

## PROJECT ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

### **1. Site Restoration and Conservation Grant / Method of Disbursement**

- 1.1. The grant award, which is established for an indeterminate period, shall be awarded on an annual basis.
- 1.2. The grant award shall be varied from year to year depending on the availability of grant funds granted to the Palau Historic Preservation Program, Bureau of Cultural & Historical Preservation (BCHP).
- 1.3. *The grant award shall be disbursed in two phases:*
  - a. Phase I – Upon the execution of the Cooperative Agreement, the recipient of the grant award shall be paid one half (1/2) of the total grant award;
  - b. Phase II – After final inspection by the Bureau of Cultural and Historical Preservation (BCHP) and installation of interpretive sign, a closing ceremony to officially open the site for public use, the recipient of the grant award shall be paid the remaining balance of the grant award.

### **2. Eligibility**

- 2.1. Only sites that are registered or listed in the Palau Register of Historic Places are eligible for this grant award.
- 2.2. The eligible applicant(s) for the grant award are the state governments. The Application must be signed by the Governor of the concerned state.
- 2.3. Application(s) must be submitted with a written brief summary in endorsing the concerned criteria for the project.

### **3. Selection of the Grant Recipients**

- 3.1. The selection of the site for the project shall be determined by the committee created by the Bureau of Cultural and Historical Preservation.
- 3.2. All completed application with necessary supporting documents shall be reviewed within 10 day period by the concerned committee and a letter of award for final selection shall be made available to all applicants within 15 days after the review period by the concerned committee.

### **4. Criteria for the Grant Award**

- 4.1. The recipient must have conclusively demonstrated excellence in
  - a. The interest in historic preservation;
  - b. Ability to influence and be supportive of historic preservation; and
  - c. Good relations with his/her own traditional chiefs and all people of his/her state.

### **5. Other Conditions Required**

- 5.1. Application(s) must be submitted no later than the deadline date in order to be qualified for the grant award.
- 5.2. Application(s) must be submitted with the written consent/ endorsement/ support letter by the two highest traditional chiefs of the affected state.
- 5.3. Application(s) must be submitted with a written endorsement letter supporting the continuity of maintaining and interpreting the site proposed to be restored by the respective governor of the affected state.
- 5.4. The project must be completed by September 30 of each year.
- 5.5. The announcement / notification of the grant award will be made known within 15 days after the final determination is made by selection committee. The project may begin as soon as possible.
- 5.6. You can add more than one registered historical sites that sums up to the total grant budget.
- 5.7. Expenses for fuel, shovel, wheelbarrow, machete, chainsaw, and bush cutter, etc., are allowable.
- 5.8. Expenses for construction materials such as bricks, gravel, cement, wires, etc., including expenses on equipment rental and road pavements are NOT allowable.

5.9. The Grant Recipient agrees to perform the following detail scope of work during the first restoration project.

- For Cultural sites (ex: traditional village): Clearing overgrowth on stone platform and stone pathways. To accomplish this, they must cut unnecessary trees, bushes, and vines within and around the selected site. Other modifications such as realigning the rocks will be supervised by the village elders and monitored by the Bureau. Stone pathway and stone platforms that are misplaced or fallen must be restored.
- For Historical site (ex: World War II Remnants, Coastal Defense Guns): Clearing overgrowth trees, vines, and bushes around the site. To accomplish this, they must remove moss, roots, algae, etc. from historic remnants to prevent it from corroding and deterioration. Other modifications such as digging of trenches and moving of historic remnants will be supervised by village elders and monitored by the Bureau.