

Applicants for grant assistance must provide responses to the categorical evaluation criteria AND the Administrative Priorities in their grant proposals. Both sets of evaluation criteria and the Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) grant program guidelines are being provided for public review and comment. Please provide any comments to the DHPA Grants Staff by Monday, April 8, 2024. All public comments received will be presented at the meeting of the State Historic Preservation Review Board on April 17, 2024.

All public comments must be received in writing. Send comments by e-mail to skennedy@dnr.IN.gov, or by mail to DHPA Grants Staff, 402 W. Washington St., Room W274, Indianapolis, IN 46204.

DRAFT FY2025 ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL PRIORITIES
(Proposed changes are indicated in **bold type** or ~~strikethrough~~)

Instructions: Provide complete but concise answers for each of the priority statements below. Please be as specific as possible in your answers and explain exactly how the proposed project will meet the priority issues. Most projects will adequately address one or more priorities, while only partially addressing others, and will be scored accordingly. No project will address every priority statement. When a proposed project does not address a specific priority, mark “NA” as the response.

If you are combining several products into one application (more than one National Register nomination, a nomination and a publication, or some combination of other products, etc.), the DHPA recommends that you contact the Grants Staff to determine if the products bundled together in your proposal are an appropriate combination or should be separated into different proposals. Note that combining unrelated products into one application can adversely affect a proposal’s score and likelihood for funding.

NOTE: Rehabilitation and construction-related activities are NOT eligible under this category. Projects proposing rehabilitation must be submitted as an Acquisition and Development Proposal.

Max.

Score: Priority will be given to:

20 pts 1. Projects that will assist the DHPA in carrying out its responsibilities regarding National Register, Section 106, and/or other federal preservation programs or state statute issues, or promoting public awareness and understanding of preservation through educational programs. *Examples of projects that meet this priority include National Register historic district nominations, or public education programs that reach a widespread or critical audience. This priority is for the DHPA to evaluate and does not require an answer.*

16 pts 2. Projects that will produce National Register nominations for commercial or residential historic districts that have been recently determined eligible for the National Register of Historic Places in DHPA-sponsored or reviewed surveys. *Please note that nominations for individual properties ordinarily are NOT considered for funding. Describe the geographic boundaries and temporal limits of the historic district, and provide a justification for the delineation of its boundaries. Cite the city or county survey in which the historic district was documented (if any), and offer some justification for why the district is to be nominated to the National Register. The DHPA has selected districts in counties that are under-represented in the National Register in order to encourage nominations in these areas. These districts are listed in “Historic Districts Targeted for National Register Nomination.” Applications that propose to nominate districts on the target list will receive twenty (20) points. Applications that propose to nominate districts that are NOT on this list will receive a maximum of sixteen (16) points.*
If a proposed district:

- Has NEVER been previously identified, either by a county survey, a Section 106 project, or by DHPA staff; OR
 - Was identified more than five (5) years ago;
- The applicant MUST provide written verification of the district's National Register eligibility from the DHPA National Register staff. See Appendix E in the application instructions packet.

- 16 pts 3. Projects that have as their primary purpose efforts to promote financial reinvestment in National Register-listed properties through the preparation of feasibility studies, historic structure reports, or plans and specifications for future rehabilitation projects, or that will provide some form of needed technical assistance. *Describe how and when the products created under this project will be utilized at a later date, such as in a planned rehabilitation project.*
- 16 pts 4. Projects that will result in preparation of documents that will help communities and local historic preservation commissions advance their local preservation efforts, such as municipal preservation plans and local historic district design guidelines. *Describe the expected parts or content of the documents to be created, how the public will be invited to participate and give input, how the documents will be used or implemented, and how the public will be able to access them when finalized.*
- 16 pts 5. Projects that have as their primary purpose efforts to promote public awareness and knowledge of historic places and preservation. *Explain how the project will promote historic places and preservation in Indiana and identify the audience and geographic areas that will be targeted by such efforts. Products may include but are not limited to educational materials or opportunities, conferences, workshops, or preservation-related training. Scoring will take into consideration projects that are innovative, incorporate accessible technologies, target a broad audience, and include planned Preservation Month activities.*
- 12 pts 6. Projects that will contribute to meeting the State's preservation goals and objectives. *Refer to the goal, objective, and strategy statements listed in the Indiana's Cultural Resources Management Plan, which is available on-line at: <https://www.in.gov/dnr/historic-preservation/files/hp-indiana-cultural-resources-management-plan-2020-2026.pdf>. Describe how the proposed project will help meet the State's identified goals, objectives, and strategies for preservation of cultural resources.*
- 12 pts 7. Projects that will make a significant effort to include under-represented communities and/or minority or disadvantaged groups (in terms of ethnic background, language, culture, religion, socio-economic conditions, gender, etc.). *Describe how the minority or disadvantaged groups will participate or be included as project partners, co-sponsors, or sources of information, and/or how they will benefit from the grant product.*
- 12 pts 8. Projects whose primary focus is on resources associated with current or historic under-represented communities and/or minority or disadvantaged groups (in terms of ethnic background, language, culture, religion, socio-economic conditions, gender, etc.). *Describe how the resource(s) is/are considered minority or disadvantaged (historically or currently), how the project relates to the minority or disadvantaged status of the resource(s), and how the resource(s) will benefit from the project.*

120 Points Possible

Historic Districts Targeted for National Register Nomination

Many historic districts that have been identified through the Indiana Historic Sites and Structures Inventory program remain unlisted in the National Register. These are districts that have been identified by DHPA staff in counties that are under-represented in the National Register. Many of these are commercial districts, which may have properties that can benefit from the Federal government's Rehabilitation Investment Tax Credit, if listed. Owners in residential districts may be able to take advantage of other state or federal incentives. Please note that final boundaries of all historic district nominations, including those on this list, must be established in consultation with the DHPA.

Eligible Historic Districts in Certified Local Government Communities

<u>County</u>	<u>Name of District(s)</u>
Montgomery	East Main Street Historic District, Crawfordsville
St. Joseph	Altgeld-Victoria Historic District, South Bend Erksine Park Historic District, South Bend
Warrick	Newburgh Residential Historic District
Wayne	Grand Boulevard Historic District, Richmond Richmond Bungalow and Cottage Historic District Richmond South Side Historic District

Eligible Historic Districts

<u>County</u>	<u>Name of District(s)</u>
Benton	Fowler Downtown Commercial Historic District Fowler Residential/Courthouse Historic District
Boone	East Washington Street Historic District, Lebanon Thorntown Historic District
Dekalb	North Main Street Historic District, Auburn Eckhart Library Historic District, Auburn
Dubois	Huntingburg Residential Historic District
Fayette	Connersville Residential Historic District
Gibson	Princeton Courthouse Square Historic District
Greene	Bloomfield Courthouse Square Historic District Worthington Commercial Historic District
Hamilton	Atlanta Historic District Arcadia Historic District Cicero Historic District
Henry	Lewisville Commercial District
Johnson	Franklin Northside Historic District Franklin Southside Historic District Franklin Eastside Historic District Franklin Westside Historic District

Knox	Bicknell Commercial Historic District
LaGrange	LaGrange Courthouse Square Historic District Spring-Michigan Historic District, LaGrange
Martin	Loogootee Commercial Historic District
Newton	Kentland Downtown Courthouse Historic District
Perry	City Hall Historic District, Tell City Tenth Street Historic District, Tell City
Pike	Petersburg Downtown Historic District
Starke	Knox Courthouse Square Historic District
Tipton	Tipton Courthouse Square Historic District
Vermillion	Newport Courthouse Square Historic District
Warren	Williamsport Courthouse Square Historic District
Wayne	Hagerstown Residential Historic District
White	Broadway Street Historic District, Monticello Southside Historic District, Monticello

APPENDIX E

REQUIREMENTS FOR DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR HISTORIC DISTRICT NATIONAL REGISTER NOMINATIONS

If the district being proposed for nomination was identified through the *Indiana Historic Sites and Structures Inventory* survey within the last five years, was determined eligible through a DHPA program area within the last five years, or is on the “Historic Districts Targeted for National Register Nomination” list, the applicant need not submit additional information for purposes of the grant application.

For proposed districts that HAVE NOT been previously identified or that were identified more than five (5) years ago, the following should be submitted to DHPA no later than **Friday, August 23, 2024** for an official determination of eligibility:

- A summary description (about a paragraph) of the overall district make-up, including architectural styles and types represented in the district. A brief discussion (a couple of sentences) of each area of significance being proposed.
- A map showing the proposed district boundary and photograph numbers with direction arrows. A map showing building footprints is preferred, but not required.
- For districts of fifty (50) resources or less:
 - Please include a proposed resource count;
 - Please include a photograph of each resource. Streetscape views showing several resources are preferred.
- For districts of more than fifty (50) resources:
 - Approximate number of resources;
 - Please include an estimated resource count (e.g., 65% contributing / 35% noncontributing);
 - Please include photographs that accomplish the following: good geographic coverage; good contributing/noncontributing coverage; good style/type and range of integrity coverage; a few photos showing resources immediately outside the district to convey boundary justification.

Once the information is received, staff will review and respond within fourteen (14) days as to the eligibility, whether additional information is needed, or if a site visit by DHPA staff is needed.

Upon review of the proposed district, DHPA staff will provide a written determination of eligibility or ineligibility.

HPF grant proposals to nominate districts that were not previously identified or were identified more than five years ago MUST include a copy of the written determination of eligibility as part of the grant application submittal.