

## **Community Development Department**

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## **MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** April 20, 2015

**TO:** Deschutes County Historic Landmarks Commission

FROM: Matthew Martin, Associate Planner

**RE:** Certified Local Government Grant Update

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide the HLC an update on the Certified Local Government (CLG) grant and planned activities.

The CLG grant is only available to local jurisdictions that have been "certified" as historic preservation partners with both the state and federal governments. Deschutes County is a CLG and therefore eligible. State and federal requirements regulate the CLG grant, including project budget, project timeline, inspections and audits, reports and billings, consultant/contractor standards, etc. In March, the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) approved the Deschutes County 2015-16 CLG grant application resulting in an award of \$13,000. This, combined with the required local fund match, results in a total of \$26,000 committed to supporting the County's historic preservation program.

The Deschutes County 2015-16 CLG grant work plan identifies several program priorities and special projects that the grant funding will be used to support. These include, but are not limited to the following:

- Support for Historic Preservation Month activities in May 2015 and 2016.
- Collaborate with Des Chutes Historical Society on archive scanning project with financial support for technology upgrades including computer and scanning equipment.
- Coordinate public education opportunities including presentations and field trips.
- Explore expanding Goal 5 list of historic resources with outreach to the public.
- Support restoration projects such as historic resource repair or cemetery improvement.
- Provide staff training including attendance at National Main Street Conference (with scholarship) and Oregon Heritage Conference as presenter.