

all eligible local governments have the opportunity to apply for funding.

(m) States shall be responsible for reviewing requests from CLG subgrantees for grant amendments as required by OMB Circular A-87, and for issuing approval or denial of such requests. If any action by a CLG will result in a change in the overall grant project or budget requiring NPS approval, the State shall obtain such approval prior to granting approval to the CLG subgrantee. A State shall not forward to NPS any action which is inconsistent with the purpose or terms of the grant. CLG subgrantee requests for revisions to the grant are invalid unless they are in writing and signed by an authorized official of the State grantee.

(n) State performance in transferring funds to CLGs shall be reviewed by the Secretary during performance evaluations and audits of State programs as required by Sec. 101(b)(2) of the *National Historic Preservation Act, as amended*.

(o) States may submit grant amendment requests to NPS to reallocate monies set aside for local governments in instances where no certified governments exist, wish to receive funds, or are qualified to receive funds. Such requests will be considered grant reprogramming actions and shall be submitted to NPS not less than one calendar year after the beginning of the fiscal year of the State's HPF appropriation. All such requests shall clearly document the State's attempts to encourage and assist local governments in developing local historic preservation programs pursuant to §61.5 of these regulations, in being certified, and in applying for funding.

(p) The District of Columbia shall be exempted from the requirements of §61.7 because there are no subordinate local governments in the District. If a territory believes that its political subdivisions lack authorities similar to those of local governments in other States and hence cannot satisfy the requirements for local certification, it may apply to the Secretary for exemption from the requirements of §61.7.

(q) Where there is no approved State program, the method for allocating funds will be determined by the Secretary in accordance with the proce-

dures set forth for States in this section. To the extent feasible, there should be consistency and continuity in funding allocation policy of the CLG program of a State that does not have an approved historic preservation program. Therefore, if a now disapproved State program had an approved allocation process, the Secretary will consider it in the review of any application for funding from CLGs within that State.

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§61.8 Waiver.

The Secretary may waive any of the requirements of these rules which are not mandated by statute or by government-wide regulations, if, in his/her opinion, as expressed in writing to the State, the State historic preservation program would benefit from such waiver, and the purposes, conditions, and requirements of the *National Historic Preservation Act, as amended*, would not be compromised.

§61.9 Information collection requirements.

The information collection requirements contained in this part have been approved by the Office of Management and Budget under 44 U.S.C. 3507, *et seq.*, and assigned clearance number 1024-0038. The information is being collected as part of the process of reviewing the procedures and programs of State and local governments participating in the National historic preservation program. The information will be used to evaluate those procedures and programs. The obligation to respond is required to obtain a benefit.

APPENDIX A TO PART 61—PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS STANDARDS

In the following definitions, a year of full-time professional experience need not consist of a continuous year of full-time work but may be made up of discontinuous periods of full-time or part-time work adding up to the equivalent of a year of full-time experience.

(a) *History*. The minimum professional qualifications in history are a graduate degree in history or closely related field; or a bachelor's degree in history or closely related field plus one of the following: