

# Historic Preservation Resource Statement\*

## **FEDERAL**

### Advisory Council on Historic Preservation

- Independent federal agency with mission to promote the preservation, enhancement, and productive use of the Nation's historic resources. Also advises the President and Congress on national historic preservation policy.
- Contacts:
  - o Advisory Council on Historic Preservation - <http://www.achp.gov/index.html>, (202) 606-8503
  - o Heritage Tourism - <http://www.achp.gov/heritagetourism.html>
  - o Financial Assistance Sources - <http://www.achp.gov/funding.html>

### Americans with Disabilities Act and Tax Incentives

- Provides equal opportunities for persons with disabilities in employment, government programs, telecommunications, transportation, and places of public accommodations. Tax incentives available to make historic properties accessible to the greatest extent possible.
- Contacts:
  - o ADA Homepage - <http://www.ada.gov/>, 800-514-0301
  - o ADA Tax Incentives Packet - <http://www.ada.gov/archive/taxpack.htm>

### Community Development Block Grants (CDBG)

- US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) program. Federal monies administered by local officials. Possibilities of money being allocated for historic preservation if linked to overall community development and revitalization. Examples include money allocated for rehabilitation of private and publicly owned historic buildings.
- Contacts:
  - o HUD – (202) 708-1112
  - o HUD Community Development Programs - <http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/communitydevelopment/programs/>
  - o California CDBG Contacts - <http://www.hcd.ca.gov/fa/cdbg/EconDev.html>

### Federal Historic Preservation Tax Credit Program

- Tax incentive program for the rehabilitation of nationally registered, income producing, historic buildings. Administered by the Architectural Review and

Incentives Unit, State Office of Historic Preservation. Can also provide tax incentives for providing charitable contributions of partial interests in historic property (chiefly easements), and for the acquisition, construction, or rehabilitation of low-income housing.

- Contacts:
  - o National Parks Service – (202) 513-7270
  - o National Parks Service Historic Preservation Tax Incentives - <http://www.nps.gov/history/hps/tps/tax/index.htm>
  - o National Parks Service Heritage Preservation Services – <http://www.nps.gov/history/hps/>
  - o National Parks Service Technical Preservation Services - <http://www.nps.gov/history/hps/tps/index.htm>
  - o Internal Revenue Service - <http://www.nps.gov/history/HPS/tps/tax/IRS.htm>
  - o California Tax Credit Allocation Committee - <http://www.treasurer.ca.gov/ctcac/>
  - o Easements to Protect Historic Properties: A Useful Historic Preservation Tool with Potential Tax Benefits - [http://www.nps.gov/hps/tps/tax/download/easements\\_2010.pdf](http://www.nps.gov/hps/tps/tax/download/easements_2010.pdf)

#### Investment Credit for Low-Income Housing

- Investment tax credit for acquisition, construction, or rehabilitation of low-income housing. Aimed at encouraging owners to develop and provide low-income housing to a community. Can be used alone or concurrently with the Federal Historic Preservation Tax Incentive.
- Contacts:
  - o National Parks Service – (202) 513-7270
  - o Federal Historic Preservation Tax Incentives: Topical Tax Brief – Comparison of the Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit and Low Income Tax Credit - [http://www.nps.gov/history/hps/tps/tax/download/IRS\\_HRTC\\_LIHTC.pdf](http://www.nps.gov/history/hps/tps/tax/download/IRS_HRTC_LIHTC.pdf)
  - o California Tax Credit Allocation Committee - <http://www.treasurer.ca.gov/ctcac/>

#### TEA-21: The Transportation Equity Act for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, United States Department of Transportation

- Authorizes federal surface transportation programs for highways, highway safety, and transit. Concept is to enhance, maintain, and preserve the existing transportation network while more creatively and sensitively integrating it into the surrounding communities. Several eligibility requirements emphasize historic properties.
- Contacts:
  - o Federal Highway Administration – (202) 366-4000
  - o United States Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) - <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/tea21/factsheets/te.htm>
  - o California Department of Transportation (CALTRANS) Program guidelines - <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/TransEnhAct/test/index.htm>
  - o CALTRANS local contact list - <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/TransEnhAct/schedule.htm>

- National Transportation Enhancement Clearinghouse - <http://www.enhancements.org/>

#### United States National Parks Service

- Government entity entrusted with the care of the Nation's national parks.
- Contacts:
  - National Parks Service – (202) 513-7270
  - National Parks Service – <http://www.nps.gov>

#### United States Small Business Administration

- Provides assistance in the form of loans to small businesses. Also provides assistance for disaster relief. Assistance can be very useful to help owners of small businesses housing in historic properties.
- Contacts:
  - United States Small Business Administration - <http://www.sba.gov/> , 800-827-5722

### **STATE**

#### California Department of Parks and Recreation – Office of Historic Preservation

- State office tasked with preserving and enhancing the historic heritage of California for the benefit of the public.
- Contacts:
  - <http://ohp.parks.ca.gov/>, (916) 445-7000
  - Lucinda Woodward, State Historian III
  - Jenan Saunders, Acting Deputy, SHPO
  - Tim Brandt, Senior Restoration Architect, (916) 445-7049

#### California Heritage Fund – Proposition 40

- Fund administered by the California Cultural and Historical Endowment to grant money to government entities and non-profit organizations for the preservation of cultural and historic resources.
- Contacts:
  - California Cultural and Historical Endowment - <http://www.library.ca.gov/grants/cche/>, (916) 654-0266
  - State of California Resources Agency - <http://www.4050bonds.resources.ca.gov/default.asp>, (916) 653-5656

#### California Main Street Program

- Group devoted to reinvigorating the economic health of Main Street central businesses district throughout America's towns, cities, and neighborhoods.
- Contacts:
  - Laura Cole-Rowe, (707) 631-5029
  - [http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page\\_id=23484](http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=23484)

### California State Historical Building Code

- Provides alternative building regulations for permitting repairs, alterations, and additions necessary for the preservation, rehabilitation, and continued use of historical buildings or structures.
  - o California State Historic Building Code Online - [http://www.documents.dgs.ca.gov/bsc/Title\\_24/documents/2010/Part%202-8-10/2010\\_CA\\_Historical\\_Bldg.pdf](http://www.documents.dgs.ca.gov/bsc/Title_24/documents/2010/Part%202-8-10/2010_CA_Historical_Bldg.pdf)
  - o Division of the State Architect – [www.dsa.ca.gov](http://www.dsa.ca.gov)
  - o Building Standards Commission – [www.bsc.ca.gov](http://www.bsc.ca.gov)

### Certified Local Government (CLG) Grants

- Federal funding provided to local governments who whose historic preservation program has been certified by the Office of Historic Preservation and the National Park Service. The City of Dinuba is not currently a certified local government.
- Contacts:
  - o California's CLG Program - [http://www.ohp.parks.ca.gov/default.asp?page\\_id=1072](http://www.ohp.parks.ca.gov/default.asp?page_id=1072)
  - o National CLG Program - <http://www.nps.gov/history/hps/clg/>

### Earthquake Retrofit Programs – Existing Government Financial Incentive Programs

- Financial incentives provided to owners of edifices to structurally retrofit their buildings. Only available if applicable jurisdiction participates.
- Contacts:
  - o Association of Bay Area Governments: Technical Appendix C, Existing Government Financial Incentive Programs for Earthquake Retrofit - <http://www.abag.ca.gov/bayarea/eqmaps/nightmare/finance.pdf>, (510) 464-7900
  - o California Department of Insurance Earthquake Grant Program - <http://www.insurance.ca.gov/0100-consumers/0060-information-guides/0040-residential/earthquake-insurance.cfm>
  - o California Earthquake Authority - <http://www.earthquakeauthority.com/>, (916) 325-3800
  - o Seismic Safety Commission - <http://www.seismic.ca.gov/pub.html>, (916) 263-5506

### Marks Historical Rehabilitation Act

- Authorizes cities, counties, and redevelopment agencies to issue tax-exempt revenue bonds to finance the rehabilitation of significant historic buildings.
  - o California Health and Safety Code, Part 10 - <http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/cgi-bin/displaycode?section=hsc&group=37001-38000&file=37600-37603>

### Seismic Bond Act

- Provides new construction exclusion for seismic improvements to unreinforced masonry buildings.
- Contacts:

- California Revenue and Taxation Code Section 70-74.6 - <http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/cgi-bin/displaycode?section=rtc&group=00001-01000&file=70-74.7>
- State Board of Equalization Letter to County Assessors: Seismic Safety New Construction Exclusions - <http://www.boe.ca.gov/proptaxes/pdf/lta01089.pdf>
- Seismic Safety Commission, general publications - <http://www.seismic.ca.gov/pub.html>

## **CITY**

### Downtown Dinuba Historic District Resources Inventory

- Inventory of residences and commercial buildings within Downtown Dinuba. Contains information on the various types of construction found within the area.
- Contacts:
  - City of Dinuba Public Works – [www.dinuba.gov](http://www.dinuba.gov), (559) 591-5924

### Mills Act Property Tax Abatement Program

- Provides property tax relief through Mills Act Contracts. Initiated through applicable jurisdiction. City of Dinuba does not currently participate in this program.
- Contacts:
  - City of Dinuba – [www.dinuba.org](http://www.dinuba.org), (559) 591-5900
  - Office of Historic Preservation Technical Assistance Series #12- [http://www.ohp.parks.ca.gov/default.asp?page\\_id=21412](http://www.ohp.parks.ca.gov/default.asp?page_id=21412), (916) 445-7000

### Zoning/Conditional Use Permits (CUP)

- Dinuba Municipal Code recommends adopting historic preservation incentives, including but not limited to CUP's allowing uses not otherwise permitted by the underlying zoning. Such incentives have not been adopted as of yet.
- Contacts:
  - City of Dinuba Public Works – [www.dinuba.gov](http://www.dinuba.gov), (559) 591-5924

## **OTHER RESOURCES**

### Alta District Historical Society

- Dinuba based group devoted to the preservation of local history.
- Contacts:
  - Website: <http://www.altadistricthistoricalsociety.org>, (559) 591-2144

### Chinatown Revitalization Inc.

- Contacts:
  - Kathy Omachi
  - <http://www.downtownfresno.org/chinatown.html>

### City of Fresno – Historic Preservation

- Contacts:
  - Karana Hattersley-Drayton, (559) 621-8520

- Don Simmons, Fresno Historic Preservation Commission
- <http://www.fresno.gov/Government/DepartmentDirectory/PlanningandDevelopment/Planning/HistoricPreservation/default.htm>

#### City of Visalia – Historic Preservation

- Andrew Chamberlain, (559) 713-4359

#### Galvin Preservation Associates

- Historic preservation consultant. Provide information on architectural historic and preservation planning.
  - Website: [http://www.galvinpreservation.com/company\\_overview.html](http://www.galvinpreservation.com/company_overview.html), (310) 792-2690

#### National Center for the Stewardship and Preservation of Historic Religious Properties (Partners) – Partners for Sacred Places

- Organization dedicated to assisting communities and their congregants retain and actively use historic and older sacred properties. Assistance includes an information clearing house, a publication center, professional referrals, and training workshops.
- Contact:
  - Partners - <http://www.sacredplaces.org/>, (215) 567-3234

#### National Endowment for the Arts (NEA)

- Grants offered to facilitate historic preservation through categories that support feasibility studies or historic rehabilitation planning. Grants are not available for construction or acquisition.
- Contacts:
  - National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) - <http://arts.endow.gov/grants/index.html>, <http://arts.endow.gov/grants/apply/Design.html>, (202) 682-5400

#### National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)

- Grants offered to help institutions and organizations secure long-term improvements in and support for their humanities programs and resources. Eligible entities include any U.S. non-profit such as historical societies and historic sites. Grants may require significant matching funds.
- Contacts:
  - National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) - <http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/challenge.html>, 800-NEH-1121

#### National Trust for Historic Preservation

- Provides leadership, education, advocacy and resources to save America’s diverse historic places and revitalize communities.
- Contacts:
  - National Trust for Historic Preservation - <http://www.preservationnation.org/>, (202) 588-6000

- NTHP Western Region Office - <http://www.preservationnation.org/about-us/regional-offices/western/>
- National Main Street Center - <http://www.preservationnation.org/main-street/>
- National Trust for Historic Places - <http://www.preservationnation.org/issues/community-revitalization/>
- NTHP – National Trust Loan Funds - <http://www.preservationnation.org/resources/find-funding/loans/national-trust-loan-fund/>
- NTHP – Find Funding - <http://www.preservationnation.org/resources/find-funding/>
- NTHP – Preservation Development Initiative Report - [http://www.preservationnation.org/resources/technical-assistance/PDI\\_portfolio.pdf](http://www.preservationnation.org/resources/technical-assistance/PDI_portfolio.pdf)
- Banc of America Historic Tax Credit Fund - <http://ntcicfunds.com/>
- Heritage Tourism - <http://www.preservationnation.org/issues/heritage-tourism/>
- Preservation Development Initiative Report - [http://www.preservationnation.org/resources/technical-assistance/PDI\\_portfolio.pdf](http://www.preservationnation.org/resources/technical-assistance/PDI_portfolio.pdf)
- Rural Heritage Program - <http://www.preservationnation.org/issues/rural-heritage/resources-rural-heritage.html>
- Your Town Design Workshops - <http://www.yourtowndesign.org/>

#### Reedley Historical Society

- Dedicated to the preservation of the history of Reedley.
- Contacts:
  - (559) 638-1913
  - Tony Jewell – 638-6126

#### Save America's Treasures

- Partnership between the National Park Service and the National Trust for Historic Preservation dedicated to identifying and rescuing the enduring symbols of American tradition that define the nation. Issues grants through competitive process.
- Contacts:
  - NPS Save America's Treasures Information - <http://www.nps.gov/history/hps/treasures/>, (202) 588-6000
  - List of Save America's Treasures California projects - <http://www.preservationnation.org/travel-and-sites/save-americas-treasures/>

#### Tulare County Historical Society

- Promotes interest in the history of Tulare County and preserving the heritage of the area for future generations
- Contacts:
  - Tulare County Historical Society - <http://www.tularecountyhistoricalsociety.org/>
  - Ken Oliphant, Member, Board of Directors, [laudineo@sbcglobal.net](mailto:laudineo@sbcglobal.net)

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