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Federal funding and legislation for historic preservation programs

The federal Historic Preservation Fund authorization expired September 30, 2015. The HPF supports the state and tribal historic preservation programs and provides money for special initiatives to preserve historically black colleges and underrepresented communities. Four bills being considered in Congress have HPF reauthorization provisions, and the administration's FY17 budget proposal included a provision for permanent authorization. The National Historic Preservation Amendment Act of 2015 (H.R. 2817) would authorize the HPF through 2025 at \$150 million annually. The Energy Policy Modernization Act (S. 2012) would permanently authorize the HPF. The American Energy Innovation Act (S. 2089) would permanently authorize the HPF, but goes further than S. 2012 towards full, permanent funding by requiring the funds to be available without needing an appropriation. And S. 556, called the sportsmen's package bill, has a provision to permanently authorize the HPF.

The Senate passed S. 2012, in April and the House of Representatives passed its energy bill in May. The House bill does not include a provision for HPF authorization. The House has appointed its members to the conference committee to work on a compromise bill, however the Senate has not yet done so.

The Administration's budget proposal for FY 17 (October 1, 2016-September 30, 2017) requests \$87.4 million for the Historic Preservation Fund, \$22 million more than the FY 16 appropriation. The proposal has \$46.9 million for State Historic Preservation Offices (same as FY 16), \$11.98 million for Tribal Historic Preservation Offices (\$2 million more than FY 16), \$25 million for the Civil Rights Movement Initiative (\$17 million more than FY 16), \$500,000 for survey grants for underrepresented communities (same as FY 16), and \$3 million for Historic Black Colleges and Universities (new). The appropriation for the state historic preservation offices has not been increased the last four years.

The House Appropriations Interior and Environment Subcommittee passed its FY 17 funding recommendations in mid-May. It adopted the Administration's proposed appropriations with two exceptions: adding \$5 million for the Save America's Treasures program and reducing the Civil Rights Movement Initiative to \$11 million.

The House Armed Services Committee adopted an amendment to the FY 17 National Defense Authorization Act that would prevent designation of federal properties as National Historic Landmarks, World Heritage Sites, or as listings in the National Register of Historic Places when objections are raised based on national security. The amendment also would direct the National Park Service to identify how to expeditiously remove federally owned historic sites when there are national security concerns. The same amendment has been debated in prior years, but not included in the acts signed into law. The National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers and other preservation groups are working to make sure the amendment is not in the final bill.

Office of History and Archaeology and Alaska Historical Commission news

The next Alaska Historical Commission meeting will be via teleconference, with a meeting center at the Atwood Building, 550 W. 7th Ave., Suite 102, in Anchorage, on Monday, July 25, 2016. Commission members will discuss plans for the 150th anniversary of the Alaska Treaty of Cession commemoration and review two geographic name proposals and two nominations of properties for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. A preliminary agenda is available at www.dnr.alaska.gov/parks/oha/index.htm or by calling Jo Antonson at 907.269.8714 / jo.antonson@alaska.gov.

Governor Walker will be making appointments to the Alaska Historical Commission in the near future. The terms for the Native representative and archaeologist on the commission end June 30, 2016, and a member whose term ends July 1, 2018, recently resigned for personal reasons. The commission has seven public members, and must include a historian, archaeologist, architect, and Native representative. The other two members are the Lt. Governor and State Historic Preservation Officer. Terms for the public members are three years. The commission meets at minimum of two times a year, usually in the fall and spring. It advises the Governor and Legislature on policies and issues of concern regarding cultural resources and historic preservation, reviews requests for projects from Alaska's Certified Local Governments, nominations to the National Register of Historic Places, proposals to name geographic features, and when funds are available, proposals for grants for rehabilitation and commemoration projects. Currently, the Alaska Historical Commission has a special initiative to encourage commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the Alaska Treaty of Cession. To be considered for

appointment to serve on the commission, individuals need to apply online at <http://gov.alaska.gov/services/boards-and-commissions/apply-for-a-board-appointment/>.

The Office of History and Archaeology is updating *Saving Alaska's Past*, the state's historic preservation plan. What historic places in your community should be preserved? What policies and programs would help promote stewardship, protection, and use of Alaska's historic properties? Please take a few minutes to complete a survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/AKHPP>.

At this time, the *proposed* FY 2017 state operating budget for the Office of History and Archaeology has a reduction of \$13,500 in General Fund Match (GFM) funds. It appears to be a small amount of money, but the reduction is greater with the loss of the federal funds that the state funds match.

150th anniversary of the Alaska Treaty of Cession exhibit panels review

The Office of History and Archaeology and the Interpretation and Education Unit of Alaska State Parks are working on an eight-panel traveling exhibit to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the signing of the Alaska Treaty of Cession. OHA is seeking comments on the draft texts, images, and design of the panels. They are available on the OHA website <http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/oha/aktocpanelreview> and there is a link to make comments. The comment period is open through July 15th.

The Alaska Historical Society is putting a calendar of events for the commemoration on its website www.alaskahistoricalsociety.org. Groups, agencies, and individuals should send information about projects and activities to include on the list to members@alaskahistoricalsociety.org.

Historic buildings survey manual and style guide available

The Alaska Office of History and Archaeology has printed an *Alaska Historic Buildings Survey Manual & Style Guide* by Summer Rickman, Architectural Historian. The 123-page illustrated guide has sections on types of surveys, methods, building types and terms, information on writing descriptions and statements of significance, and more! Copies are available for \$20.00 from the Office of History and Archaeology, 550 West 7th Ave., Suite 1310, Anchorage, AK 99501. To order, contact the office at 907.269.8721 or <http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/oha>

Rudy-Kodzoff House in Juneau approved for historic preservation tax credit

Congratulations to the owners of the Rudy-Kodzoff House, Charles and Kathryn Cohen of Juneau, who received final approval from the National Park Service of their application for the rehabilitation tax credit available to owners of historic properties used for commercial purposes. The house, one of the first Mendenhall Valley homesteads constructed in 1915 and built of concrete, is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. The owners use the building for the offices of a mobile home park. The rehabilitation work included a new roof, replacement windows on the second floor, insulating and re-siding the dormer, and reconstructing the masonry chimney. The qualified expenditures for the project totaled \$90,000 which equals \$18,000 in federal tax credits. For more information about the historic rehabilitation tax credit program contact Summer Rickman, 907.269.8717 / summer.rickman@alaska.gov.

Social media initiatives

The Office of History and Archaeology has created *#ThisPlaceMatters Alaska*, an interactive map on its website for the public to view and add photos. The site can be viewed at <http://arcg.is/1TvQjht>, and photos should be submitted to <http://arcg.is/1TvORj2>. Also recently added to the website are profiles for each of Alaska's thirteen Certified Local Governments (<http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/oha/clg/AlaskaCLG.htm>) and a map locating all of the properties entered in the National Register of Historic Places (<http://arcg.is/1ORT6mg>).

The National Trust for Historic Preservation, National Geographic, and American Express have launched *Partners in Preservation: National Parks*. This initiative will award \$2 million in grants, decided by the public's votes, to historic sites at twenty national parks. One of the sites in the competition is the former superintendent's log office at Denali National Park. A \$220,000 grant would restore and relocate the building back to park headquarters for public access. The park is partnering with Alaska Geographic on the project. Individuals can vote daily through July 5th at www.nationalgeographic.com/voteyourpark/ for a project. In addition, folks can share experiences and celebrate national parks using #VoteYourPark and enter a sweepstakes to win a trip to Yellowstone National Park.

For celebration of the 50th anniversary of the National Historic Preservation Act and centennial of the National Park Service, the NPS Cultural Resources, Partnerships, and Science Directorate continues its campaign to highlight preservation work at #50for50 and #Preservation50. More information is at <http://www.nps.gov/subjects/historicpreservation/50for50.htm> and www.preservation50.org.

U.S. Forest Service Alaska Region seeks ideas for M/V *Chugach*

The U.S. Forest Service Alaska Region is seeking proposals from the public to lease, adaptively re-use, and preserve the M/V *Chugach*. The boat is a 62-foot, wooden-hulled crew vessel. The last remaining ranger boat, it has been listed in the National Register of Historic Places since 1992. From 1925 to 1950 the vessel operated out of Cordova, and since 1953 has been at Petersburg. It was an important transportation and communications link among the communities of Prince William Sound and Southeast Alaska and involved in a number of search and rescue operations. More information about the request for proposals is available at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/MVChugach>. Proposals should be sent by letter or email to rangerboat@fs.fed.us. The project leader is Keri Hicks, Heritage Program Leader, U.S. Forest Service Alaska Region, and she can be contacted at P.O. Box 21628, Juneau, AK 99802, 907.586.7859 / khicks@fs.fed.us.

Call for applications for underrepresented community grants

The National Park Service is soliciting for projects to survey, inventory, and designate properties associated with underrepresented communities. State and tribal historic preservation offices, tribes, and Certified Local Governments are eligible applicants. Requests can be for \$15,000 to \$50,000 and a match is not required. The deadline to apply is July 15, 2016, and applications are to be made through grants.gov (Funding Opportunity Announcement #P16A500184). For questions and more information contact 202.354.2020 / preservation_grants_info@nps.gov or search Underrepresented Community Grants (<https://www.nps.gov/preservation-grants/community-grants.html>).

Alaska Association for Historic Preservation opens Oscar Anderson House

The Alaska Association for Historic Preservation has the historic Oscar Anderson House in Anchorage open this summer. Tours are offered noon-4 p.m. except on Mondays, and on Fridays are available only by advance reservation to 907.929.9870 or oscar.anderson.house.museum@gmail.com.

Tour Nike Site Summit

The Friends of Nike Site Summit summer tours for the public to see the Cold War facility near Anchorage are August 6 and September 11. More information and to register for a tour are at www.nikesitesummit.net/nike-site-summit-tours.html. Space is limited and the tours fill fast.

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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

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers / Donlin Gold Project draft EIS

Project information: www.donlingoldeis.com

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission / Alaska Liquid Natural Gas (LNG) project (Docket number PF 14-21)

Contact: 202.502.8258 / efining@ferc.gov

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PRESERVATION CALENDAR:

July 12-14 National Center for Preservation Technology and Training: Field Documentation workshop, Berryville, VA (Sarah Jackson, 318.356.7444 / sarah_m_jackson@nps.gov)

July 15 National Park Service, FY 2016 Underrepresented Community Grant application deadline (202.354.2020 / preservation_grants_info@nps.gov / <https://www.nps.gov/preservation-grants/community-grants.html>)

July 17-20 League of Historic American Theaters conference: Chicago, Chicago, that toddlin' town, Chicago, IL (www.LHAT.org)

July 18-August 5 National Center for Preservation Technology and Training: 3D Imaging for Heritage Projects field school, (photogrammetry, laser scanning, digital and UF documentation), Nantucket, MA (Andy Ferrell, 318.356.7444 / andrew_ferrell@nps.gov)

July 27-31 National Alliance of Preservation Commissions Forum: Hip, Happening Historic Preservation@50, Mobile, AL (NAPC, 757.802.4141 / forum2016@napcommissions.org)

July 29 National Housing and Rehabilitation Association: Annual J. Timothy Anderson Awards for Excellence in Historic Rehabilitation nomination deadline, <https://www.housingonline.com/about/j-timothy-anderson-awards> (Lauren Anderson, landerson@DWORKBELL.com)

July 31 Historic American Landscapes Survey 2016 Challenge: Documenting National Register Listed Landscapes short format histories deadline (Chris Stevens, 202.354.2146 / Chris_Stevens@nps.gov)

August 15-18 Kargopol State Museum of History, Architecture and Art, XIV All-Russia (with international participation) Scientific-Practical Conference, Kargopol and Russian North in the History and Culture of Russia in the 10th-21st Centuries, Kargopol, Russia (Natalia Tormosova, +7(81841) 2-26-60 / tormosovani@mail.ru)

August 17-21 Paths Across the Pacific IX conference, www.pathsacrossthepacific.org, Sitka (Nancy Yaw Davis, nydavis@gci.net or Nancy Knapp, nancycarolknapp@gmail.com)

August 24-26 National Center for Preservation Technology and Training: Hyperspectral Imaging for Conservators, Santa Fe, NM (<https://ncptt.nps.gov/training-conferences-events/upcoming/>)

September 14-17 American Association for State and Local History annual meeting: The Spirit of Rebirth, Detroit, MI (Bethany Hawkins, hawkins@aaslh.org / 615.320.3203)

September 19-22 National Center for Preservation Technology and Training: NAGPRA for Archeologists: Methods, Dialogue, and Technologies, Lakewood, CO (Tad Britt, 318.521.5641 / Tad_Britt@nps.gov)

September 21-24 Alaska Historical Society and Museums Alaska annual meetings and conference, Juneau, AK (Bob Banghart, 907.465.2912 / bob.banghart@alaska.gov)

November 15-18 National Trust for Historic Preservation annual conference: Past Forward: Think big. Places. People. Innovation. Houston, TX (PastForwardConference.org)

November 16-18 21st International Conference on Cultural Heritage and New Technologies: Urban Archaeology and Archaeological Data: Re-use and Repurposing of Archaeologist and Historical Material and Date, Vienna, Austria (Wolfgang Borner, +43(0)1 4000 81176 / wolfgang.boerner@stadtarchaeologie.at)

November 18-20 National Center for Preservation Technology and Training: Metal Detecting for Archeologists, Rincon, GA (Tad Britt, 318.521.5641 / [Tad Britt@nps.gov](mailto:Tad_Britt@nps.gov))

OHA is updating Alaska's historic preservation plan and wants to know what historic places matter to you. Please share your thoughts by taking a short survey that is available online at: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/AKHPP>