

## HERITAGE

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

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## Federal Legislation

The Biden Administration proposed a budget for Fiscal Year 2022 that funds the Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) at \$151.8 million. The Historic Preservation program is operating under Continuing Resolution Public Law number 117-7 that provides funds at 2021 levels through February 18, 2022 or until FY 2022 appropriations bill are enacted into law.

	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY2022	FY2022
		Administration	House	Senate
States	55.675	57.675	57.675	57.675
Tribes	15.0	23.0	23.0	24.0
Underrepresented communities	1.0	1.0	1.250	1.0
African Amer. Civil Rights grants	16.750	21.750	21.75	21.75
History of Equal Rights grants	3.375	3.375	4.625	3.875
Historic Black colleges	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Save America's Treasures	25.0	25.0	30.0	26.0
Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization	7.5	10.0	7.5	10.0
Semi-quincentennial grants	10.0	-0-	-0-	10.0
Congressionally Directed HPF projects	-0-	-0-	-0-	15.772
TOTALS	\$ 144.3	\$ 151.8	\$155.8*	\$180.072

\* Figures are in millions

### Office of History and Archaeology and Alaska Historical Commission news

We are pleased to welcome a new staff member to the Office of History and Archaeology. Jacobie Schwenke has accepted the position of Natural Resource Specialist 2 and will start January 10<sup>th</sup>. Her experience, interests and education combine anthropology, GIS, resource management, and community engagement.

The Office of History and Archaeology will be hosting a 2022 education webinar series to provide a continuing education opportunity to Tribes, CRM professionals, and our local, state, and federal agency partners. Details will be provided in the next issue of *Heritage*.

### COVID 19 Adjustments

OHA employees are on a hybrid schedule with a split between working in the office and working remotely. We recommend people contact staff by email. If you have a general inquiry, a project for review, or state cultural resources investigation permit application, please use one of the following email addresses:

General inquiry, geographic names, Alaska Historical Commission, etc.: [dnr.oha@alaska.gov](mailto:dnr.oha@alaska.gov)

Review/compliance, Section 106, project review: [oha.revcomp@alaska.gov](mailto:oha.revcomp@alaska.gov)

State Cultural Resource Investigation Permits: [oha.permits@alaska.gov](mailto:oha.permits@alaska.gov)

Section 106 COVID 19 guidance from the Alaska State Historic Preservation Officer is available at the following link: <http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/oha/shpo/shpocovid19.pdf>

The Alaska SHPO has invoked tolling effective March 19, 2020 regarding the timelines outlined in 36 CFR 800. With tolling, the 30-day regulatory clock that would allow agencies to proceed with their undertaking following non-response after 30 days does not apply. SHPO will be allowed to comment beyond the 30 days.

### National Park Service

Alaska Regional Office archaeologist Shina duVall's article about the Karluk church is in the Winter 2021 edition of the National Park Service publication *Park Science*. Direct link: [Park Science Magazine | Winter 2021 - Park Science \(U.S. National Park Service\) \(nps.gov\)](https://www.nps.gov/articles/000/how-we-rescued-the-ascension-of-our-lord-church-in-karluk-alaska-from-falling-off-a-cliff.htm) or <https://www.nps.gov/articles/000/how-we-rescued-the-ascension-of-our-lord-church-in-karluk-alaska-from-falling-off-a-cliff.htm>

NPS National Register staff presented a session at PastForward the National Trust for Historic Preservation's annual conference on November 3, 2021. They addressed four issues the National Register program staff have identified as impacting diversity among listings: evolution of the historic preservation field; misapplication of criteria and integrity; misunderstandings about documentation; and a need for continuing and updating surveys, evaluation, and nominations. The presentation (and related material) is available on the National Register program's website at <https://www.nps.gov/subjects/nationalregister/presentation-at-pastforward-2021-conference.htm>

Annual Report Released - Economic Impact of the Federal Historic Tax Credit for FY 2020  
Rutgers and the National Park Service just released the 2020 annual report on the economic impact of the Federal Historic Tax Credit program. The report details 989 completed historic rehabilitation projects in FY 2020, as well as an additional 1,282 proposed projects that were approved. These projects represent \$7.3 billion in rehabilitation investment as well as the creation of 122,000 jobs in communities. The state historic preservation offices support this program in cooperation with the National Park Service and the Internal Revenue Service.

NPS grant opportunities. Apply via [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov).

Underrepresented Community Grant Program Applications due Jan. 11, 2022 [Apply to URC via Grants.gov](#)

Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization Grants Program. \$7.5 million in funding for FY2021. All grants are awarded through a competitive process and do not require matching funds (except for Save America's Treasures). The goal of the Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization Grants Program is to fund subgrant PROGRAMS that support the rehabilitation of historic properties to foster economic development of rural communities. These subgrant programs will fund preservation projects for historic sites to include architectural/engineering services and physical preservation. Grantees will create and administer their own subgrant program and select multiple projects to fund through a competitive process.

Before applying, please make sure that you have read and understand the limitations of this grant program and have carefully reviewed the Notice of Funding Opportunity. Applicants must register through [SAM.gov](https://www.sam.gov) and [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) to apply. It is best to begin this process early to avoid potential delays submitting your application. Learn more about how to apply for an HPF grant by visiting NPS [Youtube channel](#).

The grant opportunity number is **P22AS00030**. **Applications are due February 22, 2022.**

[Learn more about Paul Bruhn Revitalization Grants](#)

[Apply to Paul Bruhn via Grants.gov](#)

Updates about the overall NPS response to COVID-19, including safety information, are posted on [www.nps.gov/coronavirus](https://www.nps.gov/coronavirus).

### Advisory Council on Historic Preservation

Members of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation met December 15 for their fall business meeting. The recording of the proceedings is available here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XaTIAF6Bf6U>.

### Department of the Army

The Department of the Army is hosting a series of nation-wide Section 106 consultation conferences for the Army's proposed Program Comment for Army Vietnam War Era Historic Housing, Associated Buildings and Structures, and Lndasape Features (1963-1975). The national-wide consultation conference will occur monthly by means of telephonic conference calls.

The Final Army Program Comment Plan dated 28 December 2021 will be used to guide and inform the consultation. The Final Army Program Comment Plan, along with the Invitation and

other relevant information, is posted on the Program Comment website:

<https://www.denix.osd.mil/Army-vwehh-pc>.

The monthly consultation conference calls will occur from 2:00-3:00 EST on the last Wednesday of each month (Jan 26, Feb 23, Mar 30, Apr 27, May 25, and Jun 29). The call-in line to participate in the monthly consultation conference calls is (703) 545-5444, conference code 5717045703#. The monthly consultation topics are included in the Invitation and monthly briefings will be posted on the website in advance of each conference call.

### National Trust for Historic Preservation:

Enhance your efforts to save the historic places within your community—participate in the National Trust Preservation Funds grant program. This annual program supports local preservation organizations' efforts to **preserve and protect** important places in their communities.

Funding ranges from **\$2,500 to \$5,000** and supports **preservation planning and educational projects**. The next **deadline is February 1**.

Grant projects have included engineering and architectural consulting services; tours that are accessible via smart devices; and market studies to assist in prioritizing preservation objectives.

For more information, visit <http://forum.savingplaces.org/preservation-funds> or contact [Grants@savingplaces.org](mailto:Grants@savingplaces.org).

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### PUBLIC PROJECT ALERTS:

Section 106 large project consultation in progress:

- Mendenhall Glacier Visitors Center Rehabilitation
- Greens Creek Mine

Review and compliance agreement development for large projects in progress:

- Glenn Highway Corridor
  - o Programmatic Agreement
- Sterling Highway MP 45-60
  - o Data Recovery Plan
  - o Programmatic Agreement Amendment
- U. S. Coast Guard Base Kodiak
  - o Programmatic Agreement and ICRMP
- Formerly Used Defense Sites Program
  - o Programmatic Agreement
- Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson
  - o Programmatic Agreement
- USFS Sustainable Cabins
  - o Programmatic Agreement
- NMFS Grants
  - o Programmatic Agreement
- KNWR Cabins
  - o Programmatic Agreement

- Point Thomson
  - o Programmatic Agreement Amendment
- Grant Lake Hydroelectric Project
  - o Historic Properties Management Plan

For information on how to participate in the process, or on how to review and comment on the above projects, contact Sarah Meitl, [sarah.meitl@alaska.gov](mailto:sarah.meitl@alaska.gov).

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### PRESERVATION CALENDAR:

2022

January 24-28 [National Tribal Preservation Conference \(virtual\) NATHPO](http://nationaltribalpreservationconference.org/) For more information, go to [nathpo.org](http://nathpo.org).

February 28 – March 1 [American Alliance of Museums Advocacy Day](http://americanallianceofmuseums.org/)

February 28 – March 4 *Alaska Anthropological Association 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting* via Zoom (#AKAA virtual 2022). Theme “The Effects of Climate Change”. For more information, go to [alaskaanthropology.org/annual-meeting/](http://alaskaanthropology.org/annual-meeting/)

March 7 – 10 National Historic Preservation Advocacy Week 2022, virtual. Sponsored by Preservation Action and National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers. [www.preservationaction.org](http://www.preservationaction.org)

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