Federal Historic Preservation Fund FY 2020 budget

The House of Representatives 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. The Senate Appropriations Committee is expected to work on FY 2020 spending bills this month.

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* Figures are in millions.

Office of History and Archaeology and Alaska Historical Commission news

The Office of History and Archaeology is coordinating with the National Park Service and Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance to offer training for Historic Properties Specialists in October. Historic Properties Specialists are cultural resources personnel activated to advise on-scene coordinators during oil spill and hazardous materials responses. The three-day training will be offered twice, October 29-31 and November 5-7, 2019 in Anchorage. Each workshop will be capped at 40 participants. There are prerequisite online courses that need to be completed before the workshop. Those who take the training also need Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response (HAZWOPER) training. More information about the workshop is at http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/oha/oilspill.htm or by sending an email to Richard VanderHoek at oha.permits@alaska.gov.

The next meeting of the Alaska Historical Commission will be by teleconference on Tuesday, October 29, 2019.

Two Lakes Archeological District added to the National Register of Historic Places

The Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places added the Two Lakes Archeological District in Lake Clark National Park and Preserve to the nation’s catalog of significant cultural properties on August 12, 2019. The district includes 23 archeological sites. Radiocarbon dates from sites have ranged from 10,000 to 630 years ago. This long span of occupation and the presence of deeply buried cultural deposits are evidence that the shores and outfall of Two Lakes were attractive and advantageous locations for people to live. Further investigations have the potential to yield important information to better understand the cultural prehistory of the region, prehistoric economies, and Dena’ina origins.

City and Borough of Sitka receives Historic Revitalization Program grant

Sitka is one of nine recipients of awards from the new Historic Revitalization Subgrant Program administered by the National Park Service. The program is to support the preservation of historic buildings in rural communities and is funded from the federal Historical Preservation Fund at $5 million. Sitka, a Certified Local Government, was eligible to apply, as were nonprofits and state and tribal historic preservation offices. Sitka will receive $238,033 to help with rehabilitation work on properties listed in the National Register of Historic Places. A press
release on the program is at https://www.nps.gov/orgs/1207/hrsp_subgrant_2019.htm. A call for applications for next year is expected to be announced later this fall with an application deadline in January. More program information is available at nps.gov/stlpg.

National Park Service news

The NPS Vanishing Treasures program and the Arthur Carhart National Wilderness Training Center are holding a workshop, Preerving Cultural and Wilderness Resources: Achieving Common Ground, in Yosemite National Park, October 22-24, 2019. The focus will be on treatment approaches to cultural resources in designated wilderness areas. There will be time for field-based problem solving and discussion. The register, go to https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSekA3XBYCiwlwT2KaZqgTb3dSEcn8gnU08tqZcGN0DWMZ9r9csA/viewform. For additional information contact Erin Gibbs, 307.739.3571 / vanishingtreasures@nps.gov.

The NPS State, Tribal, Local, Plans & Grants Division has a Historic Preservation Fund photo contest underway. Preservation partners and recipients of HPF grants are invited to submit photos that display in-progress or completed preservation projects. The winners of NPS swag will be announced in the fall. More details an be found at www.nps.gov/orgs/1623/hpf-photo-contest.htm.

Advisory Council on Historic Preservation news

The Advisory Council has announced a “Summer of FREE-dom,” for its e-learning courses. Five classes are available free of charge until September 30, 2019. The courses include:

- Early Coordination with Indian Tribes for Infrastructure Projects (90 minutes)
- What is Section 106 (15 minutes)
- Successfully Navigating Section 106 Review (60 minutes)
- Basics of NEPA and Section 106 Integration (15 minutes)
- Coordinating NEPA and Section 106 (60-minutes)

Information about the classes and how to access them is available at www.achp.gov/training/elearning.

This fall, the Advisory Council will have two classroom classes in Anchorage: Section 106 Practitioner Workshop on October 8 and 9, and Section 106 Agreements Seminar on October 10. More information on them is www.achp.gov/training.

The fall Section 106 Webinar Series has just been announced. The topics and dates (each webinar will be offered twice) are:

- Defining the Area of Potential Effects, September 19, September 24
- Planning for Successful Section 106 Agreements, October 17, October 22
- So you think you need a PA, November 14, November 19
- Resolving Disputes in Section 106, December 12, December 17
The schedule, synopsis of each topic, and registration instructions are at https://www.achp.gov/training/webinars. For additional information contact Tanya DeVonish at tdevonsish@achp.gov.

National Trust Preservation Funds grant program

The National Trust for Historic Preservation provides grants ranging from $2,500 to $10,000 to local preservation organizations for preservation planning and educational projects. Projects have included engineering and architectural consulting services, tours that are accessible via smart devices, and market studies to assist in prioritizing preservation objectives. The application deadline is October 1, 2019. More information is at http://forum.savingplaces.org/preservation-funds or email grants@savingplaces.org.

The Trust is asking preservationists to take a survey to help identify their core values, current challenges and innovations, and current projects. The link for the survey is https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Z56NXDT and it will be open until September 18th. The survey results will be discussed at the National Trust’s PastForward conference in October.

Alaska Historical Society and Museums Alaska annual meetings and conference

The annual meetings and conference of the Alaska Historical Society and Museums Alaska are in Kodiak, September 25-28, 2019. The Kodiak History Museum, assisted by other groups including the Alutiiq Museum, is hosting this year’s gathering. The Alaska Historical Society’s theme is “Facing Our History,” and Sven Haakanson, Jr., curator at the Burke Museum in Seattle, is the keynote speaker. Museums Alaska’s theme is “Critical Conversations: Diversity, Equity, Accessibility, and Inclusion” and Cinnamon Catlin-Legutko, director of the Abbe Museum in Bar Harbor, Maine, is the keynote speaker. Along with three days of workshops and presentations, are tours and opportunities to explore Kodiak. Registration for the meeting is open and the complete program can be found at www.ahsmaconference.org.

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, Shukalxúxs’ (calling the end back to the beginning) Goo Wila Amaniisga Na Lip Ha’lidzogm (Sm’algyax: how we take care of our world). More information is available at www.sharingourknowledge.org or by contacting David Russell-Jensen, davidrusselljensen@gmail.com or Alice Taff, alicetaff@gmail.com.

Alaska Association for Historic Preservation calls for award nominations

The Alaska Association for Historic Preservation is calling for nominations for its annual award that recognizes excellence in historic preservation by an organization, agency or individual. The award nomination deadline is October 18, 2019. An overview of AAHP’s program is at www.aahp-online.net. For additional information about submitting an award nomination, email to AKPreservation@gmail.com.
PUBLIC PROJECT ALERTS:

Comment deadline: October 3, 2019
Comments to: Project docket number CP17-178-000, Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St. NE, Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426; or [www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov), Documents and Filings, eComment or eFiling

Comment deadline: October 15, 2019
Comments to: [https://eplanning.blm.gov/epl-front-office/eplanning/comments/commentSubmission.do?commentPeriodId=8000208](https://eplanning.blm.gov/epl-front-office/eplanning/comments/commentSubmission.do?commentPeriodId=8000208)
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Contact: Tim La Marr, 907.474.2356 / tlamarr@blm.gov or Tina McMaster-Goering, 907.271.1310 / tmcmastergoering@blm.gov

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Contact: Rachael Jones, 907.290.0307 / rajones@blm.gov

Section 106 large project consultation in progress:
Alaska Stand Alone Pipeline Project
Cultural Resources Management Plan revision
Alaska LNG Project
Comments on resources of concern and impacts to historic and cultural resources
Review and compliance agreement development for large projects in progress:
Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Leasing Program
Programmatic agreement
Pebble Project
Programmatic agreement
Ambler Industrial Access Road
Programmatic agreement
For information on how to participate in the process, or on how to review and comment on the above projects, contact Sarah Meitl, 907.269.8720 / sarah.meitl@alaska.gov.

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September 25-29  Sharing Our Knowledge Conference of Tlingit, Haida, and Tsimshian Tribes and Clans: Indigenous Perspectives on Climate Change, Shukalxúxs’ Goo Wila Amaniisga Na Lip Ha’lidzogm, Juneau (David Russell-Jensen, davidrusselljensen@gmail.com or Alice Taff, alicetaff@gmail.com)

October 1  National Trust for Historic Preservation, Preservation Funds grant application deadline (Colleen Danz, 202.588.6498 / CDanz@savingplaces.org)

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 18 Alaska Association for Historic Preservation annual award nomination deadline www.aahp-online.net.(Amber Sawyer, AKPreservation@gmail.com)


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)


October 29-31 Office of History and Archaeology, National Park Service and Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance, Historic Properties Specialists workshop, https://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/oha/oilspill.htm, Anchorage (Richard VanderHoek, oha.permits@alaska.gov)

November 4-6 24th Conference on Cultural Heritage and New Technologies: Monumental Computations, Digital Archaeology of Large Urban and Underground Infrastructures, https://www.ehnt.at/call-for-sessions-round-tables/, Vienna, Austria (Börner Wolfgang, +43(0)1 4000 81176 / wolfgangboerner@stadtarchaeologie.at)

November 5-7 Office of History and Archaeology, National Park Service and Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance, Historic Properties Specialists workshop, https://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/oha/oilspill.htm, Anchorage (Richard VanderHoek, oha.permits@alaska.gov)

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February 26-29  Alaska Anthropological Association annual meeting, Fairbanks (https://www.alaskaanthropology.org/annual-meeting/)

March 18-22  National Council on Public History annual meeting:  Threads of Change, Atlanta, GA, https://ncph.org/conference/2020-annual-meeting/, Atlanta, GA (317.274.2716 / ncph@iupui.edu)

March 23-25  National Preservation Institute:  Section 106, An Introduction, www.npi.org, Anchorage (Jere Gibber, 703.765.0100 / info@nps.org)

March 26-27  National Preservation Institute:  NEPA Compliance and Cultural Resources, www.npi.org, Anchorage (Jere Gibber, 703.765.0100 / info@nps.org)

July 22-26  National Alliance of Preservation Commissions, Forum 2020:  Preservation Coast to Coast, www.napcommissions.org, Tacoma, WA (director@napcommissions.org)