

HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE

Program Goal

The Historic Preservation Office works to support the protection, preservation and designation of historic resources throughout the city. The office also works with other city departments to encourage projects that are sensitive to historic building and district character.

Budget Allowance Explanation

The Historic Preservation Office operating budget allowance of \$519,000 is \$40,000 or 8.4 percent more than 2004-05 estimated expenditures. The budget reflects full staffing and normal inflationary increases. These increases are partially offset by budget reductions in administrative costs, which will result in fewer educational materials being published, fewer historic district street sign installations, and longer processing time for historic applications.

Expenditure and Position Summary

	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
Operating Expense	\$436,000	\$479,000	\$519,000
Total Positions	6.0	6.0	6.0
Source of Funds:			
General	\$436,000	\$479,000	\$519,000

Historic Preservation Office Major Performance Measures and Service Levels

The following significant performance measures and service trends will be achieved with the 2005-06 budget allowance:

	2003-04	2004-05*	2005-06
Number of design reviews performed on building permits in historic districts	483	375	400
Number of city grants awarded for historic rehabilitation projects	42	35	32

*Based on 10 months actual experience.

The decreased number of permits in 2004-05 is due to the elimination of historic design reviews for routine maintenance-related permits beginning in October 2004. The HPO anticipates the number of grant applications awarded will begin to decline in 2004-05 as a decreasing amount of 2001 Historic Preservation Bonds is available for allocation to new projects.



The restoration of Tovrea Castle began in June 2005, including major structural and aesthetic improvements to the entire structure.

