

Historic Preservation

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MEMORANDUM FOR: All Regional Administrators
ATTENTION: All Regional Directors for CPD

All Field Office Managers
ATTENTION: All CPD Division Directors

FROM: Alfred C. Moran, Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development

SUBJECT: Historic Preservation

Based upon a recent decision by the Office of General Counsel, CDBG funds may no longer be obligated for historic preservation of "buildings for the general conduct of government," as defined at section 102(a)(21) of the Act. This decision contradicts the guidance provided to Entitlement grantees on page 8 of the January 4, 1985 Grantee Instructions. (No guidance is provided on this point in the State Operating Instructions.) The decision is based upon the 1983 statutory amendments which amend sections 105(a)(2) and 105(a)(14) of the Act to prohibit such assistance. This decision does not affect the eligibility of the removal of architectural barriers which, unlike historic preservation, is specifically made eligible by the Act at section 105(a)(5).

Please notify all Entitlement and State CDBG grantees of this decision.

(Note: covered in CDBG regulations at 570.202(d))