Federal Historic Preservation Fund FY 2020 budget

Congress passed a continuing resolution to keep the government open through November 21, 2019. The Department of the Interior FY 2020 budget, that includes the Federal Historic Preservation Fund programs, is one that is unresolved. The full Senate needs to vote on its budget for the department. For HPF programs (including state programs, i.e. the Alaska Office of History and Archaeology), the Senate Appropriations Committee recommended $113.16 million, a $10.5 million increase over FY 2019 but less than the House of Representatives has approved for FY 2020. The House budget has $121.6 million for HPF programs for FY 2020. After the Senate vote, a joint conference committee will consider the two budgets and determine the final HPF programs budget.

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Office of History and Archaeology and Alaska Historical Commission news

The Office of History and Archaeology is recruiting for an Architectural Historian (Historian II, PCN 10-5049). The State of Alaska hires through Workplace Alaska. The position description and application are at https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/alaska/jobs/2570843/historian-ii-pcn-10-5049?page=8&pagetype=jobOpportunitiesJobs. The deadline to apply is November 1, 2019. The individual works with the state historic preservation program providing services to protect significant architectural and historic resources in Alaska. Specific program areas include Certified Local Governments, National Register of Historic Places, preservation planning, Preservation Tax Incentives, historic buildings survey, preservation education, and project review and compliance. The individual must meet the federal qualifications for an architectural historian, established in the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards and Guidelines for Historic Preservation, 49 FR 44739. If you have questions about the position, the office, or the preservation program, please contact Jo Antonson, 907-269.8714 / jo.antonson@alaska.gov.

The Office of History and Archaeology, the National Park Service, and the Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance are offering training for Historic Properties Specialists. Historic Properties Specialists are cultural resources personnel activated to advise on-scene coordinators during oil spill and hazardous materials responses. The next class is scheduled for November 5-7, 2019 in Anchorage. More information is at http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/oha/oilspill.htm or by contacting Richard VanderHoek at oha.permits@alaska.gov.

The Alaska Historical Commission met Tuesday, October 29, 2019. Members reviewed proposals for geographic names, approving changing the name of Seduction Point near Haines to Ayiklutu and of Saginaw Bay near Kake to Skanáx; naming an exposed peak in the Juneau Icefield Gorgon Spire; and correcting the location of Mount Logan in the Chugach Mountains. The members reviewed requests from Certified Local Governments. Their prioritized recommendation for funding was: to the City and Borough of Sitka for restoration work on the World War II Japonski Island boathouse, to the City of Ketchikan for a historic structure report on Pioneer Hall, to the City of Nome for an interpretive panel about the King Island neighborhood, to the Matanuska-Susitna Borough for archaeological survey of the proposed Settlers Bay Coastal Park, to the City and Borough of Sitka for historic structures reports on St. Peter’s Church and See House, and to the City and Borough of Sitka to prepare National Register documentation for the Sitka Women’s Club building. Members adopted revised commission policies and procedures, discussed the Office of History and Archaeology budget, and were updated on the office’s programs and projects. The commission probably will meet next in February or March 2020. The Office of History and Archaeology plans to call for Certified Local Government and development/predevelopment grant requests in December with applications due in late January.
National Park Service news

The National Park Service is accepting applications for four grant programs for historic preservation projects to survey, document, interpret, and physically preserve structures. More details about each program and the application forms are at https://www.grants.gov/.

- African American Civil Rights Preservation and History Grants, deadline December 3, 2019
- Historically Black Colleges and Universities, February 4, 2020
- Save America’s Treasures Collections and Preservation Grants, deadline December 10, 2019
- Underrepresented Communities, deadline December 17, 2019

If you have questions about any of the programs email STLP@nps.gov or phone 202.354.2020.

The National Center for Preservation Technology and Training (NCPTT), Preservation Studies, Tulane School of Architecture, and the Preservation Resource Center of New Orleans are planning the 8th National Forum on Preservation Policy: A Critical Examination of Preservation and the 21st Century City for October 9-10, 2020. The organizations have issued a call for papers that will explore strategies to develop new or revise local historic preservation policies or practices to meet the challenges of the 21st century American city. The program will have 15 papers and half of the forum will be devoted to audience and presenter discussion. If interested in proposing a paper, the deadline for abstracts is November 20, 2019. Inquiries and abstracts should be directed to Laura Blokker, Preservation Studies, Tulane School of Architecture, lblokker@tulane.edu.

Advisory Council on Historic Preservation news

The Advisory Council has several more Section 106 webinars this fall. The topics and dates (each webinar will be offered twice) are:

- 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.

Society of Architectural Historians has online encyclopedia

The Society of Architectural Historians and the University of Virginia Press have made a new edition of SAH Archipedia, an encyclopedia of the built environment of the United States, available online. SAH Archipedia has histories, photographs, and maps for over 20,000 structures and places. The site started in 2012 with 8,500 entries using content from the Buildings of the United States series of books sponsored and published by Oxford University Press. In addition to entries for buildings, the site has peer-reviewed place-based and thematic essays and lesson plans for K-12 educators. To explore SAH Archipedia go to sah-archipedia.org.
Vernacular Architecture Forum offers fieldwork fellowships

The Vernacular Architecture Forum has established the Orlando Ridout V Fieldwork Fellowship program for field schools, continuing education, and professional training activities. The funds are available to students, researchers, and professionals to support field-based research and documentation projects and to learn and conduct fieldwork. More information about the fellowships is at http://www.vernaculararchitectureforum.org/Ridout-Fellowship

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PUBLIC PROJECT ALERTS:

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 signed
  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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PRESERVATION CALENDAR:

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/](https://www.chnt.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](https://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/oha/oilspill.htm), Anchorage (Richard VanderHoek, oha.permits@alaska.gov)


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February 1  American Institute for Conservation, Collections Assessment Preservation Program (CAP) application deadline, [https://www.culturalheritage.org/resources/collections-care/cap](https://www.culturalheritage.org/resources/collections-care/cap) (AIC 202.452.9545 / info@culturalheritage.org)

February 26-29  Alaska Anthropological Association annual meeting, Fairbanks ([https://www.alaskaanthropology.org/annual-meeting/](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/](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](http://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](http://www.npi.org), Anchorage (Jere Gibber, 703.765.0100 / info@nps.org)

May 29-30  Construction History Society of America 7th Biennial Meeting: Quarrying History, [https://www.constructionhistorysociety.org/7th-biennial-meeting](https://www.constructionhistorysociety.org/7th-biennial-meeting), Bloomington, IN (Melanie Feerst, melaniefeerst@gmail.com)

July 22-26  National Alliance of Preservation Commissions, Forum 2020: Preservation Coast to Coast, [www.napcommissions.org](http://www.napcommissions.org), Tacoma, WA (director@napcommissions.org)
September 23-26  American Association for State and Local History annual meeting: What Kind of Ancestor Will You Be?, Las Vegas, NV (AASLH, 615.320.3203 / info@aaslh.org)

October 9-10  National Center for Preservation Technology and Training and Tulane School of Architecture Preservation Studies, 8th National Forum on Historic Preservation Policy: A Critical Examination of Preservation & the 21st Century City, New Orleans, LA (Laura Blokker, lblokker@tulane.edu or National Preservation Institute, 703.765.0100 / info@npi.org)