



Designation as a Certified Local Government (CLG)

The City of Martinsville was awarded the designation as a Certified Local Government (CLG) on March 9, 2022 after an extensive application and review process. The city welcomes its partnering with the Federal Preservation Program and looks forward to future projects together. Further information on the city designation can be found in the CLG database located at www.nps.gov/clg.

The Certified Local Government (CLG) program was created by the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended in 1980. The program is intended to establish partnerships between local governments, the federal historic preservation program, and the Virginia Department of Historic Resources (DHR). The program allows DHR to recommend for certification local governments that have taken the fundamental steps necessary in creating a sound local preservation program in their communities. Being given the designation as a CLG allows local governments to more formally participate in the state and national historic preservation programs.

Goals of the Virginia Certified Local Government (CLG) Program:

- ❖ Promote viable communities through preservation
- ❖ Recognize and reward communities with sound local preservation programs
- ❖ Establish credentials of quality for local preservation programs

Benefits of a Certified Local Government Designation

- ❖ Promotes community-wide preservation
- ❖ Recognizes and supports a community's local preservation program
- ❖ Establishes the credentials of quality for local preservation programs

CLG Grant Opportunities

CLG designation also allows localities to apply for CLG grants through federal Historic Preservation Funds (HPF). Ten percent of all HPF monies that come to Virginia must be distributed to CLGs. DHR does this through a competitive grant process, open only to CLGs. CLG grants can be used in the following ways:

- ❖ for surveys of architectural/archaeological resources;
- ❖ for heritage planning projects such as drafting historic preservation plans, archaeological assessments, preservation components of comprehensive plans, or condition assessment reports;
- ❖ for public education programs;
- ❖ for historic review board or targeted audience training and workshops;
- ❖ for testing of archeological sites to determine historic significance;
- ❖ for rehabilitation of public or private buildings listed in the National Register of Historic Places;
- ❖ for drafting new or updated design guidelines;
- ❖ for materials research on a rehabilitation project.

Designation as a Certified Local Government (CLG) gives localities the advantage of working hand in hand with state and federal resources to strengthen and expand their historic preservation programs. Promotion of viable communities through historic preservation is the goal of the CLG program, which in turn, recognizes and awards communities that are implementing strategies to establish an active local preservation program.



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Via Email

March 9, 2022

Julie Langan
State Historic Preservation Officer
Department of Historic Resources
2801 Kensington Avenue
Richmond, Virginia 23221

Dear Ms. Langan,

Thank you for forwarding the necessary documentation concerning the City of Martinsville's application to participate in the Certified Local Government (CLG) Program. I have reviewed your submission and am pleased to concur in your recommendation that the City of Martinsville, Virginia be certified under 54 U.S.C. 3025, commonly known as Section 101(c) of the National Historic Preservation Act.

The date of certification will be recorded as the date of this letter and we are providing a copy of this letter to Ms. Hannah L. Powell, CZA, Community Planning & Development Specialist with the City of Martinsville.

We welcome the City of Martinsville, Virginia as a local partner in the Federal Preservation Program and look forward to working with them to preserve what makes their community special and significant. They have been added to our database and can find their listing there as well as more information on the CLG program by going to: www.nps.gov/clg.

NPS also encourages you to explore our CLG Gateway Application which helps connect CLGs to National Parks and other partnership opportunities. Access the application and other tools at www.nps.gov/stlpg under the "HPF In Action" tab. and a fact sheet on the application is included in this email.

If you have any questions about this letter, please feel free to contact me by phone at 202-354-2062, or by email at megan_brown@nps.gov.

Sincerely,

Megan J. Brown
Chief, State, Tribal, Local, Plans & Grants

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February 15, 2022

Ms. Megan Brown, Certified Local Government Coordinator
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RE: Certified Local Government Request
City of Martinsville
9th Congressional District, Virginia

Dear Ms. Brown:

Enclosed is a request from the City of Martinsville for participation in the Certified Local Government Program in Virginia.

I certify that the provisions of participation enumerated on the enclosed checklist are in accord with the revised procedures for the certification of local governments in Virginia approved by the National Park Service on July 28, 1987. A copy of the executed Certified Local Government agreement is included, as well.

We are happy to recommend certification for the City of Martinsville and look forward to National Park Service concurrence with the recommendation. Should you required any additional information, please contact Aubrey Von Lindern, the Department's CLG Coordinator, at 540-868-7029.

Sincerely,

Julie Langan
State Historic Preservation Officer

CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGREEMENT

CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF MARTINSVILLE AND THE VIRGINIA STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE

The County/City of Martinsville, in consideration of having been granted Certified Local Government status, agrees to carry out the following responsibilities as a Certified Local Government (CLG), in cooperation with the Virginia Department of Historic Resources, the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO):

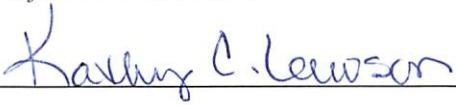
1. Enforce the local historic preservation ordinance for the designation and protection of local historic properties, as provided for in §15.2-2306 and in accordance with Section II A of the Virginia CLG Program guidelines;
2. Maintain an adequate and qualified local review board as established by the local ordinance, as provided for in §15.2-2306; and in accordance with Section II B of the Virginia CLG Program guidelines;
3. Initiate or continue a system for the survey and inventory of local historic properties (including archaeological sites if applicable) focusing on Martinsville Historic District Expansion (name of area of survey) for 4 years (period of time for survey) that is coordinated and compatible with the statewide comprehensive planning process, and maintain a detailed inventory of districts, sites, and structures under the review board's jurisdiction, with technical assistance provided by the Department of Historic Resources in accordance with Section II C of the Virginia CLG Program guidelines;
4. Provide for adequate public participation in the local historic preservation program in accordance with Section II D of the Virginia CLG Program guidelines;
5. Review and comment upon nominations to the National Register of Historic Places for properties within its jurisdiction, and within 60 calendar days of receiving a complete nomination submit to the Department of Historic Resources the local review board's report and the chief elected official's recommendation as to whether or not the nominated property meets the criteria of the National Register in accordance with Section IV of the Virginia CLG Program guidelines;
6. Assist the Department of Historic Resources, if necessary, in providing mailing labels with the names and addresses of property owners within local historic districts being nominated to the National Register, and assist with making arrangements for local public hearings at mutually agreeable times and locations when such districts are nominated;
7. Coordinate local historic preservation, to the extent practicable, with the Department of Historic Resources (DHR), which shall provide the technical assistance, guidance, and information to the Certified Local Government as requested;
8. Submit an annual report of the local review board's activities for the past year to the Department of Historic Resources by October 30 of each year (or as requested by DHR) in accordance with the Virginia CLG Program guidelines and as further directed by the SHPO;
8. Carry out the general program procedures as outlined in the Virginia Certified Local Government program guidelines, as revised;

10. Demonstrate during the time period from February 2022 to February 2026 improvement in the following specified area(s):

- a. inclusion in the review board of one or more additional members meeting the professional qualifications standards referred to in 36 CFR 61;
- b. inclusion in the by-laws or other administrative documents of a clause requiring members of the review board to complete applicable training as approved by the Virginia Department of Historic Resources.
- c. development of a preservation plan, or historic preservation section within your Comprehensive Plan that outlines the City's plans for future survey and documentation of its historic resources.
- d. development of a preservation plan or accomplishment of preservation planning activities consistent with the "Secretary of the Interior's Standards and Guidelines for Archaeology and Historic Preservation".

Signatures

For the *Certified Local Government*:

 _____, Chief Elected Local Official
Printed Name: Kathy Lawson
Title: Mayor
Date: February 15, 2022

For the *Department of Historic Resources*

_____, State Historic Preservation Officer
Printed name: _____
Date _____