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## Request for Proposals

### Franklinton Neighborhood of Columbus Religious Resources History & Architecture Survey

Heritage Ohio seeks professional proposals to undertake a reconnaissance level survey, and subsequent intensive level survey to identify historic/potentially historic religious properties located in the neighborhood of Franklinton, in Columbus. The Franklinton neighborhood consists of the following boundaries: Scioto River to the north and east; Interstate 70 to the west; Mound Street to the south. Funding for this project has been provided by Homeport as a Section 106 mitigation initiative stemming from the demolition of the West Side Spiritualist Church in Franklinton.

#### Project Overview

The retained consultant will conduct a reconnaissance level survey of the neighborhood for the purpose of identifying historic religious resources (Jewish, non-denominational, Muslim, etc) consisting of buildings, structures, objects, or sites located in the project area. The period of significance target date for resources will terminate at 1975, according the NPS National Register guidelines except in the case of identification of properties that have achieved significance within the last 50 years.

A subsequent intensive level survey of resources will be recorded with individual Ohio Historic Inventory (OHI) forms, in conjunction with a final survey report. The final survey report will relay the findings of the surveys and provide a historical context for the emergence and practice of religious customs, identifying themes important through its history of events, people, or buildings.

#### Scope of Work

The comprehensive survey will be undertaken to identify historic religious properties with a period of significance through 1975. The survey is intended to identify and record previously undocumented historic resources, and to update the status of existing resources in the target area. The survey project will meet the *Secretary of the Interior's Standards & Guidelines for Identification and Evaluation* and will follow the *State Historic Preservation Office's Guidelines for Conducting History/Architecture Surveys in Ohio*. (following the link [https://www.google.com/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=&ved=2ahUKewjl\\_N7I-\\_WCAXUnmlkEHS7BAAssQFnoECA0QAQ&url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.ohiohistory.org%2Fwp-content%2Fuploads%2F2022%2F01%2FGuidelines-for-Conducting-History-Architecture-Surveys-in-Ohio.pdf&usg=AOvVaw2HoKh18q9y8KFoysKWi1Hw&opi=89978449](https://www.google.com/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=&ved=2ahUKewjl_N7I-_WCAXUnmlkEHS7BAAssQFnoECA0QAQ&url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.ohiohistory.org%2Fwp-content%2Fuploads%2F2022%2F01%2FGuidelines-for-Conducting-History-Architecture-Surveys-in-Ohio.pdf&usg=AOvVaw2HoKh18q9y8KFoysKWi1Hw&opi=89978449) will download a PDF on your browser). Guidance in the National Register Bulletin: *How to Apply the*

National Register Criteria for Evaluation (following the link [https://www.google.com/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=&ved=2ahUKEwiW\\_tio\\_PWCAxU7kokEHVYbBxgQFnoECBQQAAQ&url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.nps.gov%2Fsubjects%2Fnationalregister%2Fupload%2FNRB-15\\_web508.pdf&usq=AOvVaw01QUuZxansCWxQQJ3a40-d&opi=89978449](https://www.google.com/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=&ved=2ahUKEwiW_tio_PWCAxU7kokEHVYbBxgQFnoECBQQAAQ&url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.nps.gov%2Fsubjects%2Fnationalregister%2Fupload%2FNRB-15_web508.pdf&usq=AOvVaw01QUuZxansCWxQQJ3a40-d&opi=89978449) will download a PDF on your browser) may also prove helpful for evaluating the significance of identified resources.

The consultant will be expected to:

1) Attend an introductory meeting with representatives of the City of Columbus, Homeport, Heritage Ohio, and the State Historic Preservation Office at the start of the project to discuss project deliverables, project timeline, survey methodology, and any other project topics pertinent to the efficient completion of the project.

2) Coordinate and lead a public Kick-Off event in Franklinton, led by the consultant (meeting logistics coordinated by Heritage Ohio) to unveil the project; share the consultant's approach to his/her research efforts; and gather contacts to provide information to assist in the information-gathering part of the survey process.

3) Conduct historic research at local and state repositories for the survey area and period of significance which may include oral history interviews with community leaders, historians, or other religious stakeholders. The research and survey findings will be used to compile a historic context for extant religious resources, and the events and people that shaped those resources. The project consultant will use any research resources identified including local historians, neighborhood groups, existing congregations, or experts on religion to assist with project efforts.

4) Complete reconnaissance level OHI forms and subsequent intensive level OHI forms (depending on initial findings). For technical/reporting requirements refer to the SHPO Survey & Inventory information available online (you can learn more about Survey & Inventory following this link <https://www.ohiohistory.org/preserving-ohio/survey-inventory/>).

5) Prepare a final survey report that includes an introduction, research design, research methods, discussion of setting and historic context, results of field investigations, bibliography, appendices, maps of survey area, an assessment of the significance of inventoried properties based on National Register criteria and integrity requirements, and a list of properties that may qualify for listing in the National Register and/or the Columbus Register of Historic Places.

6) Conduct a post-survey webinar with Heritage Ohio including the preparation of a powerpoint (or agreed-upon alternative) presentation highlighting the consultant's research processes, findings of the survey, and discussion on efforts or strategies to ensure preservation of the historic resources into the future.

### **Deliverables**

1) Completed OHI forms utilizing the I-Form application.

2) Final survey report meeting the *Secretary of the Interior's Standards and Guidelines for Identification and Evaluation* and the *State Historic Preservation Office's Guidelines for Conducting History/Architecture Surveys in Ohio*.

- 3) Digital files of any oral interviews conducted.
- 4) Powerpoint Presentation (or suitable alternative agreed-upon by Heritage Ohio and SHPO).
- 5) CD or DVD of high resolution images of selected representative properties and signature properties for use in future publications, web sites, presentations, etc. Image specifications must meet *SHPO Report Submission Requirements* (you can learn more about submission requirements following this link [https://www.google.com/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=&ved=2ahUKEwiW9Pix\\_vWCAxXSrokEHVxsBKMqFnoECBAQAQ&url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.ohiohistory.org%2Fwp-content%2Fuploads%2F2022%2F01%2FReport-Submission-Standards\\_10282020\\_FINAL-2.pdf&usg=AOvVaw1XBIFQm4vWhGiHI7XE0S39&opi=89978449](https://www.google.com/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=&ved=2ahUKEwiW9Pix_vWCAxXSrokEHVxsBKMqFnoECBAQAQ&url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.ohiohistory.org%2Fwp-content%2Fuploads%2F2022%2F01%2FReport-Submission-Standards_10282020_FINAL-2.pdf&usg=AOvVaw1XBIFQm4vWhGiHI7XE0S39&opi=89978449)).

### **Timeline & Schedule**

The timeframe for the project will be approximately 12-14 months. The project start date is planned for February 16, 2024. The project due date for deliverables will be April 30, 2025.

### **Consultant Selection**

Project consultant will be selected by February 2, 2024. The project principal must meet federal professional qualifications standards as published in the Secretary of the Interior's Standards and Guidelines for Archaeology and Historic Preservation, 48 FR 44716, in the areas of History, Architectural History, Architecture, or Historic Architecture. Selection will be based on the following criteria:

- Qualifications of the firm and its project principal(s)
- Degree to which proposal addresses the Scope of Work
- Relevance of prior experience
- Ability to complete the project in a timely manner
- Cost to complete the project inclusive of all fees

### **Submittal**

Interested parties will submit the following by January 19, 2024:

- Background information of firm and principal(s)
- Narrative discussion of the project methodology and project approach
- Estimated schedule for completion of project components including completion date of reconnaissance survey/submittal of OHIs, completion date of intensive survey/submittal of OHIs, date of draft & final survey report, or other benchmark dates to assist in evaluating the proposal
- Demonstration of prior relevant experience
- Cost to complete the project inclusive of all fees

### **Submit via email or dropbox to**

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