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Federal Historic Preservation Fund FY 19 budget

As he did last year, President Trump’s FY 19 budget proposal for Historic Preservation Fund programs *only* supports the state and tribal preservation offices. In the Senate, New York Democrat Kristen Gillibrand and Louisiana Republican Bill Cassidy are sending a letter to the Senate Committee on Appropriations asking that the FY 18 overall HPF funding level of \$97.9 million be maintained. They are asking, however, that the Save America’s Treasures appropriation be reduced by \$5 million and that money be added to the state and tribal programs. It is very important for Alaska’s historic preservation community to publicize local historic preservation projects and programs, and let the congressional delegation and state legislators know about them and their value to the community, and the value of funding and technical assistance from HPF programs assists in their projects.

Historic Preservation Fund:	FY 2018	FY 2019
	Final	President

States	\$ 48.93*	\$ 26.93
Tribes	11.48	5.74
Underserved communities initiative		.50
Civil rights movement initiative	13.00	
Historic Black colleges/universities	5.00	
Save America's Treasures grants	13.00	
Historic Revitalization grants	5.00	
TOTALS	\$ 96.91	\$ 32.67

* Figures are in millions.

Office of History and Archaeology and Alaska Historical Commission news

The annual Office of History and Archaeology workshop was held April 20, 2018. Over 80 people attended. We value your feedback and if you did not complete the evaluation and turn it in at the end of the day, please complete the evaluation electronically at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/OHAWorkshop2018>.

The Alaska Historical Commission met April 4 and recommended the Ch'u'itnu Historic District, Traditional Cultural Property (Tyonek vicinity) is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. Judy Bittner, SHPO, expects to send the nomination package to the Keeper of the National Register by mid-May. For additional information about the commission contact Jo Antonson, 907.269.8714 / jo.antonson@alaska.gov.

The City of Nome becomes Alaska's 14th Certified Local Government

Congratulations to the City of Nome! The National Park Service approved the city's Certified Local Government application on April 24, 2018. The City of Nome becomes Alaska's fourteenth local government to participate in the program, and the first added since 1999. To become a CLG a community must pass a historic preservation ordinance, create a local preservation commission or task another local government board with historic preservation responsibilities, address historic preservation in a community plan, and establish and maintain an inventory of local historic properties. As a CLG, the City of Nome is eligible to apply for grants through the Office of History and Archaeology for projects to further historic preservation in the community. For more information about Alaska's CLG program, contact Summer Louthan, 907.269.8717 / summer.louthan@alaska.gov.

19th Annual Alaska Atlatl Throw on May 5

Richard VanderHoek, State Archaeologist, is holding the popular Annual Alaska Atlatl Throw on Saturday, May 5, 2018, from 12:00-5:00 p.m. at the Alaska Native Heritage Center in Anchorage. The event is sponsored by the Alaska Native Heritage Center and the Alaska Office of History and Archaeology. An *Alaska Dispatch News* (now *Anchorage Daily News*) article on last year's event is at <https://www.adn.com/outdoors-adventure/2017/04/30/it-came-from-the-ice-age-but-atlatl-continues-to-impress/>. If you have questions about the event, now in its 19th year, please contact Richard VanderHoek at 907.947.4868 / Richard.vanderhoek@alaska.gov.

May is National Historic Preservation Month

The National Trust for Historic Preservation promotes May as Historic Preservation Month to encourage saving important places in communities across the country. The Trust is asking people to share photos of special events and places during the month on their social media sites, #ThisPlaceMatters and @SavingPlaces and invites comments on what preservation means to people. They have a prepared a toolkit that can be found at <https://savingplaces.org/this-place-matters#.WuIZGVWnGUm>.

For the month, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, National Park Service, and National Trust have teamed up to hold a photo contest, "Picture Yourself in a Historic Place." Everyone is invited to share photos of themselves, family, and friends enjoying a historic place using the hashtag #MyHistoricPlace. The photo must have a caption that includes the name and location of the historic place. You must tag the @USACHP, @NationalRegisterNPS, @NPSCLP, @NPSParkCLP, and @savingplaces. One winner will be picked weekly through May and announced each Tuesday on the Advisory Council's social media sites. For more information and to view the photos go to <https://www.facebook.com/usachp> and click on Campaigns.

National Park Service updates

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 Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places, J. Paul Loether, is leaving the National Park Service in June to become executive director of the Rhode Island Historical Preservation & Heritage Commission. He has been Chief of the National Register of Historic Places and National Historic Landmarks Program since 2007. and he held the title of Keeper.

Advisory Council on Historic Preservation updates

The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation has one more Section 106 webinar scheduled this spring. "Planning for Successful Section 106 Agreements" will be offered May 24 and 29. The program description and registration instructions are at www.achp.gov/sec106webinar.html. If you have questions about the programs email training@achp.gov.

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://soa-dnr.maps.arcgis.com/apps/Viewer/index.html?appid=557602a72c064196bc919977affeacf>. To submit a place and photo, go to <http://soa-dnr.maps.arcgis.com/apps/GeoForm/index.html?appid=84ea3c3909ac4f179fae7d65331bb569>

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PUBLIC PROJECT ALERTS:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers / Donlin Gold Project: Environmental Impact Statement

Project information: www.donlingoldeis.com

Comment deadline: May 29, 2018

Contact: Jamie R. Hyslop, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, CEPOA-RD-Hyslop, P.O. Box 6898, JBER, AK 99506, poa.donlingoldeis@usace.army.mil or 907.753.2670

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers / Pebble Project: Environmental Impact Statement public scoping comments, <https://pebbleprojecteis.com/publiccomments/new>

Comment deadline: June 29, 2018

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PRESERVATION CALENDAR:

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@aaalh.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@stadtarchaeologie.at)

November 13-14 U.S. International Council on Monuments and Sites (US/ICOMOS) and partners symposium: Forward Together: A Culture-Nature Journey Towards More Effective Conservation in a Changing World, San Francisco, CA (Bill Pencek, 202.463.1291 / bpenck@usicomos.org)

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