG program in Texas, the City of Fort Worth is expected to pursue public education and outreach initiatives to the maximum extent possible. As a CLG, it is also a requirement that preservation staff and the HCLC attend at least one preservation-related training each year. The in-person and virtual Commission Assistance and Mentoring Program (CAMP) training provided by the National Alliance of Preservation Commissions (NAPC) will serve the historic preservation office staff, the Historic and Cultural Landmarks Commission, and members of the public and other CLGs around the state centering the City of Fort Worth as an entity that practices and enables public education and outreach about preservation. Topics will range from introduction to design review to enforcement, using alternative materials and preservation incentives.

The City will not receive funds for this application and is not expected to provide a match for this grant to fund one in-person training and two virtual trainings. The City is expected to provide refreshments and lunch for the in-person training. The tentative date and location for the in-person training is Saturday, May 18, 2024, at the Ella Mae Shamblee Library at 1062 Evans Ave, Fort Worth, TX 76104. This library is situated next to a historic landmark and one of our most active historic districts and provides easy parking and access for travelers. It is anticipated that this training event will increase public participation in the City's Preservation Program, improve access to preservation best practices throughout Fort Worth, and make the City's development processes more efficient and easier to understand amongst the general public.

A Form 1295 is not required because: This M&C does not request approval of a contract with a business entity.

FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:

The Director of Finance certifies that approval of this recommendation will have no material effect on City funds.

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