



SHPO REVIEW FOR HISTORIC PROPERTIES

OVERVIEW

- If your property is located within an historic district or is eligible for listing in the National Register for Historic Preservation (NRHP), there are additional requirements that must be met before construction on your project can begin.
- Once the program's estimated cost of repairs and reimbursement estimate is completed by the program, it will determine if your property is a reconstruction or rehab project.

REPAIR PROJECT

- **Rehab:** The estimated cost of repairs and reimbursement estimate will be sent for further review to ensure compliance with Section 106 requirements put in place by the National Historic Preservation Act. Section 106 requires federal agencies or their grantees to consider the effects of their undertakings on historic structural and archaeological properties. The Section 106 process must be completed prior to the spending of federal funds or issue of a federal license or permit for the undertaking. This process is applicable to the Restore Louisiana Homeowner Assistance Program since it is funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD - federal agency) and is administered by the Louisiana Office of Community Development (HUD's grantee - state agency). This means that this review must be completed before any official award is made to a homeowner. The internal review can take between 1-3 weeks.
- If additional review is required because the proposed scope of work does not meet program allowances, the plans will be sent to the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) for review. This review can take up to 30 days, although it may take longer if SHPO requests additional information or changes to the plans.
- If your property is subject to the oversight of a local historic commission, the commission may need to review and approve the proposed scope of work. If applicable, you must consult with your local permitting office for specific local guidelines, approval timelines, and their applicability to your proposed project.

SOLUTION 1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The program is handling the Section 106 approval process for state managed rehabs.
SOLUTION 2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The program is handling the Section 106 approval process for Solution 2 rehabs. • For properties subject to the oversight of a local historic commission, the applicant/contractor will be responsible for consulting with your local permitting office and/or historic commission to determine if the work being performed on your home is subject to local historic review.

- **Reconstruction Project:** The SHPO, Section 106 consulting parties, and local historic commission (if applicable) will need to review and approve the plans and specifications. For reconstruction design review, the SHPO will complete their design review after the local commission (if applicable) approves the demolition and reconstruction plans. This review can take up to 30 days, although it may take longer if SHPO requests additional information or changes to the plans.

SOLUTION 1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The program is handling the Section 106 approval process for state managed reconstruction.
SOLUTION 2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For properties subject to the oversight of a local historic commission, the applicant/contractor will be responsible for consulting with your local permitting office and/or historic commission to determine if the work being performed on your home is subject to local historic review. • The applicant must provide plans to the program and the program will coordinate with SHPO before closing. • Note: It may be helpful if you find a contractor that has experience in the area and knows how to navigate the permitting process with the commission.

- **SHPO Approval:** If SHPO approves the plans and specifications, they will issue a letter of approval. This letter is necessary for the project to move forward and for reimbursement of any grant funds. Any homeowner or contractor that demolishes a property before receiving permission to do so from Restore Louisiana will not be eligible to receive any funding from the program. In addition, the homeowner or contractor may be subject to additional legal action from their local historic commission.

