

Why a CLG?

The Certified Local Government Program and Preservation in Your Community

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The Certified Local Government Program

The Goal of the CLG Program is Preservation Through Partnership

- Connects local, state, and federal Governments in a preservation partnership for the identification, evaluation and protection of historic properties

The CLG program is administered by the National Park Service (NPS) and the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO)

- In Florida, the Division of Historical Resources serves as the SHPO



What is a Certified Local Government?

CLGs are communities that have made historic preservation a public policy through passage of a **historic preservation ordinance** and the creation of a **historic preservation board**, and have **applied for certification** through the Florida Division of Historical Resources and the National Park Service.

By becoming a CLG, communities receive additional support for their historic preservation programs in the form of:

- Grant funding
- Training
- Technical assistance
- Networking with other historic preservationists involved in the CLG program

In addition, CLGs:

- Have a formal comment role on National Register nominations for properties located in their jurisdiction
- Review FEMA variances
- Conduct project reviews for Florida's local option property tax exemption program



What Does a CLG Do?

The Historic Preservation Board and City Staff of a CLG:

- **Identify and designate historic resources** in order to facilitate their protection under the local historic preservation ordinance
- **Conduct design review** of locally designated structures in order to prevent changes that negatively impact the historic character of historic properties
- **Educate** the public about historic preservation through educational materials, design guidelines, plaques and wayfinding signs, etc.
- **Maintain an ongoing system of survey** in order to facilitate further preservation efforts

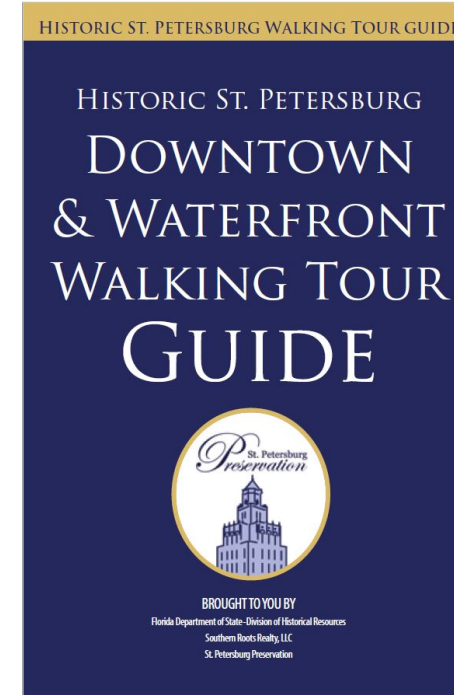
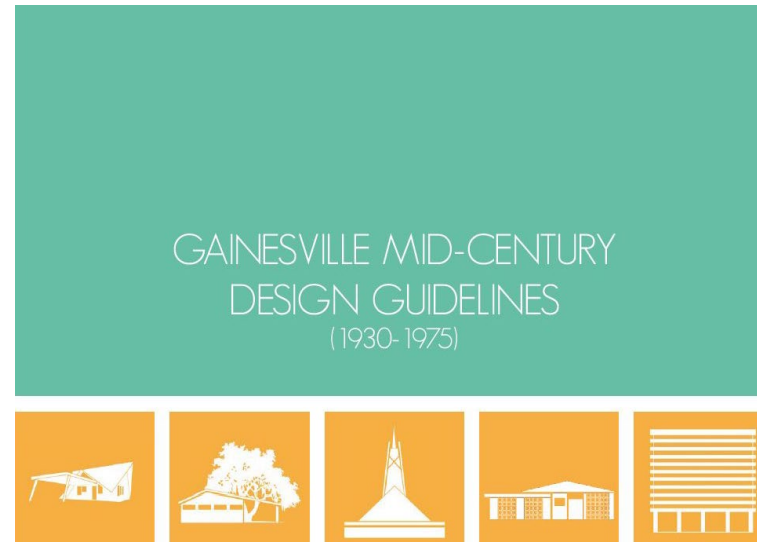
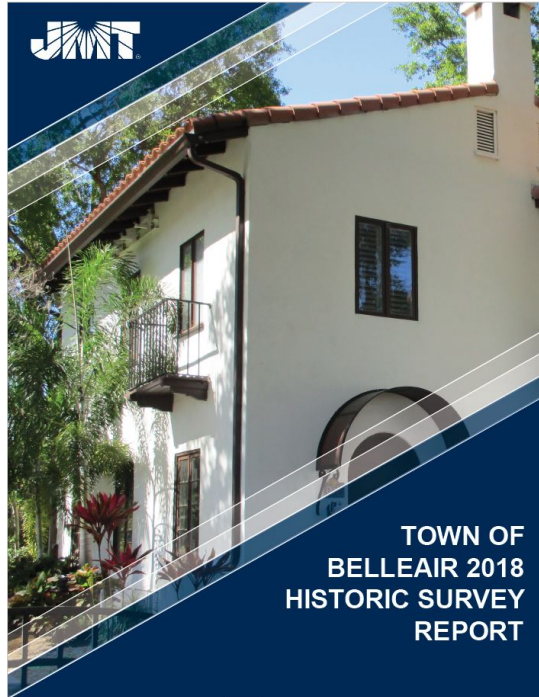


Benefits of CLG Status: Grants

- 10% of Florida's annual Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) allocation is reserved for CLGs
- \$50,000 maximum grant award
- Small Matching Grants:
 - Survey
 - National Register nominations
 - Planning
 - Educational materials
- Benefits of CLG Status:
 - Eligible for federal funding
 - Grants applicable to jurisdiction of CLG
 - Match requirement is waived



Florida CLG Grant Projects



CLGs and Small Matching Grants FY21



In 2020-2021 fiscal year:

- 17 CLG projects received small matching grant funds
- Total of \$709,000 of funding
 - \$118,250 Federal Funds
 - \$591,650 State Funds
- Project Breakdown:
 - Outreach, Education: 5
 - Survey: 5
 - Conditions Assessments: 1
 - Planning: 4
 - Design Guidelines: 2

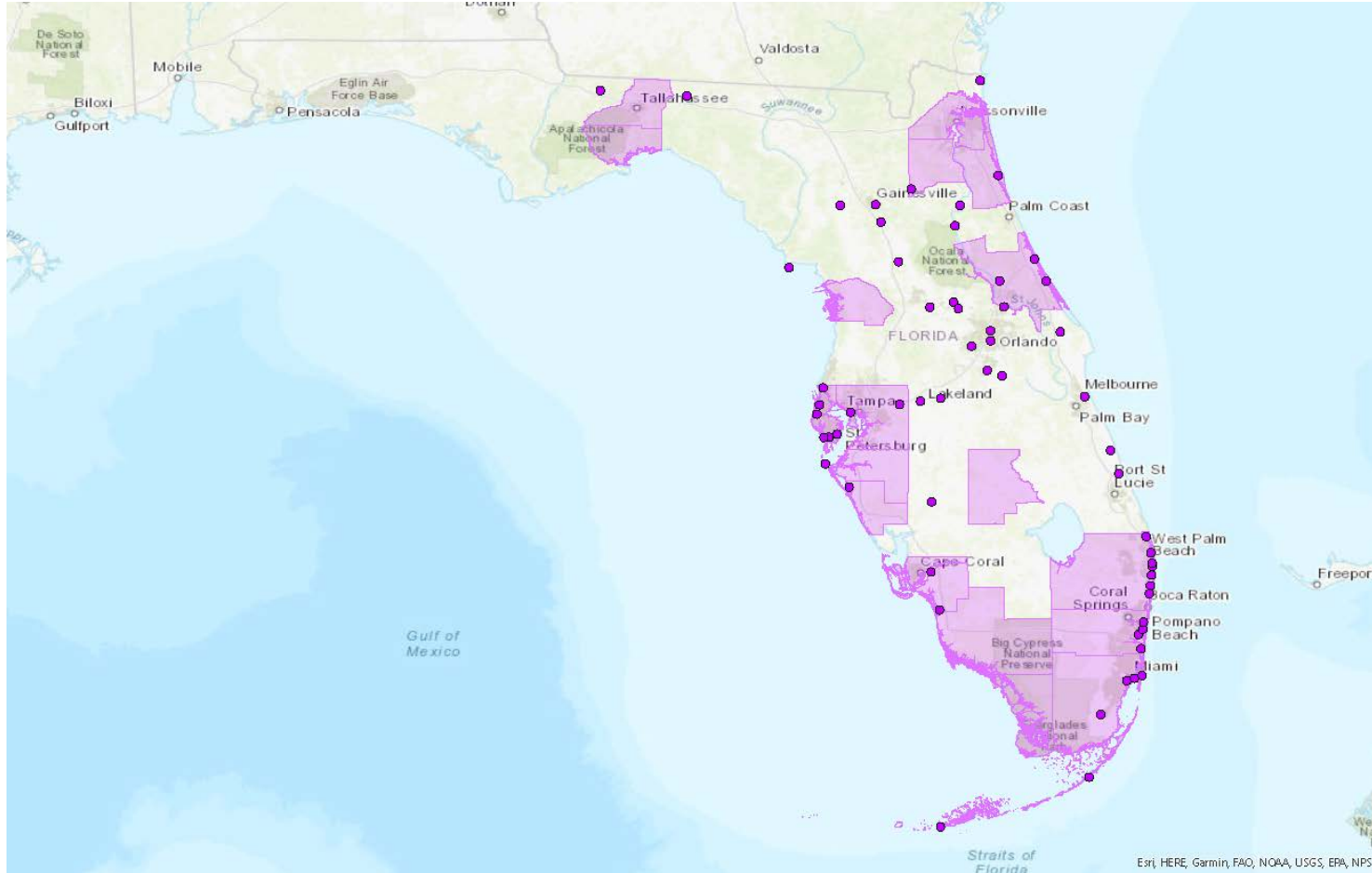


Benefits of CLG Status: Training

- Training for Historic Preservation Commissions and staff
 - **Regional Trainings**
 - Hosted by individual CLGs
 - Opportunity for networking and sharing of ideas
 - **On-Site Trainings**
 - Training designed to meet the specific needs and interests of CLG requesting training
 - **Webinars and Roundtables**



Benefits of CLG Status: Network of Support



- Network of 80 CLGs
- National Alliance of Preservation Commissions (NAPC) provides a national network



Benefits of CLG Status: National Register

- CLGs have a formal comment role on National Register nominations
 - Complements the Florida National Register Review Board
- CLGs review National Register nominations based upon completeness and assess if the nomination meets the listed criteria
- The local Commission reviews the nomination at a public hearing
- Both the CLG and the chief local official(s) forward their recommendation regarding the nomination proposal to the Florida SHPO (Florida CLG Guidelines Section C.4)
- National Register listed properties can qualify for Federal and local tax incentives



Benefits of CLG Status: FEMA Variances

- Historic structures, as defined by FEMA, can be granted variances from the substantial improvement requirements
 - Local Designations made by a Certified Local Government fall under FEMA's historic structure definition
- Variances can be issued as per 44 CFR 60.6(a)
- Allows communities to evaluate individual requests and place conditions on the variance to make historic buildings more resilient to flooding without affecting historic character, design or elevation
- Found in Section 6.5.1 of SI/SD Desk Reference



Substantial Improvement/ Substantial Damage Desk Reference

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Benefits of CLG Status: Local Tax Credit Programs

- Local ad valorem tax exemption program (F.S. 196.1997)
 - Allows local governments to adopt local ordinances allowing a property tax exemption
 - Exemption for up to 100% of the increase in assessed improvements resulting from an *approved rehabilitation of a qualified historic property*.
- Qualified properties include those listed in the National Register or designated by a local preservation ordinance.
- Work must be in accordance with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards.
- Applications for the property tax exemption are reviewed by the local preservation office in communities designated as a CLG. The Division of Historical Resources reviews applications in communities not designated as a CLG.



CLG Responsibilities

- Maintain a historic preservation ordinance
- Maintain an active HPB/HPC that meets at least four times per year
- Notify Division of Historical Resources of staffing changes and changes to board membership
- Submit minutes and agendas of the Historic Preservation Board/Commission
- Submit historic preservation ordinance amendments to SHPO for review
- Complete an annual report
- Participate in regular historic preservation training
- Review and comment on National Register nominations
- Maintain an active system of survey



Resources

CLG Program:

Florida Certified Local Government Guidelines

flheritage.com/CLG

Grants:

flheritage.com/grants

FEMA:

Substantial Improvement/Substantial Damage Desk Reference, FEMA, May 2010.

Tax Credits:

Further information and application forms can be found at:

flheritage.com/preservation/architectural-preservation-services

nps.gov/tps/taxincentives.htm

Economic Benefits of Preservation:

<https://www.nps.gov/subjects/historicpreservation/economic-impacts.htm>



Questions?



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