



SFY 2011 GEORGIA HERITAGE GRANT PROGRAM Development Project Scoring Criteria

GRANT SELECTION PROCESS & CRITERIA FOR DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

The development grant selection process for the Georgia Heritage Program consists of the following steps:

Step 1--Applications will be reviewed to confirm that the application minimum requirements have been met. The application must be complete and all required information and documentation submitted with the application.

Step 2--Applications that have met the minimum requirements are reviewed by HPD staff and scored using the development grant selection criteria described below.

Step 3--HPD staff conducts a final committee meeting to select the projects recommended for grant funding. All projects that are eligible for grant selection criteria review (Step 2) will be eligible for the final review phase. Decisions for funding will be based upon the grant selection criteria score, as well as geographic distribution, demographics, range of property types, and use of property. Decisions will be announced, based upon approval by the Director of HPD and the Commissioner of Natural Resources, by the end of October, concurrent with predevelopment grant awards.

Development Grant Selection Criteria

The development grant selection criteria will be used to evaluate projects based on the information supplied in the application. Each question will be scored on a sliding point scale, and can receive total, partial, or no credit. Maximum points possible are 100. The project score will be one of the main selection tools used during the final review process.

Project Design (35 points):

1. The purpose of the project is clearly stated and the project work will achieve the stated purpose. (5 points)
2. The project schedule appears reasonable, and the project is ready to proceed. (5 points)
3. The budget appears reasonable and adequate. (5 points)
4. The project methodology appears to be appropriate and to meet the *Secretary of the Interior's Standards*. (10 points)
5. The project work is part of a developed plan or defined goal for the resource. (10 points)

The Resource (35 points):

6. The resource is a significant historic resource, is considered to be an important historic resource within its community, and there appears to be widespread neighborhood/community/local government support for the project. (10 points)
7. The resource has substantial historic fabric remaining. (10 points)
8. The resource presently provides, or will provide after project work, significant public use or economic benefit to the community. (10 points)
9. The resource primarily has historic association with minority or under-represented segments of the population (i.e. African American, American Indian, women's history, etc.) (5 points)

Grant Project Impact (30 points total):

10. Is the property threatened (either by development plans or by its present condition) and will the grant project work substantially mitigate the threat, contributing to the physical improvement and/or level of use of the resource? (15 points)
11. Will this project have the potential for increasing public awareness and support of historic preservation within the local community/region/state? (10 points)
12. Is grant assistance from HPD crucial to the project's success due to lack of other available funds? (5