



Memorandum

Memorandum No: 22-016

Date: February 10, 2022

To: Honorable Mayor and Commissioners

From: Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

Re: Certified Local Government Evaluation

The City of Fort Lauderdale has been a Certified Local Government (CLG) since 2010 and maintains a commitment to protect its historic resources and provide continuous improvement to historic preservation efforts. The City's CLG program has recently undergone an evaluation by the Florida Division of Historical Resources.

Florida is required to periodically evaluate CLGs per the requirements of the Federal *Historic Preservation Fund Grants Manual, Chapter 9 - Certified Local Governments*. Review is based on the information contained in annual reports and meeting minutes submitted to the Florida Division of Historical Resources during the period October 1, 2018, through September 30, 2021.

The purpose of the evaluation is to ascertain our community's adherence to the Florida CLG Guidelines as well as to identify areas in which the Division of Historical Resources can provide training and support. The evaluation process intends to result in a more effective CLG program.

Following this review, the City of Fort Lauderdale's CLG program is found to be in good standing, and the City of Fort Lauderdale remains eligible to apply for select Federal Historic Preservation Funds and for the CLG match waiver for small matching grants. Both are administered by the Florida Division of Historical Resources.

Since becoming a CLG, the City of Fort Lauderdale has received several grants to create the City's Historic Preservation Design Guidelines, several Architectural Resource Surveys, and provided funding to develop a Strategic Historic Preservation Fund.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Anthony Fajardo, Director of DSD at afajardo@fortlauderdale.gov.

Attachments: CLG in Good Standing Letter and Evaluation

C: Greg Chavarria, Assistant City Manager
Tarlesha W. Smith, Assistant City Manager
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February 4, 2022

Ms. Trisha Logan
City of Fort Lauderdale
700 Northwest 19th Avenue
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33311

Re: Fort Lauderdale Certified Local Government Evaluation

Dear Ms. Logan,

Your Certified Local Government program was recently evaluated by the Florida Division of Historical Resources. Florida is required to perform evaluations of its Certified Local Governments, per the requirements of the Federal *Historic Preservation Fund Grants Manual, Chapter 9- Certified Local Governments* and the Florida Certified Local Government Guidelines. Our review was based on the information contained in annual reports and meeting minutes submitted by your local government during the period October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2021.

Based on our evaluation (enclosed) your Certified Local Government is in good standing and currently meeting the requirements of the Florida Certified Local Government guidelines. Your historic preservation board and local government staff are to be commended for their continued efforts to preserve Florida's historic resources and for their active participation in the Certified Local Government program.

Please feel free to contact me at 850-245-6341 or mariah.justice@dos.myflorida.com if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mariah Justice".

Mariah Justice
Certified Local Government Coordinator

Enclosures



Florida CLG Program Community Evaluation October 1, 2018 – September 30, 2021

Pursuant to the Historic Preservation Fund Grants Manual Chapter 9, L.2 and the Florida CLG Guidelines C.2.b, the Florida State Historic Preservation Office is required to conduct a review, at least once every four years, of Certified Local Governments to assure that each government is meeting the requirements for certification. A notice preceding the evaluation was sent to your community on December 1, 2021. This evaluation is based upon the duties listed in the CLG Agreement, Section 3, as signed by your community upon initial certification.

LOCAL LEGISLATION

The current local legislation meets requirements of Florida CLG Guidelines B.1:

Yes
No

Comment: Current legislation meets all requirements.

Current historic preservation review Commission meets requirements of Florida CLG Guidelines B.2:

Yes
No

Comment: Commission has diverse background of expertise.

SYSTEM OF SURVEY

The community has established a process to identify historic properties within its jurisdiction:

Yes
No

Comment: Extensive and thorough system of survey.

Date of most recent survey or survey update:

2021

Meeting minutes and agendas received:

2018 - 2019 2020 - 2021
2019 - 2020

Comment: Very consistent sending these – thank you!

Minimum of four Commission meetings per year:

Yes
No

Comment: n/a

Ordinance amendments provided to SHPO for review and comment prior to adoption:

Yes
No
N/A

Comment: 2021 TDR amendments were not sent to SHPO prior to adoption. Thank you for attaching them to the annual report.

Last documented Commission training:

December 2019

Recent DHR grant awards:

2020 Parks and Rec Department – City of Fort Lauderdale Intensive Level Architectural Resource Surveys

DHR grant project(s) completed:

Yes
No

Comment: Completed and available to public

DEFICIENCIES AND ACTION ITEMS

Pursuant to the Historic Preservation Fund Grants Manual Chapter 9, L.4.a and the Florida CLG Guidelines C.2.h, if the Florida State Historic Preservation Office evaluation of the Certified Local Government determines an inadequate performance, the State Historic Preservation Office shall

document the inadequate performance and provide suggestions to improve performance within a specified time frame.

No Deficiencies Found

Deficiencies Noted

If deficiencies were noted, please find deficiency or deficiencies listed below along with suggested action and specified time frame in which to remedy each:

Deficiency	Action required	Date Action Due
n/a		

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Historic Preservation Design Guidelines are a great tool for defensible decision making by city staff and Board.

Historic Preservation Element of the 2020 Advance Fort Lauderdale Comprehensive Plan provides specific and achievable goals and policies for the city. Provides clear direction and makes preservation a priority for the community.

Website is very easy to use and provides a wealth of information on the city's preservation program. FAQ document is extremely helpful. Very transparent and helpful for residents – fantastic!

Please send future amendments to the HP ordinance to our office for review prior to adoption.

Wonderful work despite the immense challenges presented by the pandemic – a model CLG community.