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## KMTA Grant Guidelines 2019

### **Heritage Area Purposes:**

To recognize, preserve, and interpret the historic, scenic, and natural recreational resources and cultural landscapes of the Kenai Mountains-Turnagain Arm historic transportation corridor, and to promote and facilitate the public enjoyment of these resources.

KMTA seeks to equitably fund diverse activities geographically distributed throughout the communities and transportation corridor of the Heritage Area.

### **Grant Applications will be scored based on the following essential criteria:**

1. Project must be consistent with Heritage Area purposes, and increase public awareness and appreciation for the natural, historical and cultural resources of the Heritage Area.
2. Project must be within the Heritage Area. (Possible exceptions could be made for support of exhibits about the National Heritage Area. For example, a forthcoming exhibit about the Dena'ina people which will be housed in the Anchorage Museum.)
3. A community, non-profit, or governmental organization active within the Heritage Area, must sponsor the project. Involvement, collaboration, and communication with stakeholders will be part of the development of project proposals.
4. If public lands are involved, project must have the approval of the governmental agency.
5. Project proposals that alter the community landscape (i.e. installing signs, murals, trails, monuments, etc) must include letters of support from the land owner and community council in order to be considered.
6. Matching non-federal funding of at least 50% of total project costs must be committed.
7. Project proposal must include a reasonable, feasible budget and schedule.
8. Project proposal must include a plan for maintaining the improvements for the benefit of the public, describe the longevity of the project, and explain the short-term and long-term impacts of grant money invested today.
9. Heritage Area funding for privately owned historic structures will be limited to preservation of aspects of the structure that are visible and accessible to the public. To receive Heritage Area funding, private owners must commit to maintain the historic appearance of the structure for a reasonable length of time.
10. Project proposal must designate an individual who will serve as liaison with KMTA Corridor Communities Association (CCA) and will be responsible for accomplishing the project. The liaison may be the individual proposing the project.



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11. If the project is part of a system of traveler information in the Heritage Area, it must be easily identified as components of the system, and be safely accessible by the public while minimizing impact on scenic resources.

## **Additional Considerations – Desirable, but not required**

1. Project will encourage the economic viability of the community and the region.
2. Project will employ local people.
3. Project will create a new partnership benefiting the purposes of the Heritage Area.
4. Project will be over-matched by partnership funding that also helps accomplish the Heritage Area purposes of the project.
5. Project will involve young people and help them learn about the Heritage Area.
6. Project will build on a proven success by expanding and enhancing a previously successful project that meets Heritage Area criteria.

## **Grant Recipient Responsibilities**

This grant program is federally funded. Grant recipients must adhere to all regulations and laws applicable to the use of federal funds for the proposed project. This includes but is not limited to: Administrative and Cost Principles [2 CFR Part 200](#), National Environmental Protection Act, Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, the Buy American Act, and others.

## **Allowable Costs**

Grant funds may be used to cover project costs that are necessary and reasonable for the accomplishment of project objectives. Such costs may include contracted professional services, materials, equipment rental or repair, supplies, travel, and paid employee time directly to project.

**The following expenses will NOT be funded:** Overhead, general administrative costs, salaries, tuition, benefits, cash awards to employees or contest winners, routine repair and maintenance, food, beverages, or contingency funds. Grant funds may NOT be used to acquire real property or an interest in real property.

**Volunteer time** must be counted at the following standardized rate for Alaska: \$27.45/ hour in 2017 ([https://independentsector.org/resource/vovt\\_details/](https://independentsector.org/resource/vovt_details/)), unless a professional rate applies and is justified in writing.

**Projects must provide appropriate acknowledgement** of grant funding on signs, printed and electronic material, including the appearance of the KMTA logo and a brief statement noting the grant funding (logo to be provided by KMTA).

**Fund distribution will be made on a reimbursement basis.** Only fully documented and approved expenses will be reimbursed. At the project's conclusion, final payment will be made upon receipt of a final narrative report, expense worksheet, and supporting documentation.

**Section 106 of the [National Historic Preservation Act \(NHPA\)](#)** requires Federal agencies to consider the effects of federally funded projects on historic properties and to afford the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) an opportunity to comment on such projects. As this project is receiving funding from a federal



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source, any undertakings involving a historic resource will require the applicant to complete Section 106 consultation of the National Historic Preservation Act, and the project must meet the Secretary of Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties. Consultation efforts related to Section 106 must be factored into your project's planning efforts (i.e. project timeline and resources devoted to consultation). **If you are unfamiliar with Section 106 guidelines, please contact Kenai Mountains-Turnagain Arm National Heritage Area for assistance.**