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Historic Preservation Fund budget update

Congress passed another continuing resolution to fund most federal government programs at FY 2016 levels through the first week of May. The 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
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	
TOTALS	\$ 65.410	\$ 87.410	\$ 79.410	\$ 67.410

* Figures are in millions.

Office of History and Archaeology and Alaska Historical Commission news

A vision statement, goals, and objectives for the 2018-2023 Alaska historic preservation plan have been drafted. The results from last fall's survey and several public workshops identified seven key preservation issues for the plan to address: education, partnerships, survey and documentation, preservation and protection, sustainability, local preservation, and funding and incentives. The draft materials are at <http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/oha/planning/hpplanupdate>. The Office of History and Archaeology is seeking input on them. Comments are requested by June 1, 2017; to make them go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/AKHPP>.

Over sixty people attended the annual Office of History and Archaeology workshop on April 4, 2017. Those attending discussed and provided good input for the state historic preservation plan and for the Alaska Heritage Resources Survey and Review and Compliance program staff. For those not able to attend, the presentations are available on the Office of History and Archaeology website at <http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/oha/trainings>.

The Alaska Historical Commission held a special meeting April 24, 2017, and listened to members of the public speak about the 4th Avenue Theatre in Anchorage, an endangered historic property, and options for its preservation. Time ran out before everyone who wanted to speak could have the opportunity to do so, and some people could not attend. Lt. Governor Mallott, Chair, invited anyone wishing to comment on the theatre and its preservation to send an email to dnr.oha@alaska.gov by May 8, 2017.

The terms on the Alaska Historical Commission for Terrence Cole, Michael Hawfield, and Wayne Jensen end June 30, 2017. Individuals interested in being considered for appointment by the Governor to serve on the board need to complete an application that is available on the Office of the Governor's website, <https://gov.alaska.gov/services/boards-and-commissions/>. The website has additional information about the Alaska Historical Commission or you can contact Judy Bittner, 907.269.8715 / judy.bittner@alaska.gov.

May is Preservation Month

The National Trust for Historic Preservation, sponsor of Preservation Month, has *This Place Matters* for people to share information about places meaningful to them and their communities. People are invited to share photos online at hashtag #ThisPlaceMatters, and check the National Trust on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram @SavingPlaces. Tips and tools to help campaign for a place are available at <https://savingplaces.org/this-place-matters#.WQZ1I1XyuUk>. The Office of History and Archaeology plans to post about historic properties around Alaska for Preservation Month on its Facebook, Twitter and Instagram sites.

150th anniversary of the Alaska Treaty of Cession

The Alaska Historical Society has a calendar of commemorative events on its website, <http://alaskahistoricalsociety.org/about-ahs/150treaty/calendar/>.

The eight-panel *1860s Alaska* travelling exhibit prepared by the History and Archaeology and Interpretation and Design offices, Alaska Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation, is available for community organizations, libraries, and schools to borrow for a three-week period. More information about the panels and how to request them for exhibit is at <http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/oha/designations/150Anniversary>. A booklet to accompany the exhibit is available and to get a copy, please send a good mailing address to dnr.oha@alaska.gov.

Alaska Highway and Dutch Harbor 75th anniversary commemorations being planned

The Northern Region, Department of Transportation and Public Facilities has been hosting teleconferences to coordinate plans to commemorate the 75th anniversary of construction of the Alaska Highway. There are plans for activities at Delta Junction with the assistance of folks from Fort Greely on June 3 or 10, at Anchorage on July 1, and at Tok on July 4, 2017. For more information about commemoration plans contact Meadow Bailey, meadow.bailey@alaska.gov, or local Chambers of Commerce and visitor organizations in Tok, Delta Junction, and Fairbanks.

The National Park Service and Ounalashka Corporation are planning events for June 2-4, 2017, to commemorate the 75th anniversaries of the Japanese bombing of Dutch Harbor and the evacuation of the Unangan people from the Aleutian and Pribilof Islands to camps in southeast Alaska that followed shortly after the attack. There will be a memorial ceremony, history presentations, personal stories, a mess hall meal, traditional Unangax foods luncheon, and a flyover by historical aircraft. For more information on the plans contact Rachel Mason, 907.644.3472 / rachel_mason@nps.gov.

Work starts at Big Delta State Historical Park

This month a riverbank stabilization project will start to protect the historic buildings at Big Delta State Historical Park threatened by erosion along the Tanana River. Contributions from fourteen local businesses, more than one hundred individuals, and a grant from the Office of History and Archaeology are making the work possible. The contractor will harden approximately 200 feet of riverbank using a bioengineered approach to protect the historic buildings and provide fish-friendly habitat. For more information contact Brooks Ludwig, Alaska State Parks' Northern Region Superintendent, 907.451.2698 / brooks.ludwig@alaska.gov.

National Park Service updates

The National Register, National Historic Landmarks, and Technical Preservation Services program offices have moved and have new a new address: 1849 C Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20240. Telephone numbers and email addresses did not change.

Technical Preservation Services has published a new Preservation Brief, #49: Historic Decorative Metal Ceilings and Walls: Use, Repair, and Replacement by Kaaren R. Staveteig. The booklet discusses the history and manufacturing of decorative metal, information on paint removal, maintenance and repair, and guidance on replacement. The publication can be downloaded at <https://www.nps.gov/tps/how-to-preserve/preservedocs/preservation-briefs/49Preserve-Brief-DecorativeMetal.pdf>. A print copy can be ordered by going to the Technical Preservation Services website.

The NPS Vanishing Treasures Program and the Stephen T. Mather Training Center are holding a course, *Guiding Principles for Implementing Field-Based Historic Preservation*, at Sitka, May 16-18, 2017. The course is for field-based workers who perform hands-on treatment of cultural resources. Registration for the course is a <http://goo.gl/forms/4N7009q33B>. More information is available from Katherine Wonson, 307.739.3469 / katherine_wonson@nps.gov .

The NPS Midwest Archeological Center is hosting a workshop, *Current Archeological Prospection Advances for Non-destructive Investigations of the Pea Ridge Civil War Battlefield*, May 15-19, 2017, at the Pea Ridge National Military Park, Arkansas. The workshop will address the use of geophysical, aerial photography, and other remote sensing methods as they apply to the identification, evaluation, conservation, and protection of archaeological resources. The application is available at <http://www.nps.gov/mwac>, and more information is available from Steve DeVore, 402.437.5392, ext. 141 / steve_de_vore@nps.gov.

The NPS Heritage Documentation Programs (Historic American Buildings Survey, Historic American Engineering Record, and Historic Landscapes Survey) opened the competitions for the 2017 Charles E. Peterson Prize, Leicester B. Holland Prize, and the American Landscapes Survey Challenge. The Peterson Prize recognizes the best sets of architectural measured drawings produced by college students and submitted for the Historic American Buildings Survey Collection at the Library of Congress. The Holland Prize, open to students and professionals, recognizes the best single sheet drawing of a site to honor excellence in delineation and composition. The landscape challenge is a short formal historical report competition, this year to document a historic city or town park. More information about each is available at <http://www.nps.gov/hdp>.

Advisory Council on Historic Preservation news

The Advisory Council has two more courses in its spring 2017 Section 106 Webinar Series: a beginner level program, "Documentation and e-106;" and intermediate level program, "Planning to Involve the Public in Section 106." More information on these courses, dates, and registration information is at www.achp.gov/sec106webinar.html.

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development webcast

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Environment and Energy is hosting a webinar May 4, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. Alaska time, on using the 20% historic tax credit for affordable housing. It should be of interest to affordable housing developers, property owners, and preservation advocates. The webinar will address program requirements, how to combine the tax credit with other incentives, share case studies, and answer questions. Additional information and a link to register are at <https://www.hudexchange.info/trainings/courses/hud-webcast-using-the-20-historic-tax-credit-for-affordable-housing/> . For more information contact Tina Dudley at tdudley@enterprisecommunity.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:

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

National Park Service, Update/revision of National Register Bulletin, How to Prepare National Historic Landmark Nominations

Request for comments: <https://parkplanning.nps.gov/projectHome.cfm?projectID=70917> or <https://parkplanning.nps.gov/document.cfm?parkID=442&projectID=70917&documentID=78072>

Comments due: May 1, 2017

Contact: Christopher Hetzel, 202.354.2246 / christopher_hetzel@nps.gov

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers / Donlin Gold Project draft Environmental Impact Statement

Project information: 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 / efiling@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

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PRESERVATION CALENDAR:

May 1-3 National Trust for Historic Preservation, Main Street Now 2017 Conference, Pittsburgh, PA (National Main Street Center, Inc., 312.610.5611 / mainstreet@savingplaces.org)

May 4 Housing and Urban Development webinar on the Historic Tax Credit for Affordable Housing, <https://www.hudexchange.info/trainings/courses/hud-webcast-using-the-20-historic-tax-credit-for-affordable-housing/> (Tina Dudley, tdudley@enterprisecommunity.org)

May 15-19 National Park Service, Current Archeological Prospection Advances for Non-destructive Investigations workshop, Pea Ridge National Military Park, AR (Steven DeVore, 402.437.5392, ext. 141 / steve_de_vore@nps.com)

May 16-18 National Park Service: Guiding Principles for Implementing Field-Based Historic Preservation, Sitka, AK (Katherine Wonson, 307.739.3469 / katherine_wonson@nps.gov)

June 15-19 Mining History Association, 28th annual conference, Fairbanks, AK (Eric Nystrom, eric.nystrom@asu.edu)

June 30 National Park Service, Peterson Prize 2017 Measured Drawings Student Competition submissions due (Mark Schara, 202.354.2166 / mark_schara@nps.gov)

June 30 National Park Service, Leicester B. Holland Prize completed entries due (<http://www.nps.gov/hdp/competitions/holland.htm>)

July 31 National Park Service, 2017 Historic American Landscapes Survey Challenge: Documenting City or Town Parks submission deadline (Chris Stevens, 202.354.2146 / Chris_Stevens@nps.gov)

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

September 27-30 Alaska Historical Society / Museums Alaska annual meetings and conference, Anchorage (Adam Baldwin, 907.929.9254 / abaldwin@anchagemuseum.org)

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)

