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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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Historic Preservation Fund FY 18 budget and tax reform legislation information

The President’s and the 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 Appropriations Committee’s budget proposal has been announced, but the full Senate has not passed its proposed budget. Congress passed a continuing resolution that is funding federal programs at FY 2017 levels through January 19, 2018.

Historic Preservation Fund:	FY 2017 Final	FY 2018 President	FY 2018 House	FY 2018 Senate Approp. Com.
States	\$ 47.925*	\$ 42.1	\$47.9	47.925
Tribes	10.485	9.0	10.5	10.485
Underserved communities initiative		.500		.5
Civil rights movement initiative	13.000		13.0	13.000
Historic Black colleges/universities	4.000		4.0	3.000

Save America's Treasures grants	5.000		5.0	
Historic Revitalization grants				3.000
TOTALS	\$ 80.910	\$ 51.1	\$ 80.9	77.910

* Figures are in millions.

The Senate Appropriations Committee included a new program, Historic Revitalization Grants, and the bill notes "the Committee has provided \$3,000,000 in new funding for preservation grants to revitalize historic properties of national, State and local significance in order to restore, protect and foster economic development of rural villages and downtown areas. Grants shall be made available to States, local governments, Tribes, or community non-profit organizations for the purpose of making sub-grants to eligible projects. Priority shall be given to applicants with a demonstrated capacity for allocating similar awards for preservation of such sites. The Committee recommends that applicants cap their administrative costs at no more than 5 percent."

The federal tax reform bill signed into law in late December kept the 20% Historic Tax Credit but changed how it can be claimed to taking it over five years instead of taking it all in one year. The bill did not include the 10% credit for rehabilitation of buildings constructed before 1936 that are not listed in the National Register of Historic Places that was formerly in place.

Office of History and Archaeology and Alaska Historical Commission news

The office is resuming its Alaska Heritage Resources Survey (AHRS) training classes in 2018. The first two sessions are scheduled for January 24 and February 21, both from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. They will be held in the training room on the 9th floor of the Atwood Building, 550 West 7th Avenue in Anchorage. The class will include presentations on the Section 106 review and compliance process, the AHRS, and time for questions. The class is highly recommended for new users of the AHRS, especially for those who do not work with cultural resources on a regular basis. There is no cost for the training, but space is limited. If interested in attending one of the sessions please contact Jeff Weinberger, AHRS Program Manager, at 907.269.8718 or jeffrey.weinberger@alaska.gov.

The Alaska Historical Commission met by teleconference December 6, 2017. Commission members reviewed and approved the Gold Star Peak geographic name proposal for a peak near Mt. POW/MIA and the village of Eklutna. They determined the Jay and Bella Hammond Homestead eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. Members reviewed applications from Certified Local Governments and recommended awards to the Matanuska-Susitna Borough for rehabilitation of the Rebarchek Farm, and to the City and Borough of Sitka for rehabilitation of Sheldon Jackson School's Fraser Hall and for predevelopment work on the former school's sawmill. Commission members also recommended that funding be offered to Certified Local Government staff and commission members for travel grants to attend the National Alliance of Preservation Commission (NAPC) Forum 2018 in Des Moines, Iowa next summer. For more information about the commission meeting contact Jo Antonson, 907.269.8714 / jo.antonson@alaska.gov.

Clam Cove Pictograph Site listed in National Register

The Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places added the Clam Cove Pictograph Site in Lake Clark National Park and Preserve to the nation's list of significant historic and archaeological properties on December 22, 2017. The site, on the western shore of Cook Inlet, has over 75 red ochre pictographs

associated with local Alutiiq culture and archaeological evidence of several houses and cache pits associated with the Dena'ina Athabascan people. The site contains data that could help to better understand the early lifeways of the Alutiiq and Dena'ina people. It has one of only two known rock art depictions of whale harpooning on the Pacific coast of the Alaska Peninsula before contact with Europeans.

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 battlefields 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 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 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.

The Shared Beringian Heritage Program is calling for proposals for grants to advance understanding and preservation of the region known as Beringia that includes much of western Alaska. Program goals are to improve conservation, sustainability, and knowledge of the region's resources, preserve historic traditions and practices, interpret and communicate about the region's resources and values, and promote cultural connections and knowledge exchange. The deadline to apply is February 12, 2018. More information about who can apply and about the program is available at <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html?keywords=P18AS00026>. For questions contact Erica Cordeiro, 907.644.3315 / erica_cordeiro@nps.gov.

The National Park Service is also accepting applications for Save America's Treasures grants. This program has \$5 million available for preservation and conservation work on nationally significant historic properties and collections. Grants must be matched dollar for dollar and are awarded on a competitive basis. Applications need to be made through Grants.gov. The deadline to apply is February 21, 2018. More information is available at <https://go.nps.gov/sat> or calling 202.354.2020, or sending an email to preservation_grants_info@nps.gov.

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.

AAHP seeks nominations for 2018 endangered historic properties list

The Alaska Association for Historical Preservation is seeking nominations for its 2018 Ten Most Endangered Alaska Historic Properties list. More information and the nomination form is at www.aahp-online.net or by sending an email to akpreservation@gmail.com. Nominations are due March 31, 2018.

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:

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:

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)

January 24 Office of History and Archaeology, Alaska Heritage Resources Survey (AHRS) training, Anchorage (Jeff Weinberger, 907.269.8718 / jeffrey.weinberger@alaska.gov)

February 12 National Park Service, Shared Beringian Heritage Program grant application deadline, <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html?keywords=P18AS00026> (Erica Cordeiro, 907.644.3315 / erica_cordeiro@nps.gov)

February 21 National Park Service, Save America's Treasures grant application deadline, <https://go.nps.gov/sat> (202.354.2020 / preservation_grants_info@nps.gov)

February 21 Office of History and Archaeology, Alaska Heritage Resources Survey (AHRS) training, Anchorage (Jeff Weinberger, 907.269.8718 / jeffrey.weinberger@alaska.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)

March 26-28 Main Street Now Conference, Kansas City, MO (<https://www.mainstreet.org/mainstreetamerica/howwecanhelp/educationandtraining/mainstreetnow>)

March 31 Alaska Association for Historic Preservation, 2018 Ten Most Endangered Historic Properties nomination deadline (www.aahp-online.net / akpreservation@gmail.com)

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 18-21 National Council on Public History: Power Lines, Las Vegas, NV (<http://ncph.org/conference/2018-annual-meeting-2/>, 317.274.2716 / ncph@iupui.edu)

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 2-5 Vernacular Architecture Forum, 2018 annual meeting: A Shared Heritage: Urban and Rural Experience on the Banks of the Potomac, Alexandria, VA (<http://www.vernaculararchitectureforum.org/event-2580611>, Tom Reinhart, vafpotomac@vafweb.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)

November 12-15 Cultural Heritage and New Technologies, Visual Heritage 2018, Digitize: Research – Record – Reactivate – Reconstruct symposium (Börner Wolfgang, +43 (0)1 4000 81176 / wolfgang.boerner@stadtarhaeologie.at)

