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Federal funding and legislation for historic preservation programs

The 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 other underrepresented communities. Four bills being considered in Congress have HPF reauthorization provisions, and the administration's FY17 budget proposal includes 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 a sportsmen's package bill, has a provision to permanently authorize the HPF.

The Senate passed its energy bill, S. 2012, in April and the House of Representatives passed its bill in May. The next step is to resolve differences between the two bills. The House bill does not have a provision for HPF authorization.

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

Governor Walker will be making appointments to the Alaska Historical Commission in the next month. The terms for the Native representative and archaeologist end June 30, 2016, and one of the members 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 on occasion 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 will be updating *Saving Alaska's Past*, the state's historic preservation plan this year. 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? Your opinion matters! Please take a few minutes to complete a survey at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/AKHPP>.

At this time, the Legislature has not passed the FY 2017 state operating and capital budget bills. The *proposed* 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.

Father Andrew P. Kashevaroff State Library, Archives & Museum building opening June 6

The new Father Andrew P. Kashevaroff State Library, Archives & Museum in Juneau will have a ribbon-cutting and official opening June 6, 2016. The date is the 116th anniversary of the founding of the Alaska Historical Library and Museum, established by an act of Congress. Congratulations to Linda Thibodeau, Director and State Librarian, her terrific hard-working staff, the Governor and Legislators, the Friends of the SLAM, and the many Alaskans who worked for fourteen years promoting and supporting the project.

150th anniversary of the Alaska Treaty of Cession traveling 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 project to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the signing of the Alaska Treaty of Cession. The OHA will be seeking review comments on the draft text, images, and design of the panels this month. Copies will be displayed at the opening of the Andrew P. Kashevaroff State Library Archives and Museum Building on June 6th, and available on the OHA website www.dnr.alaska.gov/parks/oha/ and at the office, 550 West 7th Ave., Suite 1310 in Anchorage. Comments need to be received by June 30, 2016. For those interested in hosting the traveling exhibit information about doing so is expected to be available in July.

The Alaska Historical Society is working on a calendar of events for the commemoration and invite groups, agencies, and individuals to send information about projects and activities to include on the list to members@alaskahistoricalsociety.org. The calendar is to be available online at www.alaskahistoricalsociety.org on July 1, 2016.

Social media initiatives

The Office of History and Archaeology shared photos of historic sites across Alaska with the Historic Preservation Month #ThisPlaceMatters program. The office 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/1TvQihT>, and photos should be submitted to <http://arcg.is/1TvORj2>.

The National Trust for Historic Preservation, joined by National Geographic and American Express, have launched a *Partners in Preservation: National Parks* program. The 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 favorite project. In addition, folks can also 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.

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>).

Advisory Council on Historic Preservation seeking ideas

The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation is developing policy recommendations and achievable implementation strategies to improve the effectiveness of the national historic preservation program. The plan is to formally submit the recommendations to the next Administration and incoming Congress at the end of 2016. The draft assessment of challenges and opportunities issued in January has been revised and is available at <http://www.achp.gov/NHPA%20at%2050-%20Challenges%20and%20Opportunities%20revised-5-10-16.pdf>. Your ideas and comments are invited, and due by June 10, 2016 to NHPA50@achp.gov. For more details contact Ron Anzalone, 202.517.1486 / ranzalone@achp.gov.

Alaska Association for Historic Preservation opens Oscar Anderson House

Starting June 1 the AAHP will open the historic Oscar Anderson House in Anchorage. 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.

Nike Site Summit tour dates set

The Friends of Nike Site Summit have set the dates for their summer tours for the public to see the Cold War facility near Anchorage. The tour dates are August 6 (morning or afternoon) and September 11 (morning). More information and to register 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:

June 1 Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, Chairman's Award for Achievement in Historic Preservation nomination deadline (Patricia Knoll, 202.517.1483 / pknoll@achp.gov)

June 1-9 National Center for Preservation Technology and Training: Grave Marker Repair and Lime Mortar workshop, Kalaupapa, HI (Jason Church, 318.356.7444 / jason_church@contractor.nps.gov)

June 2-3 National Park Service, 158th Meeting of the National Park System Advisory Board meeting, Anchorage (Shirley Sears, 202.354.3955 / Shirley_Sears@nps.gov or 907.644.3510)

June 6 Father Andrew P. Kashevaroff State Library, Archives & Museums Building ribbon-cutting, Juneau (Linda Thibodeau, 907.465.2911 / linda.thibodeau@alaska.gov)

June 21-23 National Center for Preservation Technology and Training: A Century of Design in the Parks, Preserving the Built Environment in National and State Parks, Santa Fe, NM (Debbie Smith, 318.356.7444 / Debbie_Smith@nps.gov)

June 30 Historic American Buildings Survey Peterson Prize Measured Drawings Student Competition submission deadline (Mark Schara, 202.354.2166 / mark_schara@nps.gov)

June 30 National Park Service, Leicester B. Holland Single-Sheet Measured Drawing Competition entry deadline (www.nps.gov/hdp/competitions/holland.htm)

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 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 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)