Historic preservation grants available

Applications are now being accepted for 1985 Historic Preservation Fund Grants through the state's Department of Natural Resources' Office of History and Archaeology (OHA). Funds are

available to individuals, institutions and certified local governments for inventory, survey and historic preservation planning.

Judy Bittner, of the state's Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation, who heads the Office of History and Archaeology, says that these are federal monies and must be matched by the grantee.

Bittner clarifed that these funds are not for rehabilitation; rather they are to encourage and assist local governments and others involved in historic preservation to assess preservation and restoration needs and to plan for them. Applicants, according to Bittterested in locating and identifying historic structures in their communities to archaeologists surveying areas for archaeological sites and local governments preparing historic preservation plans.

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Those interested in applying for these grant monies should call the Anchorage OHA office at 264-4140 as soon as possible to get application forms or write to: Dept. of Natural Resources, Div. of Parks and Outdoor Recreation, Office of History and Archaeology, Pouch 7-001, Anchorage, AK 99510.