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Office of History and Archaeology new Alaska Maritime Heritage Program

Office of History and Archaeology's new Alaska Maritime Heritage Preservation Program Grant will be soliciting grants in August. Check our website August 1st for information on preservation and education grants. [Alaska Maritime Heritage Preservation Program](#)

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, register for education sessions, 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

The Historic Preservation Fund Program authorization expires September 30, 2023. The bipartisan **Historic Preservation Fund Reauthorization Act** (H.R.3350), reauthorizes the HPF for 10 years and increases the authorization to \$250 million annually.

July 12, the House Appropriations Committee Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies released their FY24 proposed [appropriations bill](#). House Appropriations Committee Chair Rep. Kay Granger (R-TX) announced her intention to markup FY 2024 spending bills at FY 2022 funding levels, which would yield an estimated \$120 billion reduction in federal spending. It reflects a 25% cut in non-defense spending below FY2023 enacted levels. The House proposal outlines funding for the Historic Preservation Fund at \$175.4 million for FY24. The House bill does not authorize congressionally directed spending. The House proposal provides for level HPF funding less earmarks. The HPF is currently funded at \$204.5 million and in FY22 was funded at \$173.072 million.

National Park Service news

NPS Grant opportunities:

The National Park Service's **African American Civil Rights (AACR) Grant Program** is now accepting applications. The goal of the AACR Program is to preserve and protect sites associated with the long struggle for equality from the transatlantic slave trade forward. These grants fund a broad range of preservation projects including physical preservation of historic structures, pre-preservation planning, National Register nominations, oral histories, education and interpretation.

More information and applications for [AACR History Grants via Grants.gov AACR History - P23AS00471](#)

More information and applications for [AACR Preservation Grants via Grants.gov AACR Preservation - P23AS00472](#)

Development of a Nationwide Programmatic Agreement for Cultural Resources Financial Assistance

The National Park Service (NPS) Cultural Resources, Partnerships, and Science Directorate provides Federal financial assistance to advance its mission in the protection and interpretation of the nation's heritage. Congress authorized NPS to provide Federal financial assistance to States, Tribes, local governments, and other partners to advance the purposes of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) among other similar purposes. Projects, activities, or programs that are carried out with Federal financial assistance are considered undertakings (36 CFR § 800.16(y)) requiring compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (54 U.S.C. § 306108).

NPS proposes to develop a Nationwide Programmatic Agreement (Nationwide PA) that creates an efficient and consistent Section 106 process for its cultural resources financial assistance undertakings. The proposed Nationwide PA will include cultural resources activities that are considered undertakings under Section 106 within its grant programs and cooperative agreements. NPS is accepting comments until August 17, 2023. To submit comments go to the [Nationwide PA planning page](#).

Advisory Council on Historic Preservation news

On March 1, 2023, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) voted unanimously to adopt its new [*Policy Statement on Burial Sites, Human Remains, and Funerary Objects*](#). The policy statement establishes a set of standards and guidelines that federal and state agencies, contractors, and other relevant entities should, at a minimum, seek to implement in order to provide burial sites, human remains, and funerary objects the consideration and protection they deserve.

Consistent with that policy, the ACHP has developed the attached [*Policy Statement on Burial Sites, Human Remains, and Funerary Objects: Explanation and Discussion*](#) guidance document to provide ACHP staff, federal agencies, state and local governments, and nongovernmental institutions and private developers with additional context, guidance, and advice on the interpretation and implementation of each principle contained in the policy. This guidance document was informed by the comments provided by consulting parties during its development and references multiple resources that offer further information on the how to best consider burial sites, human remains, and funerary objects in decision making.

For more information about the policy statement, the guidance document, or to see a summary of comments received during the development of the policy statement please see this [webpage](#). If you have general questions regarding the policy statement or the guidance document please contact Ira L. Matt, Director, Office of Native American Affairs, at imatt@achp.gov. For questions specific to an undertaking please contact the appropriate [staff reviewer](#) in the Office of Federal Agency Programs.

Training:

The ACHP has compiled news, background information, examples, and other program resources on its website, in order to help agencies, federal applicants, SHPOs, Indian tribes, and other Section 106 participants carry out reviews of infrastructure projects on federal property or those involving federal assistance. Resources include: [HTTPS://WWW.ACHP.GOV/106_TOOLKIT_FOR_INFRASTRUCTURE_AND_BROADBAND_AND_106](https://www.achp.gov/106_toolkit_for_infrastructure_and_broadband_and_106)

National Trust for Historic Preservation news

National Trust Preservation Funds Grant Program: Accepting Applications

The next round of the National Preservation Fund is now open. Enhance your efforts to save the historic places within our 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 October 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 <https://savingplaces.org/grants> or contact Grants@savingplaces.org.

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

Preserving Black Churches The African American Cultural Heritage Action Fund, with support from the Lilly Endowment Inc, is investing in historic Black churches and congregations to reimagine, redesign, and deploy historic preservation to address the institutions' needs and the cultural assets and stories they steward. They are leveraging historic preservation as a tool for equity and reconciliation and celebrating historic Black churches as centers of heritage, community, and cultural life. Applications due August 23, 2023

- [Program Information](#)
- [Guidelines and Application](#)

National Association of Tribal Historic Preservation Officers

NATHPO invites tribes and native organizations to stay current on important happenings using their new [Calendar of Events](#). They have job listings, [Community Job Board](#), and listing of relevant [Grant Opportunities](#).

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PUBLIC PROJECT ALERTS:

Section 106 large project consultation in progress:

- Johnson River Bridge
Memorandum of Agreement
- West Susitna Access Road
- Safer Seward Highway
- Mendenhall Glacier Visitors Center Rehabilitation
Programmatic Agreement
- Glenn Highway Corridor
Programmatic Agreement
- NPS Climate Change at Dyea
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:

2023

September 6-9 AASLH Annual Conference, Boise, Idaho. Early registration is now open. For more information go to aaslh.org

October 24-25 National Preservation Institute in-person seminar

Section 106: Agreement Documents

Instructor: Claudia Nissley

October 24-25, 2023—Anchorage, AK

Two-day in-person seminar, offered in conjunction with Traditional Cultural Places, in cooperation with the Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Office of History & Archaeology/State Historic Preservation Office

This advanced seminar focuses on memoranda of agreement and programmatic agreements under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. Learn how to survive and thrive during the agreement process through careful analysis, clear writing, and good negotiation. Review the available tools, guidelines, alternatives-and non-alternatives-to reach a favorable conclusion to the process. [Read detailed agenda](#)

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“Traditional cultural places” (TCPs) play an important role in community cultural traditions, beliefs, and activities. TCPs must be considered in planning under the National Environmental Policy Act, the National Historic Preservation Act, Executive Orders 12898 and 13007, and other authorities. Review methods of identifying TCPs, discuss evaluation for National Register eligibility, and explore management issues. [Read detailed agenda](#)

Traditional Cultural Places

November 8-10 PastForward conference, **Preserving Place, Empowering Community**, in Washington, D.C. Learn more about **PastForward 2023 rates** and check out the conference schedule for November 8-10.

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

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July 31- August 4 - National Alliance of Preservation Commissions (NAPC), NAPC FORUM 2024, West Palm Beach, FL., Save the Date. National conference focused on issues facing local historic preservation commissions. [NAPC FORUM](#)