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Historic Preservation Fund FY 18 budget

The *President's* FY 2018 budget proposal recommends significant reductions to the Historic Preservation Fund programs. It proposes to reduce the amount of funding for the state and tribal offices and eliminate all competitive grant programs. The *House of Representatives* amended its

FY 2018 budget appropriation for the Historic Preservation Fund restoring funding to last year's levels. The House also included funds for the underserved communities, civil rights movement, historically black colleges, and Save American Treasures programs. The *Senate* has not announced its FY 2018 budget for HPF programs yet.

Historic Preservation Fund:	FY 2017 Final	FY 2018 President	FY 2018 House	FY 2018 Senate
States	\$ 47.925*	\$ 42.1	\$47.9	
Tribes	10.485	9.0	10.5	
Underserved communities initiative	.500		.5	
Civil rights movement initiative	13.000		13.0	
Historic Black colleges/universities	4.000		4.0	
Save America's Treasures grants	5.000		5.0	
TOTALS	\$ 80.910	\$ 51.1	\$ 80.9	

* Figures are in millions.

Fiscal year 2017 ended September 30. Congress has passed a continuing resolution that will continue to fund government programs through December 8th at FY 2017 levels.

Senators Lisa Murkowski and Maria Cantwell have introduced an energy bill (S. 1460) that includes a provision to permanently reauthorize the Historic Preservation Fund. It is similar to the bill they had in the last Congress that did not get passed. Senator Murkowski hopes the Senate will pass the bill this year, then work with the House of Representatives to get it enacted this year.

Office of History and Archaeology and Alaska Historical Commission news

The draft *2018-2023 Saving Our Past: Alaska's Historic Preservation Plan* is available for review, with comments requested by October 20th. A copy of the plan is posted at <http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/oha/planning/hpplanupdate>. Your comments can be provided through the website. For more information about the plan, contact Summer Louthan, 907.269.8717 / summer.louthan@alaska.gov.

The next meeting of the Alaska Historical Commission will be Wednesday, December 6, 2017. The meeting location and agenda will be announced later. For more information about the commission or the meeting contact Jo Antonson, 907.269.8714 / jo.antonson@alaska.gov.

The Office of History and Archaeology is in a temporary office on the second floor of the Atwood Building. The phone numbers, mailing and email addresses for the office and staff have not changed.

150th anniversary of the Alaska Treaty of Cession

October 18, 2017 is the 150th anniversary of the ceremony on Castle Hill at Sitka where the Russians transferred its claims in the North Pacific to the United States. There are a number of events happening around the state this month to commemorate the event.

In Juneau on First Friday, October 6, there is an open house at the Lt. Governor's office with an exhibit about the Seward Shame Pole erected at Taant'a Kwaan village after William Seward visited in 1860 and newly reproduced by Stephen Jackson. From there, one can walk to the Alaska State Museum for the opening of SESQUICENTENNIAL: 150th Anniversary of the Treaty of Cession exhibit with the original Emanuel Leutze painting from the Seward House in Auburn, New York, and maps, photographs, documents, and objects from the period that have recently received conservation treatment.

In Anchorage on First Friday, the International Gallery of Contemporary Art will have an exhibit by artists responding to the Treaty of Cession and exploring its meaning today.

Starting the next weekend is the biennial clan conference of Tlingit Tribes, *Haa Shagòon, Yei Sh Natoosneix* at Sitka, October 13-16. There will be presentations from Alaska Native tradition bearers and elders, and several panels on the Treaty of Cession and on Native rights under Russian and early American administrations. Presenters include Andrei Grinev from St. Petersburg, Ilya Vinkovetsky from Vancouver, and Sergei Kan from New Hampshire.

On Saturday, October 14, the Alaska State Library Historical Collections will show five historic short films about the Purchase of Alaska. And in Sitka that day, the Friends of Sheldon Jackson Museum will host an Alaska Day reception.

Sitka will hold its annual Alaska Day festival on October 18, and visitors can see the Sitka Museum's new exhibits, enjoy the parade, watch the reenactment of the transfer ceremony on Castle Hill, attend the Governor's Ball, have tea at the Pioneers' Home and homemade pie at the Lutheran church. The next evening, Sitka National Historic Park presents *Voices of Change: Perspectives on the Transfer of Alaska from Russia to the United States*.

In Juneau, the State Library, Archives and Museum at the Kashevaroff Building will be open on Alaska Day from 10-4 for visitors to view the Emanuel Leutze painting and exhibit and for a lecture on the sesquicentennial. The Reading Room and Research Center will be open as well with two special exhibits. One is on Alaska Day in Alaska with newspapers cued up on the microfilm readers to see how Alaskans have treated the holiday. The other is an exhibit of photos and documents depicting Alaska Native life under colonialism.

In Anchorage, Cook Inlet Historical Society is hosting a panel discussion on October 19 at the Anchorage Museum addressing the causes and consequences of the Treaty of Cession. Historian Steve Haycox will moderate a panel that includes Andrei Grinev from St. Petersburg, Ilya Vinkovetsky from Vancouver, Andrei Znamenski from the University of Memphis, Joaquin Estus, Tlingit archivist and historian, and Andrey Khalkachan from Siberia.

The Sheldon Museum at Haines will open a new permanent exhibit, *Across the Shaman's River*, on October 27.

More information on these programs is on the Alaska Historical Society website, <http://alaskahistoricalsociety.org/about-ahs/150treaty/calendar/>.

The eight-panel *1860s Alaska* travelling exhibit prepared by the offices of History and Archaeology and Interpretation and Education, Alaska Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation, is available to community organizations, libraries, and schools for a three-week period. The application to get the panels for exhibit is at <http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/oha/designations/150Anniversary>. A companion booklet is available. Individuals interested in a copy of the booklet can get one by sending a mailing address to dnr.oha@alaska.gov.

National Park Service updates

Because of hurricanes and forest fires, the National Park Service has extended the deadline to apply for an African American Civil Rights grant to October 8, 2017. The grants are for documentation, interpretation and preservation of sites related to the African American struggle to gain equal rights as citizens in the 20th century. Applications are submitted through Grants.gov. For more information contact Seth Tinkham, 202.354.2020 / preservation_grants_info@nps.gov.

The National Register of Historic Places program plans to update and revise its bulletin, *How to Complete the National Register Registration Form*, also known as Bulletin 16A. Comments, clarifications, and recommendations on the current bulletin are being solicited. The deadline for comments is December 31, 2017. Feedback may be submitted at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/NRBulletinUpdate> or by email to NR_Bulletin16@nps.gov. For questions or more information contact Edson Beall, 202.354.2255 / edson_beall@nps.gov.

The National Center for Preservation Technology and Training is accepting applications for three internships to work on the Mississippi River Delta archaeological mitigation project. Interns will participate in Section 106 consultation with Louisiana Division of Archaeology, develop a GIS database on endangered historic coastal sites, and identify and georectify new sites, prepare a predictive model, and produce a prioritized list of sites for proposed alternative mitigation. The internships will begin in November 2017 and end in May 2018. The deadline to apply is October 31, 2017. For more information contact Tad Britt, 318.521.5641 / tad_britt@nps.gov.

Advisory Council on Historic Preservation programs

The Advisory Council has scheduled three intermediate level webinars this fall: Preservation Compliance and Property Disposal, Meeting the Reasonable and Good Faith Identification Standard in Section 106 Review, and Cultural Landscapes: Identification and Effects Assessments. Program descriptions, course dates, and registration instructions are at www.achp.gov/sec106webinar.html

The Advisory Council has several new online courses to provide training in the use of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act to protect historic properties. One of the new courses addresses integration and coordination of Section 106 reviews with the National Environmental Policy Act review process, and another is targeted toward applicants for federal permits to help them better understand and participate in Section 106 reviews. More information about the courses is at <http://www.achp.gov/elearning.html>.

Department of Transportation publication, *Historic Roads of Alaska*, available

The Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities has published a booklet profiling a variety of Alaska's roads. The Federal Highway Administration funded the publication, and the Office of History and Archaeology and Education and Interpretation staff of Alaska State Parks wrote and designed it. Plans are to have a web version as well. If you would like a copy of the booklet contact Molly Proue, 907.451.5497 / molly.proue@alaska.gov.

Alaska Association for Historic Preservation fall activities

The Alaska Association for Historic Preservation will hold its third eat.drink.preserve fundraising dinner and silent auction on October 6, 2017, in Anchorage. The money raised at the event is for its 10 Most Endangered Historic Properties in Alaska grant program. Details are available at www.aahp-online.net.

Nominations for the organization's annual Historic Preservation Award are due October 15, 2017. The award honors excellence in historic preservation throughout Alaska. Nominations can be for a project, individual, organization, or agency. The nomination form is available at www.aahp-online.net/newsevents.html.

The AAHP will hold its annual meeting November 9, 2017, in Anchorage. In addition to the business meeting, the Historic Preservation Award will be presented, the 10 Most Endangered Historic Properties grant recipients will be announced, and historian Katie Ringsmuth will talk about the Cannery project that AAHP is co-sponsoring. More information is available on the website, by calling 907.929.9870, or by sending an email to akpreservation@gmail.com.

Alaska State Historical Records Advisory Board seeks award nominations

October is Archives Month. The ASHRAB is seeking nominations for its Certificate of Archival Excellence Award. The award recognizes researchers, archivists, institutions and organizations for work related to archives. The deadline to submit a nomination is October 16, 2017 and should be submitted to Zachary Jones, zachary.jones@alaska.gov,

UAA History Department and Alaska Native Studies Program starts lecture series

In recognition of *2017: The Alaska Year of History and Heritage*, the University of Alaska Anchorage Department of History, Alaska Native Studies Program are hosting lectures in October and November. For more information call 907.786.6135 or email maria2@alaska.edu.

October 2: *The Wreck of the Neva and Tlingit Shaman power*, with Dave McMahan, Archaeologist, and X'ulteen L'aakaw Eesh Kyle Wark, UAA Alum. UAA Library 307, 6:30 p.m.

October 9, Indigenous People's Day: *Colonization & Columbus: Rethinking Empire*, with Cordelia Kelley, Inupiaq and Legislative aide; Aaron Leggett, Dena'ina, Anchorage Museum; Maria Crouch, UAA PhD candidate; Subhankar Banerjee, Artist and writer. UAA Gorsuch Commons, 6:00 p.m.

October 23: *The Alaska Equal Rights Act, Alaskan Segregation, and the Paradox of Indigenous Assimilation*, with Holly Guide, Inupiaq and Yale PhD Candidate. UAA Library 307, 6:30 p.m.

November 8: Celebrating Veterans, screening of *Wind Talkers*, with Zonnie Gorman, University of New Mexico PhD Candidate. Bear Tooth Theatre.

November 13: *Navajo Code Talkers of World War II*, with Zonnie Gorman, University of New Mexico PhD Candidate. UAA Arts 150, 6:00 p.m.

International Society for Landscapes, Place & Material Culture conference

The 49th annual conference of the International Society for Landscapes, Place, & Material Culture is October 18-21 in Salt Lake City, Utah. In addition to tours and papers on the theme of Mormons, Miners and the America West, the conference will have a National Register of Historic Places workshop with a reviewer from the Washington, D.C. staff. Those interested in the workshop need to register for it at

<http://www.pioneeramerica.org/annualmeetingregister.html>. For more information contact J. Cory Jensen, 801.245.7242 / coryjensen@utah.gov.

Victorian Society makes awards for restoration projects

The Victorian Society in America presents awards for projects constructed between 1837 and 1917, recognized with listing in the National Register, state or local register of historic places, and restored within the past two years. A chapter or member of the society must sponsor the nomination, and the organization will help interested applicants find a sponsor. Additionally, the society will write letters of support for endangered structures around the country. These programs are described on the organization's website, www.victoriansociety.org.

This Place Matters Alaska map

The Office of History and Archaeology has #*ThisPlaceMatters Alaska*, an interactive map with photos of historic properties around the state on its website at <http://arcg.is/1TvQiht>. To submit a place and photo, go to bit.ly/AKThisPlaceMatters

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PUBLIC PROJECT ALERTS:

National Park Service, Update/revision of National Register Bulletin, How to Complete the National Register Registration Form

Request for comments: <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/NRBulletinUpdate> or NR_Bulletin16@nps.gov

Comments due: December 31, 2017

Contact: Edson Beall, 202.354.2255 / edson_beall@nps.gov

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers / Donlin Gold Project: Draft Environmental Impact Statement and ANILCA 810 Analysis comments available. The draft programmatic agreement is expected to be posted soon for a short review and comment period.

Project information: www.donlingoldeis.com

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PRESERVATION CALENDAR:

October 3 Historic Preservation Education Foundation, Partners in Training grant proposal deadline (www.hpef.us / info@hpef.us)

October 6 Alaska Association for Historic Preservation, eat.drink.preserve dinner and auction to benefit the 10 Most Endangered Historic Properties in Alaska grant program, Anchorage (Allegra Hamer, 907.929.9870 / akpreservation@gmail.com)

October 10-12 State and Tribal Historic Preservation Officers, Western Regional Meeting, Boise, ID.

October 11-12 National Center for Preservation Technology and Training, Asbestos Awareness Training for Historic Buildings and Objects, Dearborn, MI (NCPTT, 318.356.9119 / ncptt@nps.gov)

October 13-16 Haa Shagóon, Yei Sh Natoosneix: A Conference of Tlingit Tribes and Clans, Sitka (Peter Metcalfe, 907.723.3483 / metcom@gci.net)

October 15 Alaska Association for Historic Preservation, Historic Preservation award nomination deadline (Allegra Hamer, 907.929.9870 / akpreservation@gmail.com)

October 18-21 International Society for Landscapes, Place, and Material Culture 49th annual conference: Mormons, Miners and the American West, Salt Lake City, UT, <http://www.pioneeramerica.org/annualmeetingregister.html> (Cory Jensen, 801.245.7242 / coryjensen@utah.gov)

October 19 Cook Inlet Historical Society, Alaska Day Program: Treaty of Cession, Causes and Consequences panel discussion, Anchorage (Judy Bittner, 907.269.8715 / judy.bittner@alaska.gov)

October 29-November 1 City of Annapolis and Newport Restoration Foundation, Keeping History Above Water international conference addressing sea level rise, tidal flooding, extreme precipitation, and subsidence, Annapolis, MD (Lisa Craig, lmcraig@annapolis.gov)

November 8-10 International Conference on Cultural Heritage and New Technologies, Vienna, Austria (Wolfgang Borner, #43(0)1 4000 81176 / wolfgang.boerner@stadtarchaeologie.at)

November 9 Alaska Association for Historic Preservation, annual meeting, Anchorage (Allegra Hamer, 907.929.9870 / akpreservation@gmail.com)

November 13-17 Heritage Emergency National Task Force, Heritage Emergency and Response Training, <https://culturalrescue.si.edu/resources/hentf-training/>, Washington, DC (Lisa Foley, 781.259.8652 / hentf@si.edu or culturalrescue@si.edu)

November 14-17 National Trust for Historic Preservation 2017 PastForward Conference: ReUrbanism, Technology, and Health, Chicago, IL (<https://pastforwardconference.org/pastforward2017/about>)

December 6 Alaska Historical Commission meeting (Jo Antonson, 907.269.8714 / jo.antonson@alaska.gov)

December 31 National Register of Historic Places, *Bulletin 16A: How to Complete the National Register Registration Form* comment deadline (Edson Beall, 202.354.2255 / Edson_beall@nps.gov)

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March 12-14 National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers (NCSHPO) annual conference, Washington, DC (Ted Monoson, 202.624.5476 / monoson@ncshpo.org)

March 19-20 National Preservation Institute, NAGPRA Essentials, Anchorage (info@npi.org / 703.765.0100)

March 21-24 Alaska Anthropological Association 45th annual meeting, Anchorage (alaskaanthro@gmail.com)

March 21-23 National Preservation Institute, Archaeological Curation and Collections Management, Anchorage (info@npi.org / 703.765.0100)

April 20 Alaska Office of History and Archaeology, Annual Workshop, Anchorage (Mark Rollins, 907.269.8722 / mark.rollins@alaska.gov)

July 18-22 National Alliance of Preservation Commissions, Forum 2018, www.napcommissions.org, Des Moines, IA (director@napcommissions.org)

September 19-22 Alaska Historical Society / Museums Alaska, annual meetings and conference, Nome (Amy Chan, 907.443.6630 / museum@nomealaska.org)