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**Federal Historic Preservation Fund FY 2020 budget and legislation**

The House Appropriations Committee’s Interior, Environment & Related Agencies Subcommittee voted to fund Historic Preservation Fund programs for 2020 at $121.6 million. This is $20 million more than the 2019 appropriation for the programs. The HPF funds state programs, specifically the Alaska Office of History and Archaeology. The President’s FY 2020 budget proposal only funded the state and tribal preservation offices and reduced the appropriations for them by almost half of last year’s appropriation. It is important to let Alaska’s Congressional delegation know about historic preservation projects the Historic Preservation Fund is supporting around Alaska.
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Office of History and Archaeology and Alaska Historical Commission news

Governor Dunleavy reappointed Jonathon Ross of Chugiak to a three-year term as the Alaska Native representative on the Alaska Historical Commission. The term for the archaeologist on the Alaska Historical Commission ends June 30, 2019. Douglas Veltre of Anchorage wrote Governor Dunleavy saying that he was not going to apply to be reappointed.

The Alaska Historical Commission advises the Governor on issues related to history and archaeology and serves as the state review board for the state historic preservation and geographic names programs. The Lt. Governor serves as chair, the State Historic Preservation Officer is a member, and there are seven public members. Of the seven, there must be individuals with credentials in history, architecture, and archaeology to meet the Secretary of the Interior’s qualifications for historic preservation professionals. The commission meets at least two times a year. Terms on the commission are for three years. Members serve without compensation, although travel expenses to attend meetings are paid. Individuals interested in being considered for appointment to the Alaska Historical Commission need to apply through the Governor’s Boards and Commissions Office, https://gov.alaska.gov/services/boards-and-commissions/. For additional information about the commission contact Jo Antonson, 907.269.8714 / jo.antonson@alaska.gov.

National Park Service news

The National Center for Preservation Technology and Training (NCPTT) and the National Museum of the Pacific War are hosting a symposium June 4-6, 2019, in Fredericksburg, Texas, on preservation of U.S. military heritage from World War II to the Cold War. Presentations will discuss state-of-the-science efforts to document, conserve, treat, and adaptively reuse sites and features of military heritage from 1939 to 1991. More information about the conference is at https://www.ncptt.nps.gov.

In response to public comments, the National Park Service announced it will consult with Tribes regarding the proposed rule changes to the National Register of Historic Places and accept comments from Tribes through July 8th. More information is at https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2019/05/24/2019-10853/tribal-consultation-national-register-of-historic-places. The NPS received more than 3,300 comments to the proposed rule
changes, and only five of them in support of them. The FY20 House Interior Appropriations bill urges the NPS to withdraw the proposed rule changes.

The NPS Tribal Heritage Grants application deadline this year is July 1, 2019. Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian groups and federally recognized Indian tribes are eligible to apply for grants. The program funds projects to locate and identify cultural resources, preserve historic properties listed in the National Register of Historic Places, prepare preservation plans, document cultural traditions, support education and training in historic preservation, and to do interpretive and education historic preservation projects. For more information contact stipg@nps.gov or 202.354.2020.

The Heritage Documentation Programs—Historic American Buildings Survey, Historic American Engineering Record and Historic American Landscapes Survey—annual competition deadlines are coming up. The Leicester B. Holland Prize for single-sheet measured drawings has a deadline of June 30; the Charles E. Peterson Prize Measured Drawings Student Competition deadline is July 1; and the Historic American Landscapes Survey streetscapes challenge deadline is July 31. More information about the competitions is at www.nps.gov/hdp/competitions.

Advisory Council on Historic Preservation news

The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation is offering two classes in Anchorage in the fall: Section 106 Practitioner Workshop on October 8 and 9, and Section 106 Agreements Seminar on October 10. The council also has e-learning courses available: What is Section 106; Successfully Navigating Section 106 Review: An Orientation for Applicants; Basics of NEPA and Section 106 Integration; and Coordinating NEPA and Section 106. More information about the classes is available at www.achp.gov/training.

2019 Ten Most Endangered Historic Properties in Alaska list announced in May

The Alaska Association for Historic Preservation announced its annual list of the ten most endangered historic properties in the state. The program started in 1991 and helps get public attention of cultural and architectural properties that are threatened. The 2019 list:

- Nenana Sternwheeler, Fairbanks
- Eldred Rock Lighthouse, Haines vicinity
- Coastal Archaeological Sites
- Stevenson Hall (Sheldon Jackson School), Sitka
- Leonhard Seppala House, Nome
- 4th Avenue Theatre, Anchorage
- Government Hill Community Center, Anchorage
- Pioneer School House, Anchorage
- Bristol Bay Sailboats, Naknek, King Salmon, Egegik
- Jesse Lee Home, Seward

The AAHP annually helps several of the properties on the list get started with preservation work and leverage funding from other sources. To donate or learn more about AAHP, contact Amber Sawyer at 907.929.9870 / akpreservation@gmail.com / http://www.aahp-online.net/.
Sharing Our Knowledge Conference of Tlingit, Haida, and Tsimshian Tribes and Clans

The biennial Clan Conference of Southeast Alaska Native people will be September 25-29, 2019, in Juneau. The conference theme is indigenous perspectives on climate change, Shukalxixs’ (calling the end back to the beginning) Goo Wila Amanisga Na Lip Ha’lidzogm (Sm’algyax: how we take care of our world). Proposals for presentations are being accepted through July 31, 2019. More information is available at www.sharingourknowledge.org or by contacting David Russell-Jensen, davidrusselljensen@gmail.com or Alice Taff, alicetaff@gmail.com.

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PUBLIC PROJECT ALERTS:

Comment deadline: June 13, 2019
Comments to: BSWI_RMP_Comment@blm.gov, fax 907.267.1267, or mail to BLM Anchorage Field Office, Attn: BSWI RMP, 4700 BLM Road, Anchorage, AK 99507
Contact: jbarringer@blm.gov

Comment deadline: July 1, 2019
Comments to: Program Manager, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 645 G St., Suite 100-921, Anchorage, AK 99501, drafteis@comments.pebbleprojecteis.com
Contact: Shane McCoy, 907.753.2712 / public.affairs3@usace.army.mil

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**PRESERVATION CALENDAR:**

June 4-6  National Center for Preservation Technology and Training and National Museum of the Pacific War, Preserving U.S. Military Heritage, 1939-1991 symposium, Fredericksburg, TX, [https://www.ncptt.nps.gov](https://www.ncptt.nps.gov) (Debbie Smith, debbie_smith@nps.gov)


June 20  Friends of Nike Site Summit, Almost-Solstice dinner and tour, [www.planetreg.com/NSS-2019](http://www.planetreg.com/NSS-2019), Anchorage (Doris Thomas, fonss2007@gmail.com)

June 30, National Park Service, Heritage Documentation Programs, Leicester B. Holland Prize 2019 single-sheet measured drawing competition completed entry submission deadline ([www.nps.gov/hdp/competitions/holland.htm](http://www.nps.gov/hdp/competitions/holland.htm))

July 1  National Park Service, Tribal Heritage Grants Fiscal Year 2019 application deadline (202.354.2020 / stipg@nps.gov)

July 1  National Park Service, Heritage Documentation Programs, Charles E. Peterson Prize 2019 Measured Drawings Student Competition submission deadline (Mark Schara, 202.354.2166 / mark.schara@nps.gov)

July 31  National Park Service, 2019 Historic American Landscapes Survey Challenge: Historic Streetscapes, submission deadline (Chris Stevens, 202.354.2146 / Chris_Stevens@nps.gov)

August 17  Friends of Nike Site Summit, tours, [www.planetreg.com/NSS-2019](http://www.planetreg.com/NSS-2019), Anchorage (Doris Thomas, fonss2007@gmail.com)

August 19-23  National Center for Preservation Technology and Training, 3D Photogrammetry Workshop, Moose, WY (Sarah Marie Jackson, 318.356.7444 / sarah_m_jackson@nps.gov)

August 28-31  American Association for State and Local History with the International Coalition of Sites of Conscience, annual conference: What Are We Waiting For?, Philadelphia, PA (615.320.3203 / www.aaslh.org/conference/)

September 25-28  Alaska Historical Society and Museums Alaska, annual meetings and conference, Kodiak ([www.ahsmaconference.org](http://www.ahsmaconference.org))

September 25-29  Sharing Our Knowledge Conference of Tlingit, Haida, and Tsimshian Tribes and Clans: Indigenous Perspectives on Climate Change, Shukalxúx̱' Goo Wila Amaniisga Na Lip Ha'lizdogm, Juneau, AK (David Russell-Jensen, davidrusselljensen@gmail.com or Alice Taff, alicetaff@gmail.com)
October 8-9  Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, Section 106 Practitioner Workshop, Anchorage (www.achp.gov/training)

October 10  Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, Section 106 Agreements Seminar, Anchorage (www.achp.gov/training)

October 10-12  National Trust for Historic Preservation, PastForward 2019, Denver, CO (www.PastForwardConference.org)

October 25-27  Yukon Historical and Museums Association and Jilkaat Kwaan Heritage Center: Kohklux Map: 150 Years Conference, Whitehorse, YT (Lianne Maitland, 867.667.4704 / info@heritageyukon.ca)


November 4-6  24th Conference on Cultural Heritage and New Technologies: Monumental Computations, Digital archaeology of large urban and underground infrastructures, https://www.chnt.at/call-for-sessions-round-tables/, Vienna, Austria (Börner Wolfgang, +43(0)1 4000 81176 / wolfgangboerner@stadtarchaeologie.at)


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