



Certified Local Government Grant Feasibility Study Key Components

A feasibility study examines the history and construction of a historic property, records the current condition of the structure, its major systems and finishes; and explores the feasibility of various reuse options through consideration of structural, mechanical, code and architectural changes, as well as associated costs, needed to accommodate the uses. Feasibility studies funded with Historic Preservation Fund grants propose use and design solutions that comply with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation.

Recommended Components:

Field inspection to photograph and record original and existing construction methods, materials and conditions of the structure and finishes, both exterior and interior. Include a narrative of the field inspection findings.

Current overall and detail photographs of all exterior and interior elevations and spaces keyed to existing floor plans. Include historic photos if available. Label all photographs with building name, view, photographer and date.

Existing floor plans. Include north arrow on each plan view.

Discussion and recommendation for potential use options for the building.

Each use option is to include discussion of building code and access issues specific to the proposed use and the potential impact on the building's significant features. Include discussion of the alternative compliance methods in Chapter 34 of the Ohio Basic Building Code, and the Americans with Disabilities Act, as relevant.

Provide an overview of relevant local zoning and historic preservation requirements, per use, as relevant.

Provide preliminary cost estimates for each proposed use.

Discussion of hazardous materials, such as asbestos, that may need to be abated in any rehabilitation.

Discussion of financial incentives available to undertake project such as grants and federal and state tax credits.

Summary of public comments obtained about the proposed reuse options.