Colorado Preservation, Inc.’s (CPI) mission is to promote historic preservation statewide through advocacy, education, outreach and preservation services to communities and individuals. Our vision is that inspired citizens statewide will honor and protect their heritage, build a sustainable future with historic places and prioritize the past as legacy for generations to come. We work to ensure cultural and heritage resources are being protected while meeting the needs of the community. CPI’s knowledgeable staff provides guidance, ideas and information regarding funding options, historic tax credits and adaptive reuse possibilities. We can coordinate meetings with appropriate parties to accomplish project goals.

GRANT WRITING
Grant writing for historic preservation projects and cultural resource identification, interpretation and protection is a specialized and time-consuming process that differs between granting agencies. CPI secures grants from a variety of funding agencies on behalf of projects, individuals and organizations. Past grants include: History Colorado’s State Historical Fund (SHF), the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA), the National Park Service (NPS), the National Trust for Historic Preservation (NTHP), private foundations and many others. CPI professionals will help research appropriate funding opportunities to determine the project’s eligibility, related requirements and matching funds potential. CPI is also available to assist with completing a full grant application to the specific granting entity(s).

GRANT/PROJECT MANAGEMENT
CPI has long managed its own projects as well as projects for others that consisted of multi-phases or with budgets ranging from below $50,000 to $200,000+. Having worked with the majority of large granting agencies in Colorado, in particular with the State Historical Fund, CPI has experience in keeping in line with the strict requirements set forth by these agencies. CPI will work with project leaders and contractors to keep the project on time and within funding requirements. CPI remains involved for the duration of the project and serves as the main point of contact between the granting agency and project participants. Grant administration fees, which include indirect costs, hourly staff time and overhead, are generated depending on the project budget, and are included in the grant budget. Grant match payments will be agreed to in advance and adhered to in all cases. Cash matches for privately-owned properties are required to be paid to CPI in advance of any work beginning.

NOMINATIONS TO THE NATIONAL AND/OR STATE REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
Listing and/or eligibility for listing on the National and State Register(s) is necessary for many funding and incentive opportunities and/or historic tax credits. The nomination process requires ample research, documentation, and technical information as well as knowledge of the language appropriate to the specific nomination. Nominations must include very detailed information describing the structure(s) and the history, historic significance and reasons for being listed. This process is made simpler with the experience of CPI’s staff who stay involved for as long as necessary, attending meetings with the State’s National Register staff at History Colorado and making presentations to the State Review Board, who determines whether the property is worthy of forwarding to the Keeper of the National Register.

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