

ARCHAEOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT GRANT CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION

Applicant must complete the application addressing the following:

1. **Funding Priority** - What is the priority of the requested project (using program description)
 - Projects whose objectives involve the protection, stabilization, or preservation of an archaeological resource in danger from such land altering activities as development or erosion.
 - Projects whose objectives involve the protection and preservation of archaeological resources in danger of destruction from unauthorized excavation or looting.

2. **Historical significance** - Details on National Register status
 - Is the property a National Historic Landmark?
 - Is the property listed in the National Register of Historic Places?

3. **Application** - How well does the application present this project?
 - Is the application well prepared, clear and provide the required material for review?
 - Does it provide the necessary information to understand the project?
 - Did the applicant submit relevant and/or useful support documentation?
 - Is the proposed work adequately described? Is the budget clear and complete?
 - Do the photographs sufficiently illustrate the character of the property and demonstrate the project need?
 - Does the application address future financial support to maintain and provide detail regarding ongoing and future care of the property?
 - Does the applicant demonstrate the ability to pay all invoices upfront prior to reimbursement?
 - Has the applicant previously completed a grant successfully?

4. **Project** - How will this project preserve/protect the cultural resource?
 - Does the estimate give enough information to determine the cost of project and grant award?
 - Will the project result in the protection of the resource?
 - Is the proposed budget adequate to accomplish the project?
 - Does the description demonstrate adequate understanding of the scope of work?

5. **Community support and benefit** - How will this project benefit the community?
 - Is there community support for preserving the resource?
 - Does the resource represent a significant aspect of the community's history?
 - Do the letters of support and additional material indicate the organization and resource provide a benefit to the community?
 - Is there community/regional cooperation in preserving and protecting this resource?