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**Federal funding and legislation for historic preservation programs**

The authorization of the federal Historic Preservation Fund that supports state and tribal historic preservation programs and funds special initiatives has been expired for more than a year. A number of bills before Congress include a reauthorization provision. In the final days of this Congress, historic preservation advocates are working to get Senate energy bill S.2012, the National Park Service centennial bill, or H.R.2817 passed, each with a HPF reauthorization provision. It is important to express your support for HPF reauthorization to Alaska’s congressional delegation.

At this time, it appears Congress is going to pass a continuing resolution to keep the federal government funded at FY 2016 levels through the end of March 2017. (Although not reauthorized, the HPF will be funded in FY 17.) The Administration, House of Representatives, and Senate proposals for HPF funding for FY 17 (October 1, 2016-September 30, 2017) are:

Historic Preservation Fund:	FY 2016 Final	FY 2017 President	FY 2017 House	FY 2017 Senate proposal
States	\$ 46.925*	\$ 46.925	\$ 47.925	\$ 47.925
Tribes	9.985	11.985	11.985	9.985
Underrepresented communities grants	.500	.500	.500	.500
Civil Rights Movement initiative	8.000	25.000	11.000	9.000
Historic Black Colleges/Universities		3.000	3.000	
Save America's Treasures grants			5.000	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 65.410</b>	<b>\$ 87.410</b>	<b>\$ 79.410</b>	<b>\$ 67.410</b>

\* Figures are in millions.

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

The Alaska Historical Commission met November 16, 2016. Members reviewed proposals for Treaty of Cession grants as well as for Certified Local Government projects. Awarded Treaty of Cession grants are mentioned below. The CLG grants included awards to the City and Borough of Sitka for rehabilitation work on Sheldon Jackson College's Fraser Hall and the Japonski Island World War II boathouse; to the Fairbanks North Star Borough for work on the steamboat *Nenana*; and to the City of Cordova for preservation education projects about the Red Dragon and Copper River Highway. Also, members of the commission voted to change the names of Birch Creek (including Upper and Lower Mouths) to K'iidòotinjik and Ikhèenjìk Rivers in Interior Alaska, and to name Spirit River on the Alaska Peninsula. Lt. Governor Mallott tasked several commissioners to draft a charter document addressing Alaska Native names on maps. For more information on the Alaska Historical Commission contact Jo Antonson (907.269.8714 / [jo.antonson@alaska.gov](mailto:jo.antonson@alaska.gov)).

A revamped report checklist for the AHRs and Review and Compliance programs is available for review. It can be found at <http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/oha/ahrs/reportchk.htm>. Comments are requested by December 31, 2016. If you wish to discuss your comments contact Jeff Weinberger, 907.269.8718 / [oha.ibs@alaska.gov](mailto:oha.ibs@alaska.gov).

Before the end of the month, if you already have not done so, please take the survey for the 2018-23 state historic preservation plan, <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/AKHPP>. Summer Louthan, 907.269.8717 / [summer.louthan@alaska.gov](mailto:summer.louthan@alaska.gov), is leading the planning project.

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>. Photos are welcome; please submit to [bit.ly/AKThisPlaceMatters](http://bit.ly/AKThisPlaceMatters)

### 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Alaska Treaty of Cession activities

As mentioned above, the Alaska Historical Commission considered proposals for a third year of grants for projects to commemorate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Treaty of Cession at their November meeting. They recommended 11 for awards. The funded projects include museum exhibits, public outreach and education, and heritage tourism projects.

- Alaska Division of Libraries, Archives & Museums, exhibit on paper conservation
- Alaska Library Network, Online with Libraries (OWL) videoconference
- Sheldon Museum (Haines), *Across the Shaman's River* exhibit

Kodiak Historical Society, *Kodiak Then and Now* booklet  
Sitka Historical Society, audio walking tour and event planning  
Institute of the North, *Looking Forward* meeting of Alaskans and Russians  
Alaska Children's Institute for Performing Arts, *History, Our Link to the Future* play  
Tlingit Readers, *Treaty of Cession Cause and Consequences* program  
Rebecca Poulson, Battle of Alaska the decade after the Treaty research and presentation  
Anjuli Grantham, Alaska Purchase through museum collections radio programs Penelope Goforth, Hayward Hutchinson, ACC founder, biography research

Peter Metcalfe, [metcom@gci.net](mailto:metcom@gci.net), is coordinating commemoration events for the Alaska Historical Commission. A calendar of events is on the Alaska Historical Society website [www.alaskahistoricalsociety.org](http://www.alaskahistoricalsociety.org). To have an activity added to the list, information should be sent to [members@alaskahistoricalsociety.org](mailto:members@alaskahistoricalsociety.org).

Among the activities is compiling *150 Reasons We Love Alaska* to promote the state. Kathy Ruddy of Juneau is heading up the project. She is seeking reasons, explained in 150 words, from Alaskans about this place that is "both deeply familiar and wildly exotic." The plan is to publish the list and possibly run reasons individually in a newspaper, or newspapers, during 2017. Please send your ideas for the list by mid-January to Kathy Ruddy, 907.321.7558 / [kathy.ruddy65@gmail.com](mailto:kathy.ruddy65@gmail.com).

Governor Walker proclaimed 2017 *The Alaska Year of History and Heritage*, encouraging "all Alaskans to take the occasion of this 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary [of the Alaska Treaty of Cession] year to study, teach, reflect upon our past, and apply its lessons to a brighter, more inclusive future." It, and the discussion of U.S. Secretary of State William H. Seward and the treaty that was produced by 360 North public television in Juneau in September, are available on the OHA website, <http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/oha/designations/150Anniversary>

### 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the National Historic Preservation Act

The National Park Service's Cultural Resources, Partnerships, and Science Directorate is continuing its programs to highlight preservation work at #50for50 and #Preservation50. More information is at <http://www.nps.gov/subjects/historicpreservation/50for50.htm> and [www.preservation50.org](http://www.preservation50.org).

A coalition of Preservation50 partners created ARCUS, a cultural heritage preservation development initiative of short courses, materials and networking opportunities. The coalition has established a fellowship program for emerging preservation leaders. Applications for the spring 2017 fellowship program are due January 15, 2017. For more information about the initiative and fellowships contact Greg Werkheiser, 703.408.2002 / [www.preservation50.org/arcus/](http://www.preservation50.org/arcus/).

### National Park Service notes

The National Park Service is seeking nominations for the *Secretary of the Interior's awards* to individuals for maintaining, preserving, and enhancing cultural heritage. The award is Cabinet-level recognition of the accomplishments of individual employees whose work enhanced and improved historic preservation in their agency. The annual awards, one in each category (state, tribal, local, and federal), are made annually. Nominations are being accepted through January 6, 2017. Guidance for nominating an individual is at <https://www.nps.gov/preservation-grants/Nomination.pdf>. For additional information, contact David Banks, 202.354.2020.

*American Battlefield Protection Program* grants are available for archaeology, cultural landscape inventories, cultural resource documentation, GIS mapping, preservation planning and National Register nominations. The next deadline to apply is January 19, 2017. The application form and guidelines are available at [www.cr.nps.gov/abpp](http://www.cr.nps.gov/abpp). Additional information is available from Kristen McMasters, 202.354.2037 / [kristen\\_mcmasters@nps.gov](mailto:kristen_mcmasters@nps.gov).

The NPS Technical Preservation Services program is creating an email list for those interested in updates about the tax credit program. It will be used to communicate program changes, availability of new guidance, upcoming webinars and the like. The address to sign up is [https://visitor.r20.constantcontact.com/manage/optin?v=001R4c5Y0k3CkKBpJppqUpniiry5xXL6eDzE9eP\\_ha8vzvMuqDjrBNW9WJCNXt67ukgoWn1MqEtpFAI1CnGUvp7pa7q8Bc5KqzDkElgsU-g4KMk%3D](https://visitor.r20.constantcontact.com/manage/optin?v=001R4c5Y0k3CkKBpJppqUpniiry5xXL6eDzE9eP_ha8vzvMuqDjrBNW9WJCNXt67ukgoWn1MqEtpFAI1CnGUvp7pa7q8Bc5KqzDkElgsU-g4KMk%3D). For more information, contact Brian Goeken, 202.354.2033 / [Brian\\_Goeken@nps.gov](mailto:Brian_Goeken@nps.gov).

The Technical Preservation Services program has published a new Preservation Brief (number 48), *Preserving Grave Markers in Historic Cemeteries*. If interested in a copy, please contact the Office of History and Archaeology, [dnr.oha@alaska.gov](mailto:dnr.oha@alaska.gov). Information on other preservation guidance is at <https://www.nps.gov/tps/how-to-preserve/briefs.htm>.

Also, the NPS recently published a *Coastal Adaptation Strategies Handbook*, available at <https://www.nps.gov/subjects/climatechange/coastalhandbook.htm>. The fifth chapter is devoted to cultural resource topics, but other chapters have heritage related information as well.

#### Alaska Association for Historic Preservation news

Continuing its holiday tradition, the Alaska Association for Historic Preservation will open the Oscar Anderson House the first two weekends in December from 12-4 p.m. The house is decorated for an early Anchorage Christmas, with Swedish decorations honoring the Anderson family's heritage. Along with guided tours by longtime museum caretaker Mary Flaherty, there will be activities for kids and treats. More information is at [www.aahp.online.net](http://www.aahp.online.net).

The association awarded its 2016 Most Endangered Historic Property grant to the Kate Kennedy House, the oldest residence in McCarthy. The \$2,500 grant will help stabilize the early 20<sup>th</sup>-century wood-frame house. In addition, a GoFundMe campaign raised \$5,500 for the project.

#### Alaska State Museums seeking candidates for collections advisory committee

The Alaska State Museums is soliciting for individuals interested in being on its citizen's Museum Collections Advisory Committee. The committee reviews donations, acquisitions, and deaccessions for the state museums at Juneau and Sitka. Meetings are by teleconference. The deadline to submit a letter of interest and resume is December 9, 2016. For more information about the committee, expertise sought, and how to apply contact Addison Field, 907.465.4866 / [addison.field@alaska.gov](mailto:addison.field@alaska.gov).

#### Alaska Women's Hall of Fame soliciting for nominations

The Alaska Women's Hall of Fame is accepting nominations for its Class of 2017 until January 23, 2017. The program recognizes women in any field who made significant and lasting contributions to

Alaska and its communities. A program to introduce the women selected in 2017 will be held in May in Anchorage. Additional information and the nomination form are at [www.alaskawomenshalloffame.org/](http://www.alaskawomenshalloffame.org/)

### Webinar on historic buildings associated with the musician Prince

Kristen Zscholmer, a historian and archaeologist in Minnesota, is researching historic buildings associated with the musician Prince. The Wisconsin Historical Society is sponsoring a free webinar *From the North Side to Paisley Park: Exploring Prince's Minnesota Connection* on Wednesday, December 7, 2016, from 7:30-9:00 a.m. Alaska time. Registration is limited to 100 people, but the webinar will be available as a recording after. "The program will focus on research and evaluation of properties from the recent past associated with Prince, and results to date on if those properties convey significance to make them eligible for listing on the National Register." To register go to <https://attendeegotowebinar.com/register/661713963054552322>.

### Climate change and historic buildings

Bob King, BLM, sent a link to *A Short Guide on Climate Change Adaptation for Traditional Buildings* a recently publication prepared by Historic Environment Scotland. The useful, extensively illustrated publication is available for download free at <https://www.enginshed.org/publications/publication/?publicationId=16b9f744-1203-4119-bf0e-a6a3009de9f0>. Thanks Bob!

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### PUBLIC PROJECT ALERTS:

Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities / Sterling Highway MP 45-60 Project (Quartz Creek Road to Skilak Lake Road in the Cooper Landing area), draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement and draft Section 4(f) Evaluation  
Project information: [www.sterlinghighway.net](http://www.sterlinghighway.net)

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers / Donlin Gold Project draft EIS  
Project information: [www.donlingoldeis.com](http://www.donlingoldeis.com)

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission / Alaska Liquid Natural Gas (LNG) project (Docket number PF 14-21), <http://www.ferc.gov>  
Contact: 202.502.8258 / [efining@ferc.gov](mailto:efining@ferc.gov)

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission / Grant Lake Hydroelectric Project (Project No. P-13212-005), <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp>  
Contact: Kenneth Hogan, 202.502.2375 / [Kenneth.hogan@ferc.gov](mailto:Kenneth.hogan@ferc.gov)

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#### PRESERVATION CALENDAR:

December 15 Alaska Humanities Forum grant program application deadline ([www.akhf.org / grants@akhf.org](http://www.akhf.org/grants@akhf.org))

December 15-17 National Center for Preservation Technology and Training, Archeological Modeling, Fayetteville, AR (Tad Britt, 318.341.5641 / [Tad\\_Britt@nps.gov](mailto:Tad_Britt@nps.gov))

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January 6 National Park Service, Secretary of the Interior's 2016 Historic Preservation Award nomination deadline, <https://www.nps.gov/preservation-grants/Nomination.pdf> (David Banks, 202.354.2020 / [david\\_banks@nps.gov](mailto:david_banks@nps.gov))

January 19 National Park Service, American Battlefield Protection Program grant application deadline (Kristen McMasters, 202.354.2037 / [kristen\\_mcmasters@nps.gov](mailto:kristen_mcmasters@nps.gov))

January 23 Alaska Women's Hall of Fame, Class of 2017 nomination deadline ([www.alaskawomenshalloffame.org/](http://www.alaskawomenshalloffame.org/))

February 27-March 2 Alaska Anthropological Association annual meeting, Fairbanks (<https://www.alaskaanthropology.org/annual-meeting/>)

March 14-16 National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers Annual Meeting and Preservation Advocacy Week, Washington, DC (Ted Monoson, 202.624.5476 / [monoson@ncshpo.org](mailto:monoson@ncshpo.org))

March 31 Alaska Association for Historic Preservation, 2017 Ten Most Endangered Historic Properties nomination deadline (Allegra Hamer, 907.929.9870 / [akpreservation@gmail.com](mailto:akpreservation@gmail.com))

April 24 National Preservation Institute: Renewable Energy Development: Impacts on Cultural Resources seminar, Anchorage, AK (Jere Gibber, 703.765.0100 / [info@npi.org](mailto:info@npi.org))

April 25-26 National Preservation Institute: Cultural and Natural Resources: An Integrated Management Strategy seminar, Anchorage, AK (Jere Gibber, 703.765.0100 / [info@npi.org](mailto:info@npi.org))

April 27-28 National Preservation Institute: Native American Cultural Property Law seminar, Anchorage, AK (Jere Gibber, 703.765.0100 / [info@npi.org](mailto:info@npi.org))

June 15-19 Mining History Association's 28<sup>th</sup> annual conference, Fairbanks, AK (Eric Nystrom, [eric.nystrom@asu.edu](mailto:eric.nystrom@asu.edu))

September 6-9 American Association for State and Local History 2017 annual meeting: I AM History, Austin, TX (Bethany Hawkins, 615.320.3203 / [hawkins@aaslh.org](mailto:hawkins@aaslh.org))

