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Press Release

The City of Tifton received notification of an award of a Historic Preservation Grant from the Georgia Department of Natural Resources. The \$7,591.00 grant when matched with \$5,061.00 in local funds will provide for a consultant and eventual guidebook and informational packet on historic Tifton. As one of only six Certified Local Governments in the South Georgia region, the City of Tifton along with the City of Ashburn were the only municipalities awarded for 2006.

The Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) Grant program is appropriated annually from Congress through the National Park Service to the states. HPD funds grants to Certified Local Governments (CLGs). The 60/40 matching grants enable cities to undertake projects that aid in the preservation of historic properties.

With the assistance of the South Georgia Regional Development Center, Lequica Gaskins, Main Street Director for the City of Tifton applied for funding for the project "Living in a Landmark". The purpose of the project is to develop a guide which will highlight historic buildings and districts in the City of Tifton to include a History of the City of Tifton, a Tour Route of Tifton's Historic District and structures of historic significance, and National Register information to provide information to those who may benefit from available tax incentives for investments within the area. Guides, DVD videos and other materials will be assembled into "packets" which will be available to newcomers and visitors to Tifton as well as local individuals and businesses who need information on Historic Preservation. Packets will be available in high traffic areas like City Hall, Chamber of Commerce, Library, Real Estate Firms and the Tifton Main Street Office. The materials will be designed to both promote heritage tourism and to educate citizens, especially students about the importance of Tifton's Historic resources.

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