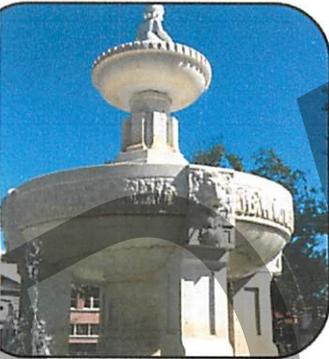
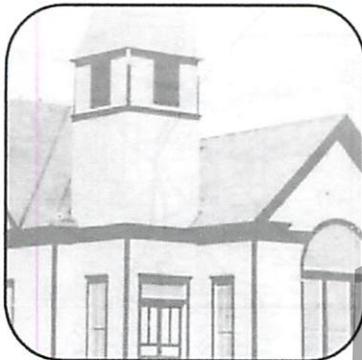


CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT

GRANT MANUAL AND APPLICATION ★ FISCAL YEAR 2017



APPLICATION DEADLINE:
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2016



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**Office for Equal Opportunity
National Park Service
1849 C Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20240**

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INTRODUCTION

Certified Local Government (CLG) grants provide funding to participating city and county governments to develop and sustain an effective local preservation program critical to preserving local historic resources. The Texas Historical Commission (THC), the state agency for historic preservation, administers the Texas CLG grant program utilizing federal funding it receives from the U.S. Department of Interior, National Park Service (NPS) Historic Preservation Fund Program. Under this program the NPS requires that at least ten percent (10%) of Texas' annual federal allocation be subgranted exclusively to participating Certified Local Governments (CLGs). The program serves as a great resource for participating county and city governments to offset the costs of self-sustaining preservation and planning-related projects. Currently, there are 73 CLGs in Texas. Contingent on resolution of the federal budget, we anticipate approximately \$120,000 to \$150,000 will be available for this round of grants.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Administration

Grants will be administered in accordance with the National Park Service Historic Preservation Fund Grant Manual, June 2007; Texas Administrative Code Title 13, Part 2, Chapter 15.6, *Rules and Procedures for Certified Local Governments*; and this manual.

Grant Period

The grant period is October 1, 2016 to September 30, 2018. Project planning, including drafting any applicable RFPs, may begin before your grant request is awarded and a grant contract signed, **however**, you cannot begin actual work or be reimbursed for costs incurred prior to submitting a signed grant contract to the THC. Despite the official grant period beginning October 1st, grants will be awarded in 2017 following funding notification from the National Park Service.

Application Package

The grant application form is included in this manual. A complete application submittal package consists of 1 unbound hard copy and 1 digital copy submitted via e-mail of the following documents:

- Application Form (with original signatures)
- Budget Worksheet (template is attached to the application form)
- Resume of Project Manager (City or County staff, and/or representative of the third party organization)
- Resumes of all outside consultants, contractors, and/or individuals responsible for project oversight (persons supervising grant projects must meet the Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualification Standards)*
- Any applicable cost estimates, maps, drawings, or photographs
- **Determination of Eligibility Statement**
 - Required for all National Register nomination grant requests
 - Required for all Construction/Development grant requests for properties not already listed on the National Register
 - Highly recommended for all Survey/Inventory projects

Visit <http://www.thc.texas.gov/preserve/projects-and-programs/national-register-historic-places/request-determination-eligibility> for instructions on how to request a Determination of Eligibility Statement.

* If the selection of the outside consultants, contractors, and/or individuals responsible for project oversight is pending the local selection process, the CLG shall submit resumes as soon as the selection process is complete.

Submittal Deadline A complete grant application package must be received **no later than 5 p.m. Monday, November 7, 2016.**

One electronic copy of the application must be submitted via e-mail and one printed copy must be delivered to:

HAND DELIVER OR COURIER SERVICE

Texas Historical Commission
Community Heritage Development Division
ATTN: Laura Camayd, Program Specialist
1304 Colorado Street
Austin, Texas 78701

U.S. MAIL

Texas Historical Commission
Community Heritage Development Division
ATTN: Laura Camayd, Program Specialist
PO Box 12276
Austin, Texas 78711-2276

WHO MAY APPLY

Only city or county governments, and state recognized Native American Tribes that have been individually "certified" by the National Park Service **before** November 7, 2016 are eligible to apply for CLG grants. Refer to <http://www.thc.texas.gov/preserve/projects-and-programs/certified-local-government/certified-local-government-communities> for a complete list of all CLGs in Texas. **The THC reserves the right to deem applications from CLG communities that are not in compliance with the Certification Agreement to be ineligible.** Those CLGs which have not applied previously for assistance are strongly encouraged to apply. A CLG may submit more than one grant application; however a separate application package must be submitted for each project request.

The following entities may also be eligible:

- An organization such as a non-CLG city or another unit of local government, a commercial firm, a non-profit entity or educational institution that has administrative capabilities that comply with applicable federal standards and has been delegated as a third-party to administer the grant on behalf of the CLG. The contributed services of the third party to the CLG may be counted toward the matching share requirements of the grant. A representative from the third party must sign the grant application and grant contract in addition to the CLG representative and the CLG's chief elected official.

ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

Activities eligible for CLG grant funding must be tied to the statewide comprehensive preservation planning process. A copy of the THC's Statewide Preservation Plan can be found at: <http://www.thc.texas.gov/preserve/projects-and-programs/texas-statewide-preservation-plan> as well as in the grant application. In an effort to encourage local governments to develop and sustain an effective local preservation program critical to preserving local historic resources, **priority for funding shall be given to those projects that directly relate to the following work categories:**

- Architectural, historical, archeological surveys/inventories and oral histories
- Preparation of nominations to the National Register of Historic Places
- Preparation of a local preservation plan
- Writing or amending a preservation ordinance
- Development of local design guidelines
- Research and development of a local preservation incentive program
- Travel/training expenses for hosting a regional preservation-related workshop

The above list should not dissuade an applicant from applying for assistance towards other eligible projects such as:

- Development of educational publications and activities, slide shows, videos, web sites, etc.
- Development of publication of walking/driving tours

- Development of architectural drawings and specifications
- Preparation of facade studies or condition assessments
- Rehabilitation or restoration of properties individually listed in the National Register of Historic Places or contributing to a National Register historic district
- Training expenses for individual commission members and staff

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS STANDARDS

To ensure that appropriate historical, architectural, archeological and cultural properties are identified for public benefit through grant-in-aid assistance, persons supervising grant projects must be professionally qualified in accordance with 36CFR61. The Professional Qualification Standards can be found here:

https://www.nps.gov/history/local-law/arch_stnds_9.htm

SECTION 106

CLG Grants are funded with federal monies and require a formal Section 106 Review by the THC. This review will take place following the grant awards. Failure to obtain a review will result in forfeiture of the CLG Grant. The CLG State Coordinator will provide additional guidance once the grants are awarded. Additional information regarding Section 106 Review is available from the THC and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation.

MATCHING FUNDS

Proposed projects are required to provide a local match for grant monies budgeted on a one-to-one (dollar for dollar) match equal to a 50-50 ratio for the total cost of the project. The local match may be any combination of cash and verifiable in-kind services. Projects may utilize all or partial match of verifiable in-kind services and/or goods as long as the local match equals a 50-50 ratio for the total cost of the project. In order to maximize the limited CLG grant funds, the **THC may give preference to applications demonstrating a higher cash match.** The THC reserves the right to waive the local match requirements, in full or part, at its sole discretion. The THC also reserves the right to fund grant requests in part or in full based on the review criteria outlined in the application, and the amount of federal funding available.

Only non-federal monies may be used as a match, with the exception of Community Development Block Grants. All projects shall comply with federal requirements for state and local financial responsibility as stipulated in the Texas Administrative Code Title 13, Part 2, Chapter 15.6, *Rules and Procedures for Certified Local Governments*.

In extending this grant opportunity to your project, THC assumes the responsibility for ensuring that public money will be spent appropriately and with the maximum effectiveness. The THC is held accountable by the NPS for compliance with all applicable federal laws and regulations.

APPLICATION REVIEW PROCESS

Upon the receipt of applications and supporting materials, an interdisciplinary committee of agency staff will score each application based on the criteria specified on the application form. The scoring committee will make a funding recommendation to the Texas Historical Commission at the January Quarterly Meeting to fund the maximum number of projects based on the federal funding THC receives from the U.S. Department of Interior, National Park Service (NPS) Historic Preservation Fund Program. All applicants will be notified of the THC's decision.

GRANT TIMELINE

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| September 2016 | Applications for the FY2017 CLG grant period are made available. |
| November 7, 2016 | A signed and complete application package, including all supporting materials, must be received by the THC no later than 5 p.m. on Monday, November 7, 2016. |
| November 2016 | Review of applications by an interdisciplinary committee of THC staff. |

- January 2017** Final award decisions made by the Texas Historical Commission at its Quarterly Meeting. All applicants are contacted by mail, and phone or email regarding the THC's decision.
- February 2017*** THC sends preliminary notification to grant recipients that will include a request for a revised/amended project scope of work and budget (if applicable). Once the scope of work and budget are agreed upon by the CLG and THC, the grant contract will be sent to the CLG for signatures.
- April 2017*** Deadline for submittal of signed contracts. Project planning, including drafting any applicable RFPs, may begin before your grant request is awarded and a grant contract signed, **however**, you cannot begin actual work or be reimbursed for costs incurred prior to submitting a signed grant contract to the THC. Grantees shall submit status reports indicating the project status to the THC as requested during the grant period.
- September 30, 2018** Deadline for the completion of all work eligible for reimbursement.
- October 31, 2018** Deadline for the submittal of final reimbursement requests for all eligible work completed **no later than September 30, 2018**. The final 25 percent (25%) of the grant award will be retained until certification of the completed project and receipt of the Completion Report.

*Subject to change based on availability of federal funds

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PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

- A) GRANT ORIENTATION. The project manager, fiscal manager, and anyone else who will be significantly involved with the grant-funded project shall participate in a CLG grant orientation coordinated by the THC. The purpose of the orientation is to review project-specific requirements, expectations for project deliverables, important deadlines and milestones, and reimbursement procedures. The orientation requirement may be waived at the sole discretion of the THC.
- B) GRANT CONTRACT. The grant contract will specify the scope of work, timetable for completion, and an estimated budget. The agreement shall be signed jointly by the State Historic Preservation Officer, the CLG's chief elected official, and a representative from the third party organization, if applicable, prior to commencement of project work. Three copies of the grant contract will be sent, two copies with original signatures shall be returned to the THC, while the third copy is retained for the CLG's records. Failure to submit any or all of this documentation by the required deadlines may cause the requested grant monies to revert back to the THC.
- C) PRESERVATION EASEMENT. The recordation of a Preservation Easement will be required for all construction and certain other projects prior to the commencement of any work.
- D) PROJECT REVIEW. THC staff routinely reviews projects to monitor progress and provide assistance. Each CLG is required to provide the THC with status reports on each project funded as requested. The CLG shall also submit project deliverable drafts.
- E) REIMBURSEMENT PROCEDURE. Eligible project expenditures incurred on a one-to-one (dollar for dollar) basis up to a 50-50 ratio of the total project cost shall be reimbursed to the CLG. Documentation of eligible expenditures exceeding the grant award should be submitted and may be reimbursed based on the availability of federal funding. Interim reimbursement requests during the grant period are permitted. THC will retain 25 percent (25%) of the total grant award until certification of the completed project.
- F) FINAL DELIVERABLES AND PROJECT COMPLETION REPORT. Draft copies of all expected items generated by the grant project, including printed materials, completed survey forms, photographic materials and final reports, must be submitted to the THC for review and approval. Final products must be submitted to the THC **no later than October 31, 2018**. All projects must submit a Completion Report before the project is considered complete.

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**CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUBGRANT
FISCAL YEAR 2017 GRANT APPLICATION FORM**

Deadline for submission is November 7, 2016

Please fill out this section completely and use only the space provided below.
Handwritten applications will not be accepted.

NAME OF PROPOSED PROJECT: PREPARATION OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER NOMINATIONS FOR TWO COMAL COUNTY PROPERTIES: ANHALT HALLE AND THE ARNOLD-RAUCH-BRANDT HOMESTEAD

CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT NAME: Comal County

THIRD PARTY NAME (IF APPLICABLE):

CONTACT INFORMATION:		Project Manager	Fiscal Manager
Organization Name	Comal County Historical Commission		Comal County
Contact Person	Karen Boyd		Jessie Rahe, Comal County Interim Auditor
Address	189 E. Camp St.		150 N. Seguin Ave.
City State Zip	New Braunfels Texas 78130	New Braunfels Texas 78130	
Telephone Fax	830-625-1619	830-221-1200	830-620-5592
Email	Bboyd3@satx.rr.com		raheje@co.comal.tx.us

Historic Preservation Officer,
Chair of Local Commission, or
CLG Representative

POLITICAL CONTACTS:		CLG Representative	City Mayor or County Judge
Contact Person	Karen Boyd, Chairman and HPO, Comal CHC		Comal County Judge Sherman Krause
Address	189 E. Camp St.		150 N. Seguin Ave.
City State Zip	New Braunfels Texas 78130	New Braunfels Texas 78130	
Telephone Fax	830-625-1619	830-221-1105	830-620-5380
Email	Bboyd3@satx.rr.com		krause@co.comal.tx.us

FUNDING REQUEST:

Grant Funds Requested:	\$10,000	Matching Funds:	\$10,000	Total Project Cost:	\$20,000
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PROPOSED PROJECT TYPE (check one that applies):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Archeological Project | <input type="checkbox"/> Research & Development |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation Planning Project | <input type="checkbox"/> Education & Outreach |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Register Nomination(s) ¹ | <input type="checkbox"/> Design Guidelines |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Survey/Inventory Project | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic Preservation Plan or Element/Chapter of Comprehensive Plan | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Construction/Development Project ² | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation Training ³ | |

¹ Applications submitted without THC Determination of Eligibility will not be reviewed

² Property must be listed or deemed eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places

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³ *Priority given to CLGs hosting regional preservation-related workshop*

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FY 2017 Grant Application Narrative Template

NAME OF PROPOSED PROJECT: PREPARATION OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER NOMINATIONS FOR TWO COMAL COUNTY PROPERTIES: ANHALT HALLE AND THE ARNOLD-RAUCH-BRANDT HOMESTEAD

CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT NAME: COMAL COUNTY

THIRD PARTY NAME (IF APPLICABLE):

Each CLG will be reviewed for overall performance in adequately fulfilling its annual responsibilities of the CLG program and to the equitable statewide distribution of funds overall. **Higher consideration will be given to CLGs in good standing meeting reporting and training requirements**, CLGs that have successfully completed a grant, and new CLGs receiving certification within the last two fiscal years.

In 3 pages or less, clearly and concisely provide a typewritten description of the proposed project as it relates to items 1 through 3 below using the following section headings. Applications will be scored based on the criteria specified under each of the three section headings. Please provide any attachments separately.

1. PROJECT SUMMARY (15 POINTS TOTAL).

Summarize in a paragraph the overall purpose of the proposed project. A more detailed description will be completed under Project Scope. Also indicate how long the CLG has been in the program; if the CLG is current in its annual program requirements; and if the CLG has received a previous grant within the past two (2) years.

See attached

2. PROJECT SCOPE (70 POINTS TOTAL).

Indicate the relationship of the proposed project to defined preservation needs or issues in the local community and its relevance to the established local preservation program. Explain the goals of the project and how those goals will be accomplished. Describe how the project will advance local preservation efforts and have a lasting effect on the community. Define the resources needed and secured to accomplish the project. Explain how the project will impact the current and future residents of the community and enhance the local preservation ethic. Be sure to answer each of the following sections outlined below within the Project Scope narrative.

- **PROJECT NEED (15 points):** Does the application demonstrate a clear understanding of the identified preservation need? Is the need relevant to the local government's preservation program? How necessary are CLG funds in order to accomplish the proposed project? How does the project benefit the community? Is the stated need verifiable with documented factual information?

See attached

- **PROJECT OBJECTIVES (15 Points):** What activities will be necessary to complete the proposed project? How effective does the proposed project address the identified needs? Are the project objectives quantifiable? Who will be responsible for doing the work and were resumes provided? Is the proposed timeline or schedule reasonable?

See attached

- **SIGNIFICANCE AND IMPACT (15 Points):** Does the project involve a threatened or potentially threatened resource? Will the project result in a National Register nomination or Survey/Inventory? Does the project directly address a deficiency in the local preservation program? Does the project address or benefit an underrepresented group within the community? How well will the project develop historic contexts or educate and inform broad sectors of the public?

See attached

- **BUDGET AND COST EFFECTIVENESS (15 Points):** Is the proposed budget consistent with the planned objectives? Are the costs reasonable and sufficient to successfully accomplish the project? What is the applicant source and commitment of matching funds? Does the application clearly indicate how all of these figures were calculated? Is the proposed project the most cost effective way of addressing those needs?

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- **PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT AND DELIVERABLES (10 Points):** How will the public be involved in the proposed project? How will this project enhance the local preservation ethic?

See attached

3. **STATEWIDE COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLANNING PROCESS (15 Points Total):**

CLG funded projects should meet at least one of the goals outlined in the THC's Statewide Preservation Plan. Please select the Statewide Preservation Plan Goals addressed by your project and explain how they are addressed. It is not necessary for your project to address all the goals listed in the Statewide Preservation Plan.

- SURVEY AND ONLINE INVENTORY:** Texans undertake a comprehensive survey to document the state's diverse historic and cultural resources resulting in a publicly accessible online inventory.
- EMPHASIZE CULTURAL LANDSCAPES:** Preservation practices are enhanced by emphasizing cultural landscapes.
- IMPLEMENT POLICIES AND INCENTIVES:** Cities, counties and the state implement preservation policies and incentives to effectively manage historic assets.
- LEVERAGE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TOOLS FOR PRESERVATION:** Communities leverage preservation-based and traditional economic development tools to revitalize historic areas.
- LEARN AND EXPERIENCE HISTORY THROUGH PLACE:** Texas residents and guests learn and experience the state's diverse history through formal education, recreation, and everyday interactions with historic places.
- CONNECT PRESERVATION TO RELATED FIELDS:** Preservation is connected and integrated into related fields and activities, building a broader, stronger, and more diverse community.
- CULTIVATE POLITICAL COMMITMENT:** Political commitment is cultivated for historic preservation.
- BUILD CAPACITY OF PRESERVATION COMMUNITY:** The existing preservation community develops its capacity to function more effectively and efficiently.

Please summarize how your project addresses the goals selected above:

See attached

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS - By checking below the applicant acknowledges:

- One electronic copy of this request must be received via email by the Texas Historical Commission no later than 5 p.m. on Monday, November 7, 2016 in order to be considered.
- One signed hard copy of this request must be received (hand delivered, US Mail, UPS, FedEx, etc) by the Texas Historical Commission no later than 5 p.m. on Monday, November 7, 2016 in order to be considered.
- Consideration for funding is based on the demonstrated need, a compelling explanation of how the expanded project scope of work will benefit the CLG, and the applicant's ability to match the funds being requested.
- Commencement of grant-funded work may not begin prior to receipt of a signed grant contract between the THC and the grantee, and participation in a grant orientation meeting.
- Verified by the signature below, the chief elected official of the CLG is aware of this application and supports the proposed project.
- For requests involving construction projects, the property owner will be required to file a preservation easement for the property that will run with the land for a specific period of time based upon the amount of the final grant award.
- The applicant hereby acknowledges that the information provided on this application is accurate to the best of their knowledge.

APPLICANT'S CERTIFICATION:

SIGNATURE: _____ TITLE: _____ DATE: _____

HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER OR CLG REPRESENTATIVE'S CERTIFICATION: Only applicable if the "applicant" is a third party designee.

SIGNATURE: _____ TITLE: _____ DATE: _____

CHIEF ELECTED OFFICIAL CERTIFICATION: Application must be signed by the chief elected official of the CLG (e.g. Mayor or Judge) or chief administrative official (e.g. City Manager).

SIGNATURE: _____ TITLE: _____ DATE: _____

CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUBGRANT
FY 2017 Grant Budget Worksheet

NAME OF PROPOSED PROJECT: PREPARATION OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER NOMINATIONS FOR THREE COMAL COUNTY PROPERTIES: ANHALT HALLE, ARNOLD-RAUCH-BRANDT HOMESTEAD AND ST. JOSEPH'S AT HONEY CREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH

CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT NAME: COMAL COUNTY

THIRD PARTY NAME (IF APPLICABLE):

BUDGET ITEM	GRANT FUNDS	LOCAL CASH (source)	LOCAL IN-KIND (source)	TOTAL COSTS
\$20,000 Labor, travel-related expenses and other direct costs as determined by Harcy-Heck-Moore, Inc. Historic Preservation and Management. Please see attached for details.	\$10,000	\$10,000	0	\$20,000
TOTALS				

Please complete the attached budget form and provide any supplemental information necessary to confirm or support the issues described above.

Proposed projects can use a local cash match for grant monies budgeted on a one-to-one (dollar for dollar) match equal to a 50-50 ratio for the total cost of the project. Proposed projects utilizing all or partial match of verifiable in-kind services and/or goods may also qualify as long as the local match equals a 50-50 ratio for the total cost of the project. The Texas Historical Commission (THC) reserves the right to fund grant requests in part or in full based on the review criteria outlined in the application form, and the amount of federal funding available. Final decisions will also take into consideration the annual performance of each CLG applying for assistance. Only non-federal monies may be used as a match, with the exception of Community Development Block Grants (CDBG).

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CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUBGRANT
FY 2017 Grant Application

EXPECTED PRODUCTS OF AN EDUCATIONAL PROJECT FUNDED WITH A CLG GRANT

RECOGNITION must be provided in all publications. Photographs and drawings should be credited to the artist or lender. The local government's involvement must be adequately acknowledged. Recognition, as detailed below, must be afforded the CLG program, the Texas Historical Commission, and the National Park Service of the U.S. Department of the Interior. Language acknowledging nondiscrimination practices, as detailed below, must be included. Publications addressing several potential audiences must adequately reflect the community's preservation program.

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DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF APPLICATIONS IS
Monday, November 7, 2016 by 5 p.m.

PRINTED APPLICATIONS (REQUIRED) MUST BE RECEIVED AT

Certified Local Government Program
Texas Historical Commission
P.O. Box 12276
Austin, Texas 78711-2276
(Physical Address: 1304 Colorado Street, Austin, Texas 78701)

ELECTRONIC APPLICATIONS (REQUIRED) MUST BE RECEIVED AT

Laura Camayd, CLG Program Specialist
Laura.Camayd@thc.texas.gov

-or-

Ginny Owens, CLG Assistant
Virginia.Owens@thc.texas.gov

- One electronic copy of this request must be received via email by the Texas Historical Commission no later than 5 p.m. on Monday, November 7, 2016 in order to be considered.
AND
- One signed hard copy of this request must be received (hand delivered, US Mail, UPS, FedEx, etc) by the Texas Historical Commission no later than 5 p.m. on Monday, November 7, 2016 in order to be considered.
- Late applications will not be accepted
- Faxed applications will not be accepted
- Handwritten applications will not be accepted

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CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT

2017 Grant Application Narrative

NAME OF PROPOSED PROJECT: Preparation of two National Register of Historic Places nominations for Anhalt Halle and the Arnold-Rauch-Brandt Homestead, both in Comal County.

CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT NAME: Comal County
PROJECT SUMMARY:

In 2013 and 2014, Comal County received CLG grants to survey historic resources constructed prior to 1945 in the county outside of the city limits of New Braunfels. The survey was completed September 2014. Among the several National Register eligible properties identified by the consultants Hardy-Heck-Moore (HHM), the most significant properties were identified. The Comal County Historical Commission has chosen to select two of the most significant properties for the preparation of the nomination for the National Register of Historic Places as recommended by HHM. The properties include the Anhalt Dance Halle near Spring Branch, and the Arnold-Rauch-Brandt Homestead just outside of New Braunfels, both in Comal County. We have received a verbal commitment from the property owners giving permission for the National Register nomination preparation for each of the two properties.

The Anhalt Hall at 2390 Anhalt Road, Spring Branch, is significant under Criterion A in the area of recreation, community development/planning, and ethnic heritage. With further investigation, the hall could have architectural significance under Criterion C for its distinctive truss and/or as a significant example of a dance hall. The hall structure dates from ca. 1879 and was built by the Germania Farmer Verein. The organization was formed in 1875 in an effort to protect area farmers and ranchers from cattle rustlers. The 1908 expansion of the hall is significant for its intricate arched trusses. The dance hall is still in use today.

The Arnold-Rauch-Brandt Homestead at 4451 W. SH 46, New Braunfels, is on a 10-acre tract recently deeded to the New Braunfels Conservation Society. It contains an 1852 home, 1855 barn, 1855 fencing, 1855 smokehouse and 1900 trough. It is significant under Criterion A in the areas of agriculture and settlement and Criterion C in the area of architecture. It is an excellent example of an early German-Texan homestead and has recently obtained the RTHL designation. According to the determination of eligibility, "The homestead as a whole should be treated as a proposed historic district. The house, barn, and smokehouse would be classified as contributing buildings, while the trough and fencing should be considered contributing structures." The emphasis will be on how the homestead functioned, and the relationship to nearby communities.

The Comal County CLG has received a quote to prepare the National Register nominations for the total fee of \$20,000 for both properties. Comal County Commissioners Court has budgeted \$10,000 of county funds and our Comal CHC is requesting a CLG matching grant. The Comal County CLG has been in existence for 13 years and is up to date on submission of required annual reporting. The Comal CHC earned the Distinguished Service Award for 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015 and received CLG grant funds in 2012, 2013, 2015 and 2016.

PROJECT SCOPE:

Project Need: Comprehensive histories as required for National Register nomination of these properties have not been written. Comal County was settled in the 1800s by predominantly German immigrants and had one of the largest concentrations of German settlement in the country. The properties chosen reflect the social, agricultural and homesteading aspects of those immigrants. The influx was primarily due to a Republic of Texas land grant acquired by the German Immigration Company led by Prince Karl of Solms-Braunfels, Germany, that contributed to these settlements and subsequent State of Texas land grants that followed. Many first settled in New Braunfels but then in Comal County in a movement out of the town and towards other predominantly German communities such as Fredericksburg. Small "burgs" or communities developed and institutions formed to cater to the needs of these settlers. The Arnold-Rauch-Homestead is an amazingly preserved example of a German-Texan Homestead developed by a family of settlers that was passed down from generation to generation for over 160 years. The Anhalt Halle became the social gathering place for the Germania Farmer Verein in the small area named Anhalt that served both social and agricultural needs. It is one of three remaining dance halls in Comal County from the 1800s and still holds dances and gatherings to this day.

Comal County is growing at an incredible rate, which poses a threat to these historic properties. It is essential, from a local historic preservation perspective, to achieve designations for these properties. Due to the complex nature of the resources and the complicated work to complete the documents, the county seeks to hire professional historical researchers with extensive experience and knowledge of the county to prepare these nominations.

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STATEWIDE COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLANNING PROCESS:

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Property ID 77132-A
 Map No. 3-2

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4451 W. SH 46
New Braunfels
Comal County, TX
29.7286447, -98.2140720

HHM Identification

Owner New Braunfels
Conservation Society
1300 Churchill Drive
New Braunfels, TX
78130

HHM ID 6752

Parcel ID 72197

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Family Name/Affiliation
Gottlieb and Maria Koch Arnold

Historic Use Agricultural
Complex/Homestead

Stylistic Influences No Style

Year(s) Built Approx. 1852 - 1900

Architectural Description A mid-to-late nineteenth century German homestead. The property includes the 1852 house, ca. 1855 barn, ca. 1855 fencing, ca. 1855 smokehouse, and ca. 1900 trough.

Outbuildings Barn, Smokehouse

Landscape Features Fences

NR Eligibility Recommendation Eligible
NR Criterion A, C

Area of Significance Settlement, Architecture

Period of Significance Ca. 1852-1900

Level of Significance Local

Aspects of Integrity Location, Design, Materials, Workmanship, Setting, Feeling, Association

Significance The Arnold-Rauch-Brandt Homestead is an excellent example of an early German-Texan stone and wood home. The hand-chiseled limestone and hand-hewn timbers of the house are well preserved and reflective of the early houses in Comal County constructed by German settlers. In addition to the house, the site still has the original limestone barn, limestone smokehouse, fencing, and trough. The complex as a whole provides a unique insight to mid-to-late nineteenth century life in rural Comal County.

Previous Designation(s) State Landmark - RTHL (in progress)

Priority Level High

