


Council Agenda Report

Date: February 27, 2017
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SUBJECT: Grant request to support training for Historic Preservation Commission members

Recommendation: That Council authorize staff to submit a grant application to the Maryland Historical Trust, Certified Local Governments Education and Training Grant Program in the amount of \$1,000.

Discussion: The Maryland Historical Trust (MHT) makes available education and training grants to Certified Local Governments (CLGs) on a yearly basis. The City has applied for, and been awarded, this funding for at least the last three years. It is very important for HPC members to participated in state-approved trainings in order for the City to maintain its status as a Certified Local Government. As codified in the "Maryland CLG Procedures Manual", each commission member is required to attend at least one MHT-approved educational training per year.

The training will be conducted through the Maryland Association of Historic Preservation Commissions (MAHDC), of which the City of Cambridge is a member. MAHDC offers foundational workshops and skills sessions on subjects including design review, ethics and defensible decision-making and successful community outreach. \$1,000 would cover the cost for up to two sessions.

Fiscal Impact: Education and Training funds are non-matching, non-competitive and fully reimbursable, therefore there will be no net cost to the City to participate in this program.

Approved by: Sandra Tripp-Jones, City Manager 