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**Historic Preservation Fund FY 18 budget still not determined**

The final FY 2017, and President’s, House of Representatives, and Senate Appropriations Committee’s budget proposals for Historic Preservation Fund programs for federal fiscal year 2018 (that started October 1, 2017) are summarized below. The full Senate has not passed its proposed budget. Congress passed a bill that funds federal programs at FY 2017 levels through March 23, 2018.

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The Senate Appropriations Committee added a Historic Revitalization Grants program to revitalize, restore and protect historic properties and foster economic development of rural villages and downtown areas.

President Trump released his FY 2019 budget proposal in February. It funded the Historic Preservation Fund at $32.67 million, with SHPOs receiving $26.93 and THPOs receiving $5.74 million, and no funding for HPF grant programs. These are draconian reductions. Although the chances of the administration’s budget being adopted are slim, the proposal sends a horrible message regarding the importance placed on the work that SHPOs and THPOs do.

Office of History and Archaeology and Alaska Historical Commission news

The Alaska Historical Commission will meet Wednesday, April 4, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Atwood Building, 550 West 7th Ave., Suite 1270. The commission will address the Ch’u’itnu Historic District, Traditional Cultural Property (Tyonek vicinity) nomination to the National Register of Historic Places. They also will consider a geographic name proposal to change the name of Bulchitna Lake to Hneh’itnu Bena Lake (Matanuska-Susitna Borough) and one to name a feature Bergh Peak (Denali National Park). Commission members will hear brief updates on historic preservation activities since their December 2017 meeting. The preliminary agenda will be posted at www.dnr.alaska.gov/parks/oha. For additional information about the commission and the meeting contact Jo Antonson, 907.269.8714 / jo.antonson@alaska.gov.

The annual Office of History and Archaeology workshop will be April 20, 2018, at the BP Energy Center, 1014 Energy Court, Anchorage, Alaska 99508. The agenda includes program updates, particularly on the state historic preservation plan and archaeological permits and stipulations. The afternoon will have presentations on innovative technologies being used regarding cultural resources. The agenda and registration form will be posted soon on the OHA website, www.dnr.alaska.gov/parks/oha. For more information contact Sarah Meitl, 907.269.8720 / sarah.meitl@alaska.gov.

National Park Service updates

The Historic American Building Survey, Historic American Engineering Record, and Historic American Landscapes Survey (HABS/HAER/HALS) are seeking students for 2018 summer jobs documenting historic sites and structures. Duties might include field work, preparation of measured and interpretive drawings, and writing historic reports. The application deadline is March 16, 2018. More information is available at https://www.nps.gov/hdp/jobs/summer.htm or by contacting Robert Arzola, 202.354.2170 / robert_arzola@nps.gov.

These programs also are calling for nominations for the 2018 Charles E. Peterson Prize, Leicester B. Holland Prize, and Historic American Landscapes Survey Challenge. The Peterson Prize recognizes the best sets of architectural measured drawings produced by college students and submitted to the programs’ collection at the Library of Congress. The Holland Prize recognizes the best single sheet drawing of a site appropriate for inclusion in the collection. The HALS Challenge is a short format

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historical report competition; this year around the theme of the World War I memorial landscape. More information about these competitions is available at www.nps.gov/hdp.

Advisory Council on Historic Preservation updates

The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation has three more Section 106 webinars scheduled this spring. Each will be offered twice. “Managing Confidential Information and Section 106” will be on March 22 and 27; “Archaeological Sites and Section 106: A Discussion of Identification and Evaluation” on April 19 and 24; and “Planning for Successful Section 106 Agreements” on May 24 and 29. Program descriptions and registration instructions are posted at www.achp.gov/sec106webinar.html. If you have questions about the programs email training@achp.gov.

The council submitted to the President its required triennial report, In a Spirit of Stewardship: A Report on Federal Historic Property Management, in February. The report addresses infrastructure, jobs, and resiliency with respect to management of historic properties. It includes recommendations to improve federal stewardship of the properties. The Advisory Council will consider steps to pursue the report’s recommendations at their March meeting. The report is online at www.achp.gov/2018section3.html.

The council has also created an online module titled “The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation—Shaping National Preservation Policy,” http://achp.preservation50.org/. The site has essays, images, online interviews, and resource documents on twelve topics including stewardship, community revitalization, heritage tourism, disaster response, sustainability, public outreach, and future directions.

With the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the council is seeking nominations for the 2018 Secretary’s Award for Excellence in Historic Preservation. The award recognizes a project that advances the goals of historic preservation while promoting affordable housing, community revitalization, and/or enhanced economic opportunities for low and moderate-income families. Projects must have used HUD funding or financing, must meet the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for Rehabilitation, and have been completed in the last three years. The deadline for nominations is March 1, 2018. More information and the submission instructions are available at https://www.huduser.gov/portal/sites/default/files/pdf/HUD-Sec-Award-excellence-historic-preservation-2018.pdf.

National Preservation Institute courses to be offered in Anchorage

The National Preservation Institute is offering two seminars in Anchorage this spring: NAGPRA Essentials, March 19-20; and Archaeological Curation and Collections Management, April 16-18. Descriptions of the courses are available at www.npi.org. The deadline to register for the NAGPRA Essentials is March 2, 2018. For more information contact Jere Gibber, 703.765.0100 / info@npi.org.

Historic Preservation Education Foundation Partners in Training call for proposals

The Historic Preservation Education Foundation is accepting proposals for its Partners in Training initiative. Educational institutions and nonprofit organizations can submit proposals that address specialized topics associated with the technical aspects of preservation. The proposal can request administrative as well as seed money for initial tasks. Administrative support can include participation in event planning, registration, and assistance in online or print publication of materials prepared for the
initiative. The application deadline is April 2, 2018. More information is at www.hpef.us/partners-in-training/ or by sending an email to info@hpef.us.

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. 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:

Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities and Federal Aviation Administration / Toksook Bay Airport and Access Road Improvements: Revised draft Environmental Assessment: http://dot.alaska.gov/creg/PDE/projects/CFAPT00111_ToksookBayAirportImprovements/CFAPT00111_RevisedDraftEA_01252018.pdf
Comment deadline: March 1, 2018

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:


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 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 2  Historic Preservation Education Foundation, Partners in Training proposal deadline (www.hpef.us/partners-in-training/ or info@hpef.us)

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 16-18  National Preservation Institute, Archaeological Curation and Collections Management, Anchorage (info@npi.org / 703.765.0100)


April 20  Alaska Office of History and Archaeology, Annual Workshop, Anchorage (Sarah Meitl, 907.269.8720 / sarah.meitl@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 21-25  National Center for Preservation Technology and Training:  Current Archeological Prospection Advances for Non-destruction Investigations of the Marksville Site (16AV1), LA (Steven L. DeVore, 402.437.5392 / steve_de_vore@nps.gov)

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)

May 30-June 3  Society for Industrial Archaeology annual meeting, Richmond, VA, http://www.sia-web.org/sia-47th-annual-conference/  ( 907.487.1889 / sia@siahq.org)

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

September 12-15  Alaska Historical Society / Museums Alaska, annual meetings and conference, Nome (Amy Phillips-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 (Boerner Wolfgang, +43 (0)1 4000 81176 / wolfgang.boerner@stadtarchaeologie.at)