



CITY OF CONCORD

REPORT TO THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Heritage Commission
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SUBJECT: Resolution Authorizing the Submittal of an Application to the New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources for Certified Local Government (CLG) Funds for the conduct and preparation of an application to place the Gas Holder building on the National Register of Historic Places.

Recommendation

Adopt the attached resolution authorizing the City Manager, on behalf of the Heritage Commission, to submit an application to the New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources for Certified Local Government (CLG) funds to be utilized for the preparation of an application to place the Gas Holder building on the National Register of Historic Places.

Background

After the City established the Heritage Commission, it sought and received designation as a Certified Local Government (CLG) by the New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources. This designation made the City eligible for funding for community preservation activities.

Over the past decade, the City has obtained CLG grants to identify and document a wide range of historical resources within the community including resources in Downtown Concord, and in Penacook, as well as the City's historic agricultural resources, and historic schools.

CIP #506, Historical Surveys, in the City's Capital Improvement Program, contemplates the future use of such grants requiring no local match to fund historical and archeological resources surveys, and includes the amount of \$35,000 for a grant in FY 2016. The 2016 round of CLG grant applications has now been opened by the New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources.

Discussion

At its meeting on March 3, 2016, the Heritage Commission discussed possible projects that would be appropriate for the 2017 CLG grant round, including hiring a consultant to prepare an application to put the Gas Holder building on the National Register of Historic Places. The Gas Holder building was added to the New Hampshire Preservation Alliance's "*Seven to Save*" listing in 2013, and has been the subject of much interest in the community.

After discussion, the Heritage Commission voted unanimously to seek authorization from the City Council to submit an application for a CLG grant to be utilized for preparation of an application to place the Gas Holder building on the National Register of Historic Places.

There is no local match required for this grant.