

January 4, 1976

Mr. Herbert Rhodes
Department of Parks and Recreation
State Resources Agency
P. O. Box 2390
Sacramento, California 95811

Dear Mr. Rhodes:

For the past several years the City of Pacific Grove has through contractual agreement opened the Point Pinos Lighthouse for public viewing. The operation is administered through this museum. Building upkeep and grounds maintenance are part of our responsibilities.

Now that the light has been automated, an opportunity exists to perform some badly needed repairs and general refurbishing. The City Council has been advised by me that certain grants or matching funds might be available provided the building were listed in The National Register of Historic Places. Presumably the Coast Guard would have complied with order 11593 and I am writing to find out if in fact this was done and whether you carry the Point Pinos Lighthouse on your listing.

The City Council wishes to know what requirements or restrictions are implied with Federal Registry. They further wish to review the guidelines for grants and matching funds in event they desire to make application.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,

Vernal L. Yadon
Director

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GRANTS-IN-AID UNDER THE NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION ACT OF 1966

I. Purpose:

The National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 provides matching grants-in-aid for the acquisition, restoration and preservation of districts, sites, buildings, structures, and objects significant to American history, architecture, and archeology.

II. Fund Availability:

The approximate amount of funds made available yearly to California from the National Park Service is \$650,000.

- A. The State of California disperses 70 percent of these funds to local projects aimed at preserving sites on the National Register.
- B. Grants-in-aid are matching and rarely exceed \$40,000. Local match can be in the form of in-kind services; however, no funds from federal agencies can be used for matching. One exception is that HUD Community Development Block grants can be used as match.

III. Who May Apply:

Governmental bodies, private organizations and individuals may apply.

IV. Criteria and Selection:

Projects are selected by the State Historic Preservation Officer based on the following general criteria:

- A. Properties eligible for designation as National Historic Landmarks that are in clear and present danger of destruction or serious impairment.
- B. Any other properties on the National Register of Historic Places in urban areas in clear and present danger of destruction or serious impairment whose loss would have serious adverse effects on the environment in which located.
- C. Any other properties on the National Register of Historic Places in clear and present danger of destruction or serious impairment whose loss would have serious adverse effect on the community or rural environment in which located.
- D. All properties on the National Register of Historic Places not foreseeably threatened but with demonstrable need.

V. Fundable Items:

A. Allowable Costs:

1. Fee simple, or less than fee simple acquisition, closing costs, legal fees, appraisals costs and relocation costs.
2. Necessary research, plans and specifications, protection, rehabilitation, restoration, and reconstruction.

B. Unallowable Costs:

1. Costs of court action.
2. Interpretive expenses, new construction and other non-original items.

VI. Application Deadline:

- A. Letter of intent to file for a grant is needed by January 15 (sites must be nominated to the National Register before this date).
- B. Final application material is needed by June 30.

VII. Major Requirements After Receipt of Grant:

The governmental agency is held responsible for the maintenance and administration of the property for a specific period, relative to the amount of federal assistance provided, as follows:

- A. Federal assistance of up to \$9,999: 20 years.
- B. Federal assistance of \$10,000 to \$49,999: 30 years.
- C. Federal assistance of \$50,000 to \$249,999: 40 years.
- D. Federal assistance of \$250,000 and over: 50 years.

For further information, contact the Office of Historic Preservation, California Department of Parks and Recreation, Post Office Box 2390, Sacramento, California 95811.