Federal Historic Preservation Fund FY 2019 budget and legislation

As the administration did last year, the President’s FY 2019 budget proposal for Historic Preservation Fund programs only supports the state and tribal preservation offices at a greatly reduced level than in past years, and does not fund any of the special initiative grant programs.

The House of Representatives voted in July to equal the amount for HPF funding allocated in FY 2018, incorporating into their budget the historic revitalization grant program to assist rural communities the Senate added last year, and increasing funding for the civil rights and historic Black colleges grant programs. The Senate Interior Appropriations Committee has recommended $88.91 million for the HPF for FY 2019.

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Senator Brian Schatz (Hawaii) introduced the Explore America Act of 2018 (S. 2395) earlier this year, with six cosponsors, including Alaska’s Dan Sullivan. The bill authorizes the provision of technical assistance under the Preserve America program and directs the Secretary of the Interior to enter into partnerships with communities adjacent to national parks to leverage cultural heritage assets. The act is intended to support cultural heritage tourism and historic preservation activities, and to leverage these assets to strengthen economic development in gateway communities. Alaska’s Representative Don Young introduced a companion bill in the House of Representatives (H.R. 5608). The Senate referred its bill to the Energy and Natural Resources Committee, and the House referred its bill to the Natural Resources Subcommittee on Federal Lands.

Alaska Historical Commission news

The Alaska Historical Commission will meet by teleconference, with a center in Anchorage, on Tuesday, September 25, 2018, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The meeting center is at the Atwood Building, 550 West 7th Ave., Suite 104. The commission will review applications for projects from Certified Local Governments (CLGs), and for predevelopment and development work on properties listed in the National Register of Historic Places. The commission also will consider three nominations of properties in Anchorage for eligibility to be listed in the National Register of Historic Places. The nominations are for the Greater Friendship Baptist Church, Kulis Hangar 1, and the Block 13 Army Housing Historic District. The preliminary meeting agenda is posted at www.dnr.alaska.gov/parks/oha. For additional information about the commission contact Jo Antonson, 907.269.8714 / jo.antonson@alaska.gov.

Kantishna Roadhouse listed in National Register

The Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places added the Kantishna Roadhouse in Denali National Park & Preserve to the list on August 14, 2018. The two-story log roadhouse, built in 1919 or 1920, is believed to be the oldest extant building from the Kantishna mining era as well as the oldest building standing in the park. Its location around the confluence of Moose and Eureka creeks made the roadhouse the centerpiece of the small community when mining in the area revived after World War I. The building started as a home for the Commissioner of the Mining District, but soon functioned as an unofficial government office, post office, and community meeting space. The National Park Service acquired the building following passage of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act in 1980, and did stabilization work on it in 1989.

National Park Service news

The National Park Service is accepting applications for African American Civil Rights grants. Projects can be for survey, documentation, education, interpretation and preservation of sites associated with the African American struggle to gain equal rights in the 20th century. States, local governments, Alaska Natives, and non-profit organizations are eligible to
apply. The deadline is October 8, 2018. For more information contact the State, Tribal, Local, Plans & Grants Division, NPS, 202.354.2020 or preservation_grants_info@nps.gov.

Applications are also being accepted for 2018 Underrepresented Community grants. The competitive grants are for surveys and inventories of historic properties and development of National Register of Historic Places nomination. States, Alaska Natives, and Certified Local Governments are eligible to apply. The application deadline is November 1, 2018. Information is available at 202.354.2020 or preservation_grants_info@nps.gov.

NPS’s Technical Preservation Services program has digitized and made over 1,000 Historic Preservation Fund grant products available to the public. There are examples of design guidelines, economic impact surveys, historic structure reports and preservation plans. The web address is go.nps.gov/HPF_IRMA, and then select “Historic Preservation Fund (HPF)” and the category you want to see.

Advisory Council on Historic Preservation fall webinar series announced

The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation has announced its fall 2018 Section 106 webinars. “Meeting the Reasonable and Good Faith Standard in Section 106” will be offered October 25 and 30. “Planning to Involve the Public in Section 106” will be offered November 13 and 15. A new webinar “So you think you need a PA,” addressing common issues and questions regarding programmatic agreements that are to streamline Section 106 review of routine undertakings on federal lands, will be offered on December 11 and 13. Descriptions and registration instructions are at https://www.achp.gov/training/webinars. If you have any questions contact Tanya Devonish at tdevonish@achp.gov.

Alaska Association of Environmental Professionals hosts talks on cultural resources

The Alaska Association of Environmental Professionals has scheduled two brown bag talks this fall on cultural resources topics. On September 19th Kristine Bunnell will discuss the Municipality of Anchorage’s historic preservation plan. On October 16th Morgan Blanchard will speak about the World War II Japanese Internment Camp at Fort Richardson. The programs will be at the BP Energy Center in Anchorage from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. For more information contact Lucy Flynn O’Quinn, 907.865.1209 / loquinn@dowl.com.

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PUBLIC PROJECT ALERTS:

U.S. Bureau of Land Management, Willow Master Development Plan Environmental Impact Statement for the Willow oil and gas prospect, Bear Tooth Unit, National Petroleum Reserve
Comment deadline: September 6, 2018
Comments to: BLM_AK_Willow_Comments@blm.gov
Contact: Ferris Couture, 907.271.1306 / ffisher@blm.gov
Comment deadline: November 1, 2018
Comments to: [www.fs.usda.gov/goto/chugach/plancomments](http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/chugach/plancomments), fax 907.743.9476, or mail Chugach National Forest, Attn: Draft Land Management Plan, 161 East 1st Ave., Door 8, Anchorage, AK 99501
Contact: Denise Downie, 907.743.9426 / dedownie@fs.fed.us

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**PRESERVATION CALENDAR:**

September 5-7  San Antonio Office of Historic Preservation, Living Heritage Symposium, [https://www.sanantonio.gov/historic/Programs/Culture/LivingHeritage](https://www.sanantonio.gov/historic/Programs/Culture/LivingHeritage), San Antonio, TX (Dianne Sassenhagen, 210.207.0030 / Dianne.sassenhagen@santonio.gov)

September 6-9  American Cultural Resources Association, 24th annual conference, [http://acracrm.org/annual-conference-2018](http://acracrm.org/annual-conference-2018), Cincinnati, OH (Kerri Barile, 202.367.9094 / kbarile@dovetailcrq.com)

September 12-15  Alaska Historical Society / Museums Alaska, annual meetings and conference: Tundra and Ice: History in Alaska’s Arctic / Reflections, Nome (Amy Phillips-Chan, 907.443.6630 / museum@nomealaska.org)

September 13-16  Preserving the Historic Road Conference, [http://historicroads.org/](http://historicroads.org/), Fort Collins, CO (Terry Klein, 505.892.5587 / tklein@srifoundation.org)
September 19  Alaska Association of Environmental Professionals, talk on Municipality of Anchorage’s Historic Preservation Plan, Kristine Bunnell, Anchorage (Lucy Flynn O’Quinn, 907.865.1209 / loquinn@dowl.com)


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)


October 8  National Park Service, 2018 African American Civil Rights grant application deadline (202.354.2020 / preservation_grants_info@nps.gov)

October 15-18  National Center for Preservation Technology and Training (NCPTT): Advanced 3-D Imaging and Morphometrics for Archeology, Tucson, AZ (Tadd Britt, fax 318.356.9119 / tad_britt@nps.gov)

October 16  Alaska Association of Environmental Professionals, talk on World War II Fort Richardson Japanese Internment Camp, Morgan Blanchard (Lucy Flynn O’Quinn, 907.865.1209 / loquinn@dowl.com)


November 5-8  National Center for Preservation Technology and Training, Advanced Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) Workshop, Marksville, LA (Tad Britt, fax 318.356.9119 / tad_britt@nps.gov)

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)


February 27-March 2  Alaska Anthropological Association annual meeting:  Alaska Anthropology in the Age of Engagement:  Communities, Collections and Collaboration, Nome (www.alaskaanthropology.org / alaskaanthro@gmail.com)

March 13-19  National Park Service, Historic Preservation Education Foundation, University of Southern California School of Architecture, Preserving the Recent Past 3 conference, https://www.prp3.org, Los Angeles, CA (info@prp3.org)


April 24  Alaska Office of History and Archaeology, Annual Workshop, Anchorage, AK (Sarah Meitl, 907.269.8720 / sarah.meitl@alaska.gov)

May 5-8  Keeping History Above Water conference, http://historyabovewater.org/2019-st-augustine, St. Augustine, FL (Leslee Keys, 904.819.6443 / lkeys@flagler.edu)

May 7-8  National Preservation Institute, Landscape Preservation:  An Introduction, Anchorage, AK, www.npi.org (Jere Gibber, 703.765.0100 / jgibber@aol.com)

May 9  National Preservation Institute, Landscape Preservation:  Advanced Tools for Managing Change, Anchorage, AK, www.npi.org (Jere Gibber, 703.765.0100 / jgibber@aol.com)