

# 2015 Colorado Certified Local Government Annual Report

- Accurately completing the annual report is a requirement of all Colorado CLGs
- This Annual Report should reflect State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2015: **July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015**
- Communities certified during SFY 2015 should complete the form for the entire SFY
- Annual Report is due by Monday, August 3, 2015
- Please use additional sheets as needed
- Please include required attachments (see list at the end of this form)

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**CLG Name:** Kiowa County Historic Preservation Commission

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For each of the following questions, please respond with “yes” or “no.” Keep in mind that the questions are specific to SFY 2015. For any “yes” answer, please attach the associated documents. If the attachments are large/unwieldy to attach and the document is available as a downloadable file, please attach a sheet with direct links.

- 1) New or revised preservation ordinance or resolution amendments? No
- 2) New or revised administrative rules for the preservation commission or staff? No
- 3) New or revised design guidelines? No
- 4) New or revised preservation plan or preservation chapter in your comp plan? No
- 5) New or revised survey plan? No

- 6) Provide a current list of commission members. Identify any commission members who were newly appointed in SFY 2015 with an (\*) and attach their respective resumes and/or applications. Also identify any/all commission members that are professionals in preservation-related disciplines with an (\*\*). Include their field of expertise/professional experience.**

\*\* Alexa Roberts (Ph.D., Anthropology, National Park Superintendent, former Navajo Nation THPO)

\*\* Kelly Courkamp (M.A. History (Historic Preservation), former HPC Commission Member, Fort Collins)

\*\* Jeff Campbell (B.A. History, retired from NM State Atty General's office, researcher/National Park Ranger)

\*\* Betsy Barnett (M.A. Library Science, Eads High School Principal, Chair Kiowa County Historical Society, Chair CLCEC)

Kim Barlow (Art History/Art and Architecture, Loan Administrator)

Dan Richards (Natural Resources, Geologic Engineering, Hydrology -- private business owner)

\* Carole Spady (new member, see attached resume).

- 7) If the current commission does not have at least 40% of members who are professionals in preservation-related disciplines, please describe the following: how you plan to recruit said professionals and if professionals have proven difficult or impossible to recruit, how the commission will seek additional expertise as needed in the fields of architecture, architectural history, and archaeology.**

N/A

- 8) List the educational/training sessions attended by commissioners – include the name of the commissioner(s) and the education/training session attended (for conferences, list the name/date of the conference rather than listing every session attended):**

Roberts/Courkamp: State Historic Fund Community Roundtable, La Junta. 1/29/15

Roberts: Saving Places Conference, Denver, February, 2015

Barnett/Courkamp: Public hearing - Brownsfield mitigation/demolition grant for historic Rialto Hotel, October 2014.

- 9) List the number of meetings held during SFY 2015. Please include in the total: regular meetings, study sessions, work sessions, special meetings, etc of the preservation commission.**

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- 10) List the State and/or National Register nominations commented upon in SFY 2015.**

N/A

- 11) Include a count and list of all new local designations. If a designation is a historic district that includes multiple properties, list the name of the district and include in your count the number of contributing resources - buildings, sites, structures, and objects.**

None in this fiscal year

- 12) List the total current number of all properties locally designated, i.e. your current inventory of historic resources. Please carryover the number from last year, adding any new designations.**

8 Local Register

5 State Register

6 National Register

**13) Total number of design review hearings, including staff level reviews, for designated properties (including alterations, demolitions, etc). This should be a total count of designated properties that were reviewed. If a property was considered at more than one hearing (continuance, etc) please include in the count the total number of times staff or the commission considered the property.**

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**14) Total number of reviews for non-designated properties, including staff level reviews.**

1 (Not design review but review of proposed asbestors mitigation or demolition of historic Rialto Hotel)

**15) During SFY 2015, did your community have a tax incentives program under local law that can be used to benefit historic properties? No**

**16) If yes, during SFY2015, how many historic properties did your local government assist through the local tax incentives program? N/A**

**17) During SFY 2015, did your community have a local government funded grants/loans program that could be used for preserving/rehabilitating historic properties? Yes**

**18) If yes, how many historic properties did your local government assist with this program during SFY 2015? 6 (direct purchase or support through county funds)**

**19) During SFY 2015, did your local government have a program that can be used to acquire historic properties in whole or in part through purchase, donation, or other means (not counting eminent domain)? No**

**20) If yes, how many properties did your local government acquire and/or help others acquire, in whole or in part? 0**

### **21) State Tax Credit Project Review**

If your CLG reviewed state historic preservation tax credit projects, please state:

A) The number of Part I applications filed in SFY 2015: 0

B) The number of Part II certifications approved in SFY 2015: N/A

C) For each Part II certification, please include (attach as a spreadsheet):

-Address of the property

-Is the property residential or commercial?

-The total amount of qualified rehabilitation expenditures

-The total tax credit

## 22) Local Government Plan for Comprehensively Surveying Historic Properties

- A) Have you developed a comprehensive survey plan? No
- B) If yes, when was it published/adopted? N/A
- C) Briefly describe the plan or system in place to comprehensively survey all historic properties, including buildings, sites, objects, and structures. *(Please note: It is a contractual requirement of the CLG Program in Colorado to comprehensively survey your jurisdiction)*

Kiowa County has already comprehensively surveyed all historic properties in all three incorporated municipalities, and partially inventoried historic properties in rural areas between incorporated communities. Local, state or national register nominations will (slowly) continue to be developed based upon survey results. KCHPC would also like to complete surveys in rural areas. Two years ago KCHPC submitted a CLG grant application to digitize all the inventory data that has been completed in rural areas, but it was not funded. The Commission would like to complete the inventory in the rural areas of the county and undertake the digitization project, most likely through CLG or SHF grants.

## 23) Local Preservation Issues Update

- A) Describe preservation activities beyond design review that the CLG sponsored or organized in SFY 2015. Examples might include: public education, outreach, youth engagement, volunteer survey, preparation of a preservation plan or preservation chapter in a comprehensive plan, etc.
  - \* Received CLG grant for placing plaques on all publicly accessible local, state, and national register properties;
  - \* Received DOLA grant and applied for SHF grant for renovation of Eads Gymnasium;
  - \* Met with Kiowa County BoCC to discuss options for proposed demolition of historic (but not eligible) Rialto Hotel in Eads;
  - \* Worked with BoCC on determining what to remove from interior of designated Murdock Building in prep for renovation
  - \* Participated in planning for public interpretive project for the Towner Bus Tragedy landscape, for which mini-historic context study has been completed with GLG grant;
  - \* Installed wayside exhibit in roadside park entitled Kiowa County Heritage Trails, highlighting a small "tour route" of historic properties across the county;
  - \* Assisted Crow Luther Cultural Events Center with replying to OAHF on clarifying period of significance for the Plains Theater;
  - \* Began development of an attachment to formally adopt properties listed on the National or State Registers to the Local Register.
  - \* Employed high school student in developing KCHPC website;
  - \* Engaged Kiowa County Commissioners - one Commissioner regularly attending KCHPC meetings, maintained \$1400 budget from the County.
- B) What CLG accomplishment/achievement/event are you most proud of from SFY 2015?

The KCHPC obtained a CLG grant to produce and install plaques on all the publicly accessible local, state, and national register properties, which will greatly enhance public awareness of the county's rich heritage. KCHPC worked more closely with BoCC regarding potential preservation options for a historic hotel planned for demolition on the county seat's main street. Beyond the KCHPC, dedicated and passionate community and individual efforts are continuing to generate grant funds for historic preservation projects throughout the county, including the historic Murdock Building, the Crow Luther Cultural Events Center, and the Eads Gymnasium.
- C) Describe any problems – practical, political, or financial – encountered by the CLG in planning or implementing your work/activities/mission during SFY 2015.

The KCHPC receives its mail through the BoCC mailing address. During the last fiscal year, Kiowa County received two Section 106 compliance requests regarding undertakings within the county, and the mail was never forwarded to the KCHPC for comments. A change in the county administrator should help with ensuring KCHPC is receiving its mail timely. However, a problem continues to remain in that, with the exception of one Commissioner, the BoCC does not utilize the KCHPC as an advisory commission to the BoCC to advise or inform the BoCC about decisions in which it is involved.

D) Describe any planned/projected commission activities for SFY 2016.

The main activity of the commission for FY 2016 will be production and installation of plaques to place on the county's publicly accessible local, state, and national register properties. KCHPC will continue to work closely with the BoCC on preservation and reuse options for the Rialto Hotel and on preservation of interior elements of the Murdock Building.

E) Briefly describe your local preservation incentive programs – grants, loans, sales tax relief, property tax relief, zoning/use allowances, etc.

None

## Checklist:

- Completed Annual Report (required)
- Sample of a public notice for a commission meeting (required)
- Sample advertisement for new commission members (required)
- List of designated properties (required)
- Resumes/Applications for new commission members appointed in SFY 2015 (if applicable)
- Spreadsheet for Part II State Tax Credit projects (if applicable)
- New or revised preservation ordinance or resolution amendments (if applicable)
- New or revised administrative rules for the preservation commission or staff (if applicable)
- New or revised design guidelines (if applicable)
- New or revised preservation plan or preservation chapter in your comp plan (if applicable)
- New or revised survey plan (if applicable)