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Historic Preservation Fund FY 18 budget and tax reform legislation information

The President’s and House of Representatives budget proposals for Historic Preservation Fund programs for federal fiscal year 2018 (that started October 1, 2017) are summarized below. The Senate budget proposal for the HPF programs has not yet been announced. Congress passed a continuing resolution that is funding federal programs at FY 2017 levels through December 8, 2017.

Historic Preservation Fund:	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2018	FY 2018
	Final	President	House	Senate
States	\$ 47.925*	\$ 42.1	\$47.9	

Tribes	10.485	9.0	10.5
Underserved communities initiative		.500	.5
Civil rights movement initiative	13.000		13.0
Historic Black colleges/universities	4.000		4.0
Save America's Treasures grants	5.000		5.0
TOTALS	\$ 80.910	\$ 51.1	\$ 80.9

* Figures are in millions.

The House tax reform bill eliminates the federal Historic Tax Credit. The Senate bill under discussion preserves the 20% credit but changes how it could be claimed from one year to five years, and eliminates the 10% credit for rehabilitation of building constructed before 1936 that are not listed in the National Register of Historic Places. The Senate bill has yet to be passed by the full Senate, and then the significant differences in the bills will need to be worked out by a conference committee. It is important *now* to let Alaska's congressional delegation know the historic tax credit is important and has been used in Alaska. The credit has helped rehabilitate buildings in a number of Alaska communities including Anchorage, Palmer, Juneau, Seward, and Fairbanks.

Office of History and Archaeology and Alaska Historical Commission news

The Alaska Historical Commission is meeting by teleconference on Wednesday, December 6, 2017, starting at 9:00 a.m. The agenda includes time to talk about the Governor's Climate Change Administrative Order and Office of History and Archaeology programs. Commission members will consider one geographic name proposal, a tabled and a new nomination to the National Register of Historic Places, and six applications for Certified Local Government FY 2018 projects. The agenda, geographic name proposal and National Register nominations can be accessed at <http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/oha/commentsubmit>. Those needing more information about the meeting should contact Jo Antonson, 907.269.8714 / jo.antonson@alaska.gov.

Governor Bill Walker signed Administrative Order No. 289 on October 31, 2017, establishing the Alaska Climate Change Strategy and the Climate Action for Alaska Leadership Team. The team, to be chaired by Lt. Governor Byron Mallott, is to recommend a plan of action to the Governor by September 1, 2018, outlining critical and timely actions needed to address climate change challenges to safeguard Alaska. Many Alaska archaeological sites and historic structures are threatened by erosion, flooding, melting permafrost, and other geographic and climate changes, and they need to be considered by the team and addressed in the plan of action.

Sarah Meitl is the new coordinator of the Review and Compliance section of the Office of History and Archaeology. She has worked in cultural resources management in Alaska for more than ten years, most of which has been with Cultural Resource Consultants, LLC. Sarah's master's degree in anthropology is from the University of Alaska Fairbanks, and her bachelor's degree is from Kansas State University.

National Park Service updates

The National Park Service's Battlefield Protection Program is accepting grant applications for 2018. The program is for projects that lead directly to the identification, preservation, and interpretation of battlefield land or historic sites associated with battlefields. The deadline to apply through Grants.gov is 11:00 a.m. Alaska time, January 18, 2018; and by regular mail postmarked by January 2, 2018. More

information is available at www.nps.gov/abpp or by contacting Kristen McMasters, 202.3354.2037 / kristen_mcmasters@nps.gov or Philip Bailey, 202.513.7126 / philip_bailey@nps.gov.

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 bulletin are being solicited. The deadline for comments is December 31, 2017. They may be submitted at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/NRBulletinUpdate> or sent by email to NR_Bulletin16@nps.gov. For more information contact Edson Beall, 202.354.2255 / edson_beall@nps.gov.

The National Center for Preservation Technology and Training, Friends of NCPTT, and the NPS Route 66 Corridor Program are holding a symposium April 10-12, 2018, "Are We There Yet?", on the preservation of uniquely American roadside architecture and attractions that catered to travelers between the 1920s and 1970s. Proposals to present a paper at the symposium are due December 1, 2017, and to exhibit a poster are due January 3, 2018. More information is at <https://www.ncptt.nps.gov/events/are-we-there-yet/> or by contacting Debbie Smith, NCPTT, 318.356.7444 x259 / Debbie_Smith@nps.gov.

Advisory Council on Historic Preservation programs

The Advisory Council is offering a webinar, Cultural Landscapes: Identification and Effects Assessments, on December 12, repeating December 14. A description and registration instructions are at www.achp.gov/sec106webinar.html.

Alaska Association for Historic Preservation updates

The Alaska Association for Historic Preservation recognized R.N. "Bob" DeArmond and his son William D. "Bill" DeArmond with Historic Preservation Awards for Lifetime Achievement at its November annual meeting. The announcement notes the awards were made posthumously to the two men who made Alaska richer because each had a passion for Alaska, a desire to communicate, and left a legacy for future generations. At the meeting, the two 10 Most Endangered Historic Properties grants for 2018 were announced. With its award, Tundra Vision Public History Consultants headed by Katie Ringsmuth will research and prepare National Register of Historic Places documentation for the <NN> Cannery in South Naknek. The grant to Meiers Lake Roadhouse, Richardson Highway mile 170, will assist in moving the companion church from the road right-of-way to preserve it.

The Oscar Anderson House Museum in Anchorage opens for holiday tours

Continuing a tradition, the Oscar Anderson House Museum in Anchorage will be open and offer Swedish Holiday Celebration tours from 12-4 p.m. on December 2, 3, 9, and 10. Proceeds from the tours will be used in support of the museum.

Coalition for Archaeological Synthesis

The Coalition for Archaeological Synthesis (CfAS) is soliciting proposals to fund two working groups to address a substantive archaeological problem requiring synthesis that will produce products that benefit the discipline and inform public policy or benefit relevant publics. The awards are for travel expenses and meeting space for working groups of up to eight individuals to get together three times within two

years. Proposals are due January 15, 2018. The request for proposals is available at www.archsynth.org/requests-for-proposals.html. More information is available at the website or by sending an email to Terry Klein, tklein@srifoundation.org.

Papers sought on LGBTQ cultural heritage

Change Over Time: An International Journal of Conservation and the Built Environment, published by the University of Pennsylvania Press, invites submissions for a special issue on LGBTQ heritage to be published in 2019. The editors suggest topics that address researching and documenting LGBTQ place-based sites and approaches for categorization of resource types and culture significance, and might be case studies, theoretical explorations, evaluations of current practices, or papers about interpretation and education projects. Abstracts are due January 5, 2018. The guidelines for articles are at cotjournal.com and more information can be obtained by emailing Kecia Fong, cot@design.upenn.edu.

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:

December 6 Alaska Historical Commission meeting (Jo Antonson, 907.269.8714 / jo.antonson@alaska.gov)

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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January 15 Coalition for Archaeological Synthesis proposal deadline, www.archsynth.org/requests-for-proposals.html (Terry Klein, tklein@srifoundation.org)

January 16 Alaska Women's Hall of Fame: Class of 2018 nomination deadline (www.alaskawomenshalloffame.org/)

January 18 National Park Service, American Battlefield Protection Program 2018 grant application deadline (Philip Bailey, 202.513.7126 / philip_bailey@nps.gov)

March 12-14 National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers (NCSHPO) annual conference, Washington, DC (Ted Monoson, 202.624.5476 / monoson@ncshpo.org)

March 19-20 National Preservation Institute, NAGPRA Essentials, Anchorage (info@npi.org / 703.765.0100)

March 21-24 Alaska Anthropological Association 45th annual meeting, Anchorage (alaskaanthro@gmail.com)

March 21-23 National Preservation Institute, Archaeological Curation and Collections Management, Anchorage (info@npi.org / 703.765.0100)

April 10-12 National Center for Preservation Technology and Training, Friends of NCPTT, and NPS Route 66 Corridor Program: Are We There Yet?: Preservation of Roadside & Attractions Symposium, Tulsa, OK, <https://www.ncptt.nps.gov/events/are-we-there-yet/> (Debbie Smith, 38.356.7444 / Debbie_Smith@nps.gov)

April 20 Alaska Office of History and Archaeology, Annual Workshop, Anchorage (Mark Rollins, 907.269.8722 / mark.rollins@alaska.gov)

April 26 Alaska Women's Hall of Fame: Class of 2018 Induction and 10th Anniversary Celebration, Anchorage (www.alaskawomenshalloffame.org)

May 24-26 Construction History Society of America biennial meeting, with the School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation, University of Maryland, College Park, MD, www.constructionhistorysociety.org/events/ (Construction History Society of America, melaniefeerst@gmail.com)

July 18-22 National Alliance of Preservation Commissions, Forum 2018, www.napcommissions.org, Des Moines, IA (director@napcommissions.org)

September 19-22 Alaska Historical Society / Museums Alaska, annual meetings and conference, Nome (Amy Chan, 907.443.6630 / museum@nomealaska.org)

September 26-29 American Association for State and Local History (AASLH) annual meeting: Truth or Consequences, Kansas City, MO (AASLH, 615.320.3203 / info@AASLH.org)

