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Historic Preservation Fund FY 17 and FY 18 budgets

Congress passed an omnibus appropriations bill on May 4 to fund the federal government for the rest of FY 2017. It has a \$17 million increase for the Historic Preservation Fund programs. The distribution to the different programs is detailed below. President Trump’s FY 2018 budget proposal has a significant reduction to the Historic Preservation Fund programs. It proposes to only fund the state and tribal offices, reduce the amount of funding for them, and eliminate all competitive grant programs.

Historic Preservation Fund:	FY 2017 Final	FY 2018 President
States	\$ 47.925*	\$ 42.1
Tribes	10.485	9.0
Underserved communities initiative		.500
Civil Rights Movement initiative	13.000	
Historic Black Colleges/Universities	4.000	

Save America's Treasures grants		5.000
TOTALS	\$ 80.910	\$ 51.1

* Figures are in millions.

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. The Senate hopes to pass the bill this year, then work with the House of Representatives to get it enacted.

Office of History and Archaeology and Alaska Historical Commission news

The Alaska Historical Commission is meeting Monday, July 17, 2017, at the BP Energy Center in Anchorage. The preliminary agenda includes an update on discussions about preservation of the 4th Avenue Theatre, updates on activities to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Alaska Treaty of Cession, and review of National Register of Historic Places nominations, geographic name proposals, and Certified Local Government grant applications. The agenda is available on the Office of History and Archaeology's webpage. For more information about the meeting contact Jo Antonson, 907.269.8714 / jo.antonson@alaska.gov.

The 2018-2023 Alaska historic preservation plan being prepared by the Office of History and Archaeology is expected to be drafted by the end of July and will be available for review at <http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/oha/planning/hpplanupdate>. For more information contact Summer Louthan, 907.269.8717 / summer.louthan@alaska.gov

150th anniversary of the Alaska Treaty of Cession

The new statue of William H. Seward that will be in Juneau will be dedicated on July 3rd. There are two signs accompanying the statue with information about Seward's significance to the nation and his 1869 visit to Alaska.

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 them for exhibit is at <http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/oha/designations/150Anniversary>. A companion booklet is available and individuals interested in a copy can get one by sending a good mailing address to dnr.oha@alaska.gov.

Information on other commemorative activities is on the Alaska Historical Society website, <http://alaskahistoricalsociety.org/about-ahs/150treaty/calendar/>.

National Park Service updates

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 document 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 Park Service, National Maritime Heritage Program is accepting grant proposals for education and preservation projects. The deadline to apply is September 1, 2017. More information and links to the application are at <https://www.nps.gov/maritime/grants/apply.htm>.

Advisory Council on Historic Preservation news

The Advisory Council issued a new report, *Improving Tribal Consultation in Infrastructure Projects*, in May. The report is a companion to the *Recommendations for Improving Tribal-Federal Relationships* the Advisory Council published in 2015. The new document comes from meetings and a listening session hosted by the Departments of the Interior and Justice and the Army Corps of Engineers in 2016 in response to concerns regarding the Dakota Access Pipeline project. More information on the report can be obtained from Valerie Hauser, Director of the Office of Native American Affairs, 202.517.0194 / vhauser@achp.gov.

Friends of Nike Site Summit announce 2017 tour dates

This year's tour dates for Nike Site Summit have been set, with a new option to take a hiking tour. There will be three-hour bus tours, mornings and afternoons, August 5, August 20, and September 9. The five-hour hiking tour is scheduled for July 8. The tours are for those ages 12 and older, and Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson (JBER) requires registration ten days in advance. Registration is at www.nikesitesummit.net/nike-site-summit-tours.html.

NOAA offers free training on collaborative meetings

Alaska Sea Grant and Kachemak Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve are offering a workshop on planning and facilitating collaborative meetings, September 20-21, 2017, at the Gorsuch Commons, University of Alaska Anchorage. The trainers are with the NOAA Office of Coastal Management. The workshop is free. It is directed to those who facilitate workshops in Alaska coastal communities. The class is limited to 35 participants. Additional information and registration is at <https://seagrant.uaf.edu/events/2017/planning-collaborative-meetings/>

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:

July 10-14 National Center for Preservation Technology and Training, Photogrammetry Workshop, Nantucket, MA (Sarah Marie Jackson, 318.356.7444 / sarah_m_jackson@nps.gov)

July 17 Alaska Historical Commission meeting, Anchorage (Jo Antonson, 907.269.8714 / jo.antonson@alaska.gov)

July 17-21 National Center for Preservation Technology and Training, 3D Laser Scanning workshop, Nantucket, MA (Sarah Marie Jackson, 318.356.7444 / sarah_m_jackson@nps.gov)

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)

August 14-17 National Center for Preservation Technology and Training (NCPTT), Native American Graves Protection & Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) for Archeologists: Methods, Dialogue, and Technologies, New Orleans, LA (Tad Britt, NPS, 318.521.5641 / ncptt@nps.gov)

September 1 National Park Service, National Maritime Heritage Grants 2017 application deadline (<https://www.nps.gov/maritime/grants/apply.htm>)

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

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

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

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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April 20 Alaska Office of History and Archaeology, Annual Workshop, Anchorage (Shina duVall, 907.269.8720 / shina.duvall@alaska.gov)

