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Office of History and Archaeology news

The Office of History and Archaeology is recruiting for an Archaeologist 2 to work in the Review/Compliance Unit to review development or improvement projects that are federally and/or state licensed, funded, permitted, or on federal and/or state land for potential impacts to prehistoric and historic properties. The individual will also serve as Cultural Resource Liaison with the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities. The position will be the point of contact for DOT&PF Cultural Resource Management staff and will review DOT&PF and FHWA projects for potential impacts to historic properties. The position will also provide technical and planning assistance to DOT&PF staff in early project planning, historic property identification efforts, and environmental public meetings.

Archaeologist 2 - PCN 10-5262, recruitment is open to Alaska Residents on Workplace Alaska, and closes Thursday, November 3 at 5 PM. The posting is ([HERE](#)).

Alaska Historical Commission

The **Alaska Historical Commission** will meet by Microsoft Teams on Thursday November 17, 2022. The agenda includes a review of grant applications for CLG, development and predevelopment, and Preserve Alaska grants. The agenda and information about how to participate is on OHA's website. <http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/oha/histcomm/histcommission.htm>

To sign up for public comment or register to attend the meeting, please email a request to dnr.oha@alaska.gov. To sign up by phone or to request a printed copy of the agenda, please

call 907-269-8700. You may also write to the Office of History and Archaeology, Alaska Department of Natural Resources, 550 West 7th Ave., Suite 1310, Anchorage, AK 99501-3565.

COVID 19 Adjustments

OHA employees are working a hybrid schedule. This means that correspondence, phone calls, and the processing of invoices/payments may be delayed.

While the Office of History and Archaeology staff are 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

Review/compliance, Section 106, project review: oha.revcomp@alaska.gov

State Cultural Resource Investigation Permits: oha.permits@alaska.gov

Alaska Heritage Resource Survey access, renewals, or submissions: oha.ibs@alaska.gov

Federal Legislation news

Congress passed a Continuing Resolution (CR), which will extend current spending levels until December 16th, averting a federal government shutdown. The final CR did not include the permitting reform proposal that was in earlier versions of the CR.

National Park Service news

The National Historic Landmarks Program announced the release of a new theme study, “Protecting America: Cold War Defensive Sites.” Prepared by John S. Salmon (a National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers (NCSHPO) consultant with the assistance of the Cold War Advisory Committee, the study considers the Cold War period to be from the detonation of the first two atomic bombs in 1945 to the dissolution of the Soviet Union in 1991. The historic context section introduces the ways in which international affairs and the political and military challenges of the Cold War era influenced the weapons systems and defense programs of the United States. A study includes 24 potential Cold War NHLs for consideration. This and other NHL theme studies can inform National Register of Historic Places nominations.

The complete accessible PDF is available on the National Historic Landmarks Program website – [Recent Theme Studies](#)

Technical Preservation Services (TPS), National Park Service, has released the [Annual Report on the Economic Impact of the Historic Tax Credit for Fiscal Year 2021](#). A [National Park Service press release](#) highlighted the \$7.7 billion in GDP and 135,000 jobs generated by the credit in FY 2021. TPS collaborates with the Rutgers University Edward J. Bloustein School for Planning and Public Policy to prepare the report.

The report highlights the annual positive economic impacts resulting from the Federal Historic Tax Credit and includes information on the cumulative economic impacts since the certification of the first completed rehabilitation project in 1978.

NPS Grant opportunities:

The National Park Service is now accepting applications for the [Save America's Treasures](#) (SAT) grant program. The SAT program provides preservation and conservation assistance to nationally significant historic sites and collections. \$26.5 million will be competitively awarded. A dollar-for-dollar, non-Federal match, is required, this can be either cash or documented in-kind services. SAT is administered by the National Park Service (NPS) in partnership with the [National Endowment for the Arts](#) (NEA), the [National Endowment for the Humanities](#) (NEH), and the [Institute of Museum and Library Services](#) (IMLS). Preservation projects fund physical preservation of historic buildings, sites, structures, and objects. Collection projects include conservation of artifacts, museum collections, documents, sculptures, and works of art.

Applications are due December 20, 2022. To apply for funding for preservation projects go to opportunity number [P22AS00432](#) To apply for funding for collections projects go to opportunity number is [P22AS00433](#) For more information about the SAT grant program: <http://go.nps.gov/sat>.

The National Park Service has a new grant program that is accepting applications: **Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian Culture and Arts Development Grant Program.**

The Secretary of the Interior is authorized to make grants for the purpose of supporting programs for Native Hawaiian or Alaska Native culture and arts development to any private, nonprofit organization or institution which— (1) primarily serves and represents Native Hawaiians or Alaska Natives, and (2) has been recognized by the Governor of the State of Hawaii or the Governor of the State of Alaska, as appropriate, for the purpose of making such organization or institution eligible to receive such grants. Grants will enhance culture and art programs, including traditional and contemporary expressions of language, history, visual and performing arts, and crafts.

Public Law 117-103, the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022, provides \$250,000 in Fiscal Year 2022 to encourage new entities to apply. **Closing date for applications: October 31, 2022.** Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) is P23AS00023.

[Search Grants | GRANTS.GOV](#)

The National Park Service's **Tribal Historic Preservation Program** grant program is accepting grant applications for about \$500,000 that will be available in the fall of 2022.

<https://www.nps.gov/subjects/historicpreservationfund/tribal-heritage-grants.htm>

National Parks Service's **African American Civil Rights (AACR) grants** program (P22AS00647 and P22AS00648) is to preserve and protect sites associated with the struggle for equality from the transatlantic slave trade forward. Applications due November 8, 2022. For more information go to [African American Civil Rights Grant Program](#)

[Advisory Council on Historic Preservation news](#)

Advisory Council on Historic Preservation Vice Chairman Jordan Tannenbaum signed the [Memorandum of Agreement \(MOA\) on Native Languages](#) on September 28, 2022, at the National Building Museum in Washington, D.C. Reno Franklin, the ACHP's Indian Tribe and Native Hawaiian Member, and Ira L. Matt, the ACHP's Director of the Office of Native American Affairs, witnessed the signing. Lead signatory agencies for the MOA include Dept. of Interior, Dept. of Agriculture, Health and Human Services, and Dept. of Education.

Training:

The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation is offering digital classrooms for their Section 106 courses: The Section 106 Essentials and Section 106 Agreements Seminar. They will use Zoomgov.com. To learn more and register, go to www.achp.gov/training/classroom.

The ACHP extended FEMA COVID pandemic emergency procedures through November 30, 2022. For more information go to ACHP's website at achp.gov.

National Endowment for the Humanities news

The NEH Division of Preservation and Access offers grants of up to \$10,000 for preservation assistance for small and mid-sized institutions. The grant provides funding for preservation assessment, planning, supplies, and professional development. Organizations or collections that represent the contributions of underrepresented communities are encouraged. [Learn more](#). Collections may include special collections of books and journals, archives and manuscripts, prints and photographs moving images, sound recordings, architectural and cartographic artifacts, furniture, historical objects, and digital materials.

A pre-application, informational webinar will be held on October 28, 2022: Register **using this link**: [Preservation Assistance Grant Webinar](#). *Deadline to apply for funding: January 12, 2023*

National Trust for Historic Preservation news

America's 11 Most Endangered Historic Places nominations for the 2023 list are being accepted by the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Since 1988, the National Trust has used its annual list to raise awareness about the threats facing some of our nation's greatest treasures. Submissions of Letters of Intent due by November 4th. [America's 11 Most Endangered Historic Places Letters of Intent due \(National Trust\)](#)

Peter H. Brink Leadership Fund grants (up to \$2,500) for travel costs and mentor honoraria are available for Organization Level Forum or Main Street America members of the National Trust. The purpose of these grants is to support the leadership and effectiveness of staff and board members of preservation organizations through individualized mentoring and the sharing of expertise. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis throughout the year. For more information go to forum@savingplaces.org

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PUBLIC PROJECT ALERTS:

Section 106 large project consultation in progress:

- West Susitna Access Road
- Ambler Industrial Access Road

Review and compliance agreement development for large projects in progress:

- Mendenhall Glacier Visitors Center Rehabilitation
 - o Programmatic Agreement

- Glenn Highway Corridor
 - o Programmatic Agreement
- Sterling Highway MP 45-60
 - o Data Recovery Plan
 - o Programmatic Agreement Amendment
- USFS Sustainable Cabins
 - o Programmatic Agreement
- NPS Kennecott Maintenance and Operations
 - o Programmatic Agreement Amendment
- NPS Climate Change at Dyea
 - o Programmatic Agreement

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.

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PRESERVATION CALENDAR:

2022

November 1-3 2022 AASLH Virtual Conference. **Explore Diversity in History at the 2022 Virtual Conference:** A number of sessions at this year’s Virtual Conference address diversity in history, including sessions about “next narratives,” using recent history, preserving Black space, and museums at the flash point of social change. **The pre-registration deadline is October 26.** Your registration includes access to live sessions and recordings of all sessions. [Learn more about sessions that explore diversity](#) and [register here.](#)

November 1-4 National Trust for Historic Preservation, *PastForward, the Virtual National Preservation Conference*. Theme: **Moving from Vision to Action**. Registration: https://savingplaces.org/conference#.Yh7dG_7MKUk

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February 13-17 23rd Annual NATHPO Conference, hosted by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, in Cherokee, NC. Theme: *Voices of Truth Our Knowledge, Our Power*.
[23rd Annual NATHPO Conference](#)

March 13-16 Historic Preservation Advocacy Week. Washington D.C., for more information go to preservationaction.org

National Preservation Institute provides continuing education and professional training in historic preservation and cultural resource management throughout the year. For training options, go to: www.npi.org For information contact Jere Gibber, Executive Director, info@npi.org