

State Historic Preservation Office Grant Historic Preservation Enhancement Grant

Synopsis:

The City Plan Department hope to apply to the State Historic Preservation Office for a Historic Preservation Enhancement Grant of \$20,000. The goal of the grant is to study possibilities for adaptive reuse in the River Street District, as well as other similar districts facing the similar combination of issues: remediation of contaminated land, adaptation to flood risks, and rehabilitation of historic resources. The process will consist of hiring a consultant to conduct an economic feasibility study on potential reuse models, as well as engaging local stakeholders in assessing needs and desires for the area. The public engagement processes will help shape the City's next comprehensive plan, as well as future planning processes in the area. The project will provide a set of models and practices that can be used in planning for future areas with similar conditions: historic importance, deteriorating physical conditions, and flood risk. The deliverable of this project is This grant will help fund a feasibility study focusing on adaptive uses of historic resources, estimation of rehabilitation costs, cleanup regulations and costs, and adaptation to flood-related risks. The study's conclusions will be used to develop design guidelines, financial mechanisms, stewardship, and PPP agreements, and community outreach strategies to design, support, and actualize the revival of the River Street NRD.

Budget: Total amount: \$20,000

- Consultant fees (conduct study)- \$15,000
- Printing and copying- \$1,000
- Translation- \$1,000
- Compensation for participation in community workshops- \$3,000
- This grant does not require a match.

Key Dates:

- August 5, 2020: Application review by SHPO
- By September 31, 2020: Finalize hiring of a consultant firm
- By October 31, 2020: Notify and present the project in the relevant city commissions and community management teams
- By March 31, 2021: Consultants complete a full draft of the study report after conducting community engagement process as will be decided with key stakeholders. The report will be posted for public comments for 30 days.
- By May 30, 2021: Finalize the study report based on public comments and publish in different online platforms.
- By June 30, 2021: Publish RFQ based on the report aiming to get competitive proposals for the redevelopment of different sites within the River St NRHD and its surrounding area.