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COMAL COUNTY RECEIVES CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT GRANT FROM THE TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

New Braunfels, Texas—Comal County is one of 10 recipients of a Texas Historical Commission (THC) Certified Local Government grant. The THC will distribute more than \$133,000 in federal funds to local governments across the state to develop products for local preservation initiatives. The funding will assist cities and counties with preservation projects including historic resources surveys, National Register of Historic Places nominations, and historic site interpretation. A total of 19 applications were submitted for the 2012 grants accounting for more than \$221,000 in requests.

“Local government preservation programs throughout the state preserve the historic resources that tell the real stories of Texas,” said THC Executive Director Mark Wolfe. “The THC’s Certified Local Government Program helps support these communities whose dedication to Texas’ dynamic history ensures the preservation of irreplaceable buildings, sites and historic resources.”

Comal County is committed to preserving the history of the area and recognizing historic resources. Funding provided by the THC’s Certified Local Government grant will assist **Comal County** with conducting a countywide historic resource survey. Last fall the Comal County Commissioners awarded the Comal County Historical Commission \$40,000 towards the survey. The THC grant provides a matching \$40,000 for that purpose. At least 75% of the county survey will be completed with the \$80,000 in funds. The survey will be conducted by Hardy, Heck and Moore out of Austin and the results of the survey will be documentation of historic resources and determination of eligibility in the National Register of Historic Places. This is a significant preservation step for our county and will perpetuate the rich history and many invaluable historic resources still present.

Jan Kennady, County Commissioner, Pct. 4 and the commission's county liaison, stated, "Karen Boyd, Chairman of the Comal County Historical Commission, and the entire commission do extraordinary work to ensure future generations will benefit from the contribution made by those who came before them. We owe a huge debt of gratitude to the dedicated members of this Commission and this grant will further their work immensely."

Established in 1986, the THC's Certified Local Government Program is a local, state and federal government partnership for historic preservation. It is designed to help cities and counties develop high standards of preservation to protect a wide range of important historic properties—from ornate courthouses to working-class neighborhoods. Local governments that participate in the CLG Program act independently to develop and maintain a successful preservation program. The THC administers the program at the state level and the National Park Service is the responsible federal agency. To learn more about the THC's Certified Local Government Program contact the Community Heritage Development Division at 512.463.6092 or visit www.thc.state.tx.us.