

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 Friday, April 15, 2016. All public comments received will be presented at the meeting of the State Historic Preservation Review Board on April 20, 2016.

All public comments must be received in writing. Send comments by fax to 317-232-0693, by e-mail to skennedy@dnr.IN.gov, or by mail to DHPA Grants Staff, 402 W. Washington St., Room W274, Indianapolis, IN 46204.

FY2017 ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL PRIORITIES
(Proposed changes are indicated in **bold type** or ~~strikethrough~~)

Note: Due to the transition of the Indiana Historic Sites and Structures Inventory (IHSSI) to electronic survey utilizing proprietary software, survey activities were removed from the competitive Architectural and Historical category in 2011, and are now funded through competitive cooperative agreements. Such cooperative agreements are funded through the HPF program and continue to be based on HPF funding ratios for survey (70/30) and the existing requirements for budgets, timetables, products, and data. Applicants seeking funding for survey activities should contact the DHPA Grants Staff.

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 and Section 106 and 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.*

20 pts 2. Projects that will produce National Register nominations for commercial or residential historic districts that have been recently identified 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 identified (if any), and offer some justification for why the district is to be nominated to the National Register. The DHPA has identified districts in counties that are under-represented in the*

National Register in order to encourage nominations in these areas. These identified districts are listed in “Historic Districts Targeted for National Register Nomination” and applications that propose to nominate new districts on the target list will receive twenty (20) points. Applications that propose to nominate identified 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 (such as in a county survey completed prior to ~~2010~~ 2011);*

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.

20 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.*

18 pts

4. Projects that will result in preparation of a Multiple Property Documentation Form (MPDF) for the National Register of Historic Places for a class of cultural resources in Indiana. *Describe the topic and its geographic boundaries and temporal limits. Projects that will prepare a MPDF for a class of resources MUST also nominate to the National Register a minimum of one (1) historic district or two (2) individual resources under the MPDF. In addition, the project should include creation of an illustrated two-page summary written for the general public and suitable for web posting. Please visit the National Park Service’s website for guidance on the structure, scope, and requirements of a successful Multiple Property Documentation Form:*

<http://www.nps.gov/history/nr/publications/bulletins/nrb16b/>

- *If a historic district or two or more individual resources that will be nominated to the National Register have been chosen, list them and provide a description of each. If any are determined ineligible in the course of the project, alternate resources must be chosen in consultation with DHPA staff.*
- *If a historic district or two or more individual resources that will be nominated to the National Register have NOT been identified at the time of the grant application, they must be chosen in consultation with the DHPA staff very early in the project timetable.*
- *Individual resources must still meet the National Register listing criteria.*

Topics from the “Multiple Property Documentation Form Priority List” will be given priority. Extra points will be given to projects that have large geographic limits and/or that include more than one (1) historic district or more than two (2) individual nominations.

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. Projects that are innovative, target a broad audience AND include and describe planned Preservation Month activities will receive higher scores, while projects with limited audiences and/or NO planned Preservation Month activities will receive lower scores. Please describe the products and/or events, and target audience in detail.*

12 pts

6. Projects that will make a significant contribution toward 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 for 2013 to 2019, which is available on-line at: <http://www.in.gov/dnr/historic/7290.htm>. Describe how the proposed project will help meet the State’s identified goals, objectives, and strategies for preservation of cultural resources.*

- 8 pts 7. Projects that involve documented historic cultural landscapes, such as through the preparation of a nomination to the National Register of Historic Places, preparation of a cultural landscape report, or creation of planning documents for future rehabilitation efforts. *Name the designer (if known) and describe: the various elements of the historic cultural landscape, the landscape's significance, its historical background, and the design principles that it illustrates. Explain how the project will protect the landscape, raise awareness of a class of landscapes, and/or assist the DHPA in evaluating the significance of a class of landscapes. Examples of the types of projects that would receive consideration under this criterion include but are not limited to: post-World War II suburban neighborhoods, farmstead layout and organization in 19th century Indiana, and cultural landscape reports for formally designed urban parks.*
- 6 pts 8. Projects that will make a significant effort to include minority or disadvantaged groups (in terms of ethnic background, language, culture, religion, socio-economic conditions, gender). *Describe how the minority or disadvantaged groups will participate or be included in the project as project partners, co-sponsors, or sources of information, and/or how they will benefit from the grant product.*
- 6 pts 9. Projects whose primary focus is on resources associated with current or historic minority or disadvantaged groups (in terms of ethnic background, language, culture, religion, socio-economic conditions, gender). *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.*

126 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 could benefit from federal and state rehabilitation tax credit incentives, if listed. There are a few residential districts where homeowners may take advantage of Indiana’s homeowner’s tax credit, if listed. **Due to the age of some surveyed districts, please consult DHPA if you require specific boundaries.**

New Historic District Nominations

<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 Thorntown Historic District
Cass	Riverside Historic District, Logansport
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 Oakland City Commercial 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
Jackson	Brownstown Courthouse Square Historic District
Johnson	Franklin Northside Historic District Franklin Southside Historic District Franklin Eastside Historic District Franklin Westside Historic District Greenwood Residential Historic District
Knox	Bicknell Commercial Historic District
LaGrange	LaGrange Courthouse Square Historic District Spring-Michigan Historic District
Martin	Loogootee Commercial Historic District

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Miami	Peru Courthouse Square Historic District Peru Eastside Historic District Peru Westside Historic District
Newton	Kentland Downtown Courthouse Historic District
Owen	Spencer Courthouse Square Historic District
Perry	City Hall Historic District, Tell City Tenth Street Historic District, Tell City
Pike	Petersburg Downtown Historic District
Ripley	Versailles Courthouse Square Historic District
Spencer	Rockport Commercial Historic District
Starke	Knox Courthouse Square Historic District
Sullivan	Sullivan Courthouse Square Historic District
Tipton	Tipton Courthouse Square Historic District
Vermillion	Newport Courthouse Square Historic District
Warren	Williamsport Courthouse Square Historic District
Warrick	Newburgh Residential Historic District
Wells	Bluffton Commercial Historic District
White	Broadway Street Historic District, Monticello Southside Historic District, Monticello

Historic District Nominations Needing Update or Revision

The list below includes currently listed historic districts for which the National Register documentation needs to be updated and/or revised. These districts were identified by DHPA staff through interaction with the Division’s Structures Review and Technical Assistance program areas; preservation activities in these districts have identified the need to update each entire nomination.

County	Name of District(s)
Franklin	Brookville Historic District
Knox	Vincennes Historic District
Vanderburgh	Downtown Evansville Multiple Resource Area (reconfigure into Multiple Property Documentation Form)

Multiple Property Documentation Form Priority List

The DHPA has identified the following topics as priorities for preparation of Multiple Property Documentation Forms (MPDF) **for the National Register of Historic Places**. Grant applications proposing to prepare **the MPDF for** one of the following should also plan to nominate a minimum of one (1) historic district or two (2) **individual** resources under the MPDF as part of the project. For National Park Service guidance on the structure and requirements of Multiple Property Documentation Forms, go to:
<http://www.nps.gov/history/nr/publications/bulletins/nrb16b/>.

- An update of the Evansville Multiple Resource Area (MRA) to the current standards of a MPDF, including updating the period of significance.
- An update of the current schools MPDF (“Indiana’s Public Common and High Schools, 1816-1945”) to 1970;
- Historic theaters, opera houses, and places of entertainment in Indiana (including drive-in theaters), c. 1840-1970;
- Mid-20th Century Commercial Architecture and Developments, 1945-1970;

Other MPDF topics may be considered. Please contact the DHPA staff to discuss potential projects that would benefit your community, county, or region.

APPENDIX E

REQUIREMENTS FOR DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR HISTORIC DISTRICT NATIONAL REGISTER NOMINATIONS

If the resource or 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 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 28, 2015~~ **August 26, 2016** 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 twenty-five (25) 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 twenty (25) 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.