

WISCONSIN CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROGRAM

Local historic preservation programs and commissions represent a commitment to identifying and preserving historic places. These places help convey local identity and sense of place. Preserving such places celebrates what make communities unique and provides a foundation to build upon. This commitment is key to Wisconsin's ability to preserve, protect, and increase awareness of our state's unique cultural heritage.



What is a Certified Local Government (CLG)?

A CLG is a city, village, county, or town that has been certified by the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and the Department of the Interior to meet these basic criteria:

- ▶ Establishes Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) by local ordinance.
- ▶ Complies with state and local legislation for the designation and protection of historic properties.
- ▶ Maintains a system of survey and inventory of local historic resources.
- ▶ Provides public participation in the local historic preservation program.

Wisconsin Requirements for Certified Local Governments

The CLG must adhere to all federal and state requirements of the program. The SHPO has established these additional requirements:

- ▶ A CLG enacts and enforces a historic preservation ordinance that regulates historic property.
- ▶ A CLG provides an annual report to the SHPO on HPC activities.
- ▶ A CLG sends copies of meeting minutes and agendas to the SHPO following each HPC meeting.
- ▶ Local preservation ordinance shall not allow property owners to opt-out of local historic designation.
- ▶ Local historic designation shall not require owner consent.
- ▶ HPC review of proposed repairs / alternations shall not be advisory.

What is a Historic Preservation Commission?

Local commissions are empowered to designate historic properties per ordinance and to administer design review for these properties. Wisconsin Act 176 allows property owners to appeal HPC decisions to the city council, town board or county board.

What is a Locally Designated Historic Property?

A building, structure, object, district, or site that meets the criteria in the local preservation ordinance as a significant historic or cultural resource with a connection to local history.

What is a Certificate of Appropriateness (COA)?

A record of decision issued by a HPC to affirm the appropriateness of proposed plans for alteration, demolition, or new construction.

How are CLG grant projects funded?

CLGs are eligible for grant funding from the SHPO for historic preservation planning projects. Eligible projects include surveys, nominations, plans and design guidelines, and educational programming. CLG communities can apply for no-match grants. In the past five years, the SHPO granted \$535,890 to 32 different projects.



FOR ADDITIONAL RESOURCES AND SERVICES:
WWW.WISCONSINHISTORY.ORG/HP/ABOUT.ASP

This data summarizes information from Annual Reports submitted by Certified Local Governments (CLGs) for 2021 and from Grant Awards issued from 2017-2021.

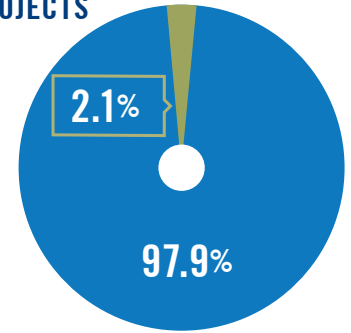
Annual reporting is a requirement of the CLG Program. Wisconsin has 73 participating CLGs.



2021 STATEWIDE CLG STATISTICS

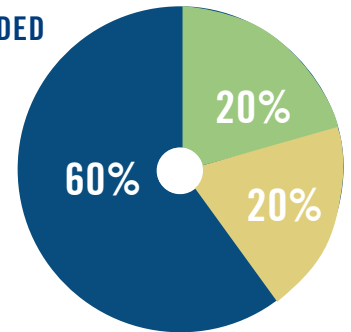
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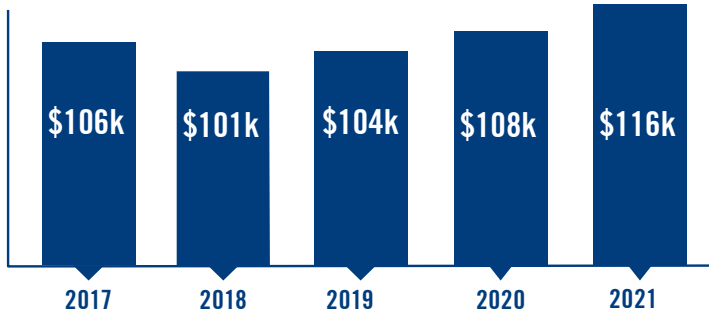


CLG GRANTS AWARDED

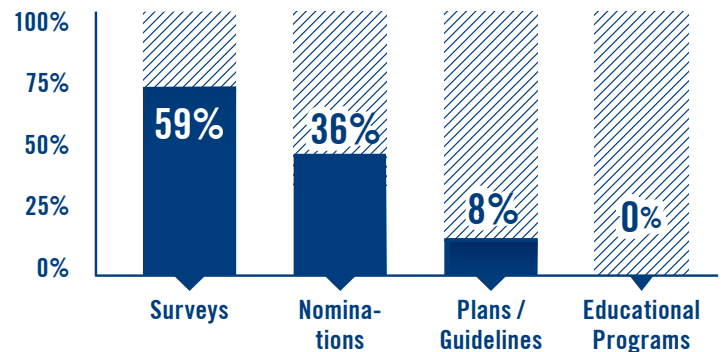
Surveys
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5-YR GRANT FUNDING TO CLGs



5-YR CLG GRANT AWARDS



CITY OF ALLOUEZ MAKES MOST OF THEIR CLG STATUS

► CLG community since 2011

In 2013, the City of Allouez in Brown County received CLG grant funding to conduct a survey of the entire community. The survey identified thirteen individually eligible properties and three historic districts. Since then, the City has received additional CLG grant awards to nominate four individual properties and the three historic districts to the National Register of Historic Places, making a total of 104 properties in the city that are eligible to apply for historic tax credits.

VILLAGE OF BANGOR DESIGNATES DOWNTOWN DISTRICT

► CLG community since 2016

The Village of Bangor in La Crosse County received CLG grant funding to nominate their commercial downtown to the National Register of Historic Places. Nineteen buildings in the district now have an additional reinvestment option in the form of historic tax credits.

WISCONSIN CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

► wihist.org/CLG

The Wisconsin SHPO provides training and assistance to CLGs as well as a competitive subgrant program to fund preservation projects in CLG communities.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION TRAINING

► wihist.org/hpc-training

The Wisconsin SHPO provides a comprehensive training module for HPC members covering best practices, commission review processes and procedures, and local historic preservation policies.

APPLY FOR A CLG SUBGRANT

► wihist.org/Subgrant

Grants to CLG communities are awarded on an annual basis. Eligibility, criteria, and application packets are available online.