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Federal Historic Preservation Fund FY 18 budget increased by 21%

The omnibus spending bill Congress passed and the President signed last month increases the Historic Preservation Fund apportionment from \$80.91 million in FY 17 to \$96.91 million in FY 18. This is a significant and welcome increase for preservation programs! President Trump’s FY 19 proposed budget for HPF programs, however, *only* supports the state and tribal preservation offices. It continues to be very important for Alaska’s historic preservation community to speak out and publicize projects and programs.

Historic Preservation Fund:	FY 2017 Final	FY 2018 Final	FY 2019 President
States	\$ 47.93*	\$ 48.93	\$ 26.93
Tribes	10.48	11.48	5.74

Underserved communities initiative		.50	.50
Civil rights movement initiative	13.00		13.00
Historic Black colleges/universities	4.00		5.00
Save America's Treasures grants	5.00		13.00
Historic Revitalization grants			5.00
TOTALS	\$ 80.91	\$ 96.91	\$ 32.67

* Figures are in millions.

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 get updates on historic preservation activities since their December 2017 meeting. The preliminary agenda is 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, in Anchorage. The agenda includes program updates, particularly on the state historic preservation plan and archaeological permits. The afternoon will have presentations on innovative technologies being used regarding cultural resources, among them LiDAR and 3-D scanning and printing. The agenda and registration form are 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 first in a series of special events to celebrate the centennial of Katmai National Park and Preserve will be April 28, 2018. Four speakers will talk about the geology and cultural history of Katmai, and the Anchorage Sugpiaq Dance Group will perform. The event will be at Cuddy Hall, University of Alaska Anchorage, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. More information about Katmai's centennial events is at www.katmaiconservancy.org. The closing centennial event will be September 22, 2018 at Naknek. It will include presentations on the history and culture of fisheries in the Bristol Bay region.

The Tribal Heritage Historic Preservation grant application deadline is May 11, 2018. Federally recognized Indian tribes, Alaska Native groups and Native Hawaiian organizations are eligible to apply. Guidelines and application instructions are available at <http://go.nps.gov/znle88>.

The Vanishing Treasures Program of the National Park Service is presenting a workshop, *Guiding Principles for Field-Based Historic Preservation* in Anchorage, May 15-17, 2018. Topics include understanding how treatment decisions for historic resources are developed, how resources are evaluated, and how compliance, laws and the Secretary of the Interior's standards for historic preservation are connected to the work performed by trades personnel. The course, with classroom and field sessions, is geared to trades personnel, contractors, engineers, architects, and historic building

owners. For additional information about the course and registration, contact Erin Gibbs, 307.739.3571 / erin_gibbs@partner.nps.gov or vanishingtreasures@nps.gov.

May 2018 is the 75th anniversary of the Battle of Attu, the only ground battle of World War II to take place on American soil. The National Park Service and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service are hosting activities May 17-19 in Anchorage. Activities include films, an art show, presentations and panel discussions. More information can be found at www.attu75.org.

The Technical Preservation Services program has published its FY 2017 annual report on Federal Tax Incentives for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings. The report notes the NPS certified over a thousand rehabilitation projects, totaling over \$5.82 billion in private investment. The report is at <https://www.nps.gov/tps/tax-incentives/taxdocs/tax-incentives-2017annual.pdf>. For more information about the rehabilitation tax credit program contact Summer Louthan, 907.269.8717 / summer.louthan@alaska.gov.

Advisory Council on Historic Preservation updates

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

At their March meeting, the Advisory Council adopted a policy statement on controversial commemorative works, such as memorials, statues and markers. The statement notes "it is essential for decision makers to directly confront history's difficult chapters; consult broadly with the public to ascertain contemporary community views; consider a range of management alternatives; and promote public education regarding all aspects (positive and negative) of the nation's history." The statement is available at <http://www.achp.gov/docs/controversial-commemorative-works-policy.pdf>

National Preservation Institute course to be offered in Anchorage

The National Preservation Institute is offering its Archaeological Curation and Collections Management course in Anchorage April 16-18. A description of the course is available at www.npi.org. For more information contact Jere Gibber, 703.765.0100 / info@npi.org.

National Fund for Sacred Places call for rehabilitation grant proposals

The National Fund for Sacred Places is seeking letters of intent for its grants for training, planning, and capital projects (from \$50,000 to \$250,000) that are open to congregations of all faiths for rehabilitation of their historic facilities. Letters of interest are due April 17, 2018. The fund is a program of Partners for Sacred Places in collaboration with the National Trust for Historic Preservation. The past few years the group has provided funding annually for 14-16 congregations. Letters of intent are due April 17, 2018. More information is at www.fundforsacredplaces.org, or by contacting Karen Bustard, Grants & Client Manager, 215.567.3234 / kbustard@sacredplaces.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. 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 April 30, 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:

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, <https://www.ncptt.nps.gov/events/are-we-there-yet/>, Tulsa, OK (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 17 Partners for Sacred Places, National Fund for Sacred Places letters of intent deadline, www.nationalfundforsacredplaces.org (Karen Bustard, Grants & Client Manager, 215.567.3234 / kbustard@sacredplaces.org)

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

April 18-22 Society of Architectural Historians annual international conference, St. Paul, MN (<http://www.sah.org/conferences-and-programs/2018-conference---saint-paul>)

April 20 Alaska Office of History and Archaeology, annual workshop, www.dnr.alaska.gov/parks/oha, Anchorage (Sarah Meitl, 907.269.8720 / sarah.meitl@alaska.gov)

April 28 Katmai National Park & Preserve and Katmai Conservancy, The Geologic Story of Katmai, Anchorage, AK (www.nps.gov/katm or www.katmaiconservancy.org)

April 30 Alaska Association for Historic Preservation, Ten Most Endangered Historic Properties 2018 nomination deadline (Carmen Bydalek, 907.929.9870 / akpreservation@gmail.com)

May 1 Alaska Women's Hall of Fame, 10th anniversary and induction of Class of 2018, Anchorage, AK (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, <http://www.vernaculararchitectureforum.org/event-2580611>, Alexandria, VA (Tom Reinhart, vafpotomac@vafweb.org)

May 7-9 National Center for Preservation Technology and Training, Introduction to Conserving Modern Architecture, <https://www.ncptt.nps.gov/events/introduction-to-conserving-modern-architecture/>, Los Angeles, CA (Getty Conservation Institute, 318.356.7444)

May 11 National Park Service, Tribal Heritage Grants application deadline, <http://go.nps.gov/znle88> (202.354.2020 / preservation_grants_info@nps.gov)

May 15 American Association for State and Local History, History Leadership Institute 2018 application deadline, www.historyleadership.org, Indianapolis, IN (John Marks, 615.320.3203 / sha@aaslh.org)

May 15-17 National Park Service, Vanishing Treasures Program, Guiding Principles for Field-Based Historic Preservation workshop, vanishingtreasures@nps.gov, Anchorage, AK (Erin Gibbs, 307.739.3571 / erin_gibbs@partner.nps.gov)

May 17 California Preservation Foundation, Keeping History Above Water: West, Palo Alto, CA (Alex Westhoff, 415.473.7874 / awesthoff@marincounty.org)

May 17-19 U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and National Park Service, 75th anniversary commemoration of the Battle of Attu, Anchorage (www.attu75.org)

May 21-25 National Center for Preservation Technology and Training: Current Archeological Prospection Advances for Non-destructive Investigations of the Marksville Prehistoric Indian Site (16AV1), LA (Steven L. DeVore, 402.437.5392 / steve_de_vore@nps.gov)

May 24-29 Construction History Society of America biennial meeting, with the School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation, University of Maryland, www.constructionhistorysociety.org/events/, College Park, MD (Construction History Society of America, melaniefeerst@gmail.com)

May 31-June 3 Society for Industrial Archaeology annual meeting, <http://www.sia-web.org/sia-47th-annual-conference/>, Richmond, VA (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)

September 26-29 International Society for Landscape, Place and Material Culture 50th annual conference, <http://www.pioneeramerica.org/annualmeeting2018.html>, New Orleans, LA (Gerald T. McNeill, 985.549.2107 / gerald.mcneill@selu.edu)

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@stadtarhaeologie.at)

November 13-16 National Trust for Historic Preservation: PastForward National Preservation Conference, San Francisco, CA (<https://www.pastforwardconference.org/pastforward2018/>)

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