

HERITAGE

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Federal Legislation

The Biden Administration proposed a budget for Fiscal Year 2022 that funds the Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) at \$151.8 million.

	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022 Administration
States	\$ 52.675	55.675	57.675
Tribes	13.735	15.0	23.0
Underrepresented communities	.75	1.0	-0-
Civil Rights Movement grants	15.50	16.750	26.125
Civil rights – All Americans	2.50	3.375	
Historic Black colleges	10.00	10.0	10.0
Save America’s Treasures	16.00	25.0	25.0
Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization	7.50	7.5	10.0
Survey/document historic properties	-0-	-0-	-
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Semi-quincentennial grants	-0-	10.0	-0-
TOTALS	\$ 118.66	\$ 144.3	\$151.8

* Figures are in millions

Office of History and Archaeology and Alaska Historical Commission news

OHA’s 2021 Virtual Education Series

THE ALASKA HERITAGE RESOURCES SURVEY: WebEx July 22, from 1:30 pm to 3 pm.

Join AHRS manager Jeffery Weinberger, M.A., for the second OHA Virtual Education Series WebEx presentation which focuses on the State of Alaska's statewide inventory of over 48,000 reported sites, the Alaska Heritage Resources Survey (AHRS). Jeff will engage participants with a historical overview of the AHRS, a discussion on AHRS Policies and Guidelines, and examples of using the AHRS online database. Jeff will provide guidance on various aspects of the AHRS and its place in historic preservation activities across the state.

The purpose of OHA Virtual Education Series is to provide a continuing opportunity for Tribes, cultural resource management professionals, and our local, state, and federal agency partners to strengthen our network and to preserve, protect, educate, and advocate for Alaska's cultural resources. Each 1-2-hour session will focus on a topic relevant to history, archaeology, historic preservation, or cultural resource management.

To register, email dnr.oha@alaska.gov .

For more information, visit

<http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/oha/publiceducation/Trainings/Workshop2021.htm>

The **Alaska Historical Commission** met by WebEx on Tuesday, May 25, 2021.

Actions taken:

CLG Grants

Ketchikan, HP Planning, Historic Preservation Plan Phase 1

Request: \$24,000. FUNDED

Ketchikan, Public Education, Colorful Characters & Places Signage

Request: \$17,117. FUNDED

Nome, Public Education, King Island East End Park Signs

Request: \$5,130. FUNDED

Juneau, Survey & Inventory, Juneau Townsite Historic Structure Survey and Inventory

Request: \$27,120. FUNDED at \$24,000

Sitka, Development, Fraser Hall Heating System Design

Request: \$24,000. FUNDED

Sitka, Development, Japonski Island Boathouse Timbers, Wall

Request: \$24,000. FUNDED

National Register of Historic Places Nominations

High Ridge Cabin APPROVED

Qinuyang Archeological Site APPROVED

The Gould Cabin APPROVED

Diamond NN Cannery Maritime Historic District APPROVED

Geographic Names Proposals

Mount Nant'ina NOT APPROVED

Dalteli Lake APPROVED

Naqsralugiaq Pass APPROVED

Yuyanq'Ch'ex NOT APPROVED

Kingsbury Creek NOT APPROVED
Creasons Glacier NOT APPROVED
Boulder Glacier APPROVED

COVID 19 Adjustments

OHA employees continue to work remotely. This means that correspondence, phone calls, and the processing of invoices/payments may be delayed.

While the Office of History and Archaeology staff are working remotely, we recommend people contact staff by email. If you have a general inquiry, a project for review, or state cultural resources investigation permit application please use one of the following email addresses:

General inquiry, geographic names, Alaska Historical Commission, etc: dnr.oha@alaska.gov
Review/compliance, Section 106, project review: oha.revcomp@alaska.gov
State Cultural Resource Investigation Permits: oha.permits@alaska.gov

Section 106 COVID 19 guidance from the Alaska State Historic Preservation Officer is available at the following link: <http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/oha/shpo/shpocovid19.pdf>

The Alaska SHPO has invoked tolling effective March 19, 2020 regarding the timelines outlined in 36 CFR 800. With tolling, the 30-day regulatory clock that would allow agencies to proceed with their undertaking following non-response after 30 days does not apply. SHPO will be allowed to comment beyond the 30 days.

Staff News

We are pleased to welcome new staff member, Amy Hellmich, to the Office of History and Archaeology's review/compliance unit. A graduate of the University of Alaska, Anchorage with a B.A. in History, Amy has a Master of Design Studies & Historic Preservation from Boston Architectural College.

National Park Service

The May issue of the State, Tribal, Local, Plans & Grants Program's STLPG Bulletin: Preservation Month 2021, includes the Knik Tribe's tribal heritage grant. This grant project evaluated Knik cultural sites to determine their eligibility for the National Register of Historic Places. The project also included field training to Native American youth in the community.

Now available from NPS are the [*Guidelines on Flood Adaptation for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings*](#) which will help preserve historic buildings located in flood-prone areas and make them more resilient to flooding hazards. The National Park Service developed new flood adaptation guidelines to help property owners make their historic buildings more resilient to flooding risks while preserving their historic character.

The National Institute of Building Sciences' [*2019 Natural Hazard Mitigation Saves Report*](#) estimates the benefit-cost ratio for investments in mitigation measures for natural hazards and shows a 7:1 ratio for federal investments in flood mitigation. The NPS worked collaboratively with numerous preservation partners and property owners to better understand

the complex nature of this issue and help property owners identify and implement appropriate and cost-effective mitigation strategies.

Property owners can use these guidelines to help identify and evaluate adaptation options to select a treatment that preserves the historic character, site, and setting of the historic building. These guidelines are the most recent edition in a series that includes guidelines for typical rehabilitation and special topics such as sustainability. The guidelines, with more than 100 photos and illustrations and four case studies of adaptation projects, as well as a recorded introduction to the guidelines from the authors [are now available on NPS.gov](#).

Updates about the overall NPS response to COVID-19, including safety information, are posted on www.nps.gov/coronavirus.

Advisory Council on Historic Preservation

The ACHP is offering a new online Section 106 training course for Indian Tribes.

The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) is now providing a new online/on-demand course, *Section 106 Training for Indian Tribes*, designed for Indian tribe natural and cultural resources staff and Tribal Historic Preservation Officers and staff. Tribal leaders also might find the training helpful.

The course is free and can serve as a refresher for experienced Section 106 practitioners.

The ACHP developed this course to assist Indian tribes in fully participating in the Section 106 review process. It is part of a [toolkit for Indian tribes](#) the ACHP is developing that now includes guidance and other products.

The ACHP also offers another online/on-demand course, *Early Coordination with Indian Tribes for Infrastructure Projects*, geared toward applicants for federal permits, licensing, or funding as well as federal permitting agencies and staff. This course prepares applicants, and their consultants, seeking federal licenses, permits, grants, and other approvals to work with Indian tribes as they plan and develop pre-application information for their projects. It also develops understanding and skills for federal cultural resources, environmental review, and program/project management staff to interact and work with Indian tribes early in the Section 106 process.

To access either of the courses, go to <https://www.achp.gov/training/elearning>.

National Trust for Historic Preservation:

Eleven Most Endangered Historic Places list announced

For more than 30 years, the annual list of [America's 11 Most Endangered Historic Places](#) has spotlighted important examples of the nation's heritage that face serious threats. The National Trust reports that more than 300 places have been listed and fewer than 5 percent have been lost.

Free Webinars: Women Are Essential

The National Trust is offering a free two-part webinar series, moderated by public historian Dr. Heather Huyck, with experts who are interpreting the complexity of women's history and identity. Historic places and sites reveal that women were present everywhere in essential and sometimes surprising roles. This series is in collaboration with the National Trust's Where Women Made History campaign. To register go to: <https://forum.savingplaces.org/forum-webinar>

Title and Registration Links:

- [New Ways of Seeing Women in Every Historic Place \(June 24\)](#)
- [Interpretive Strategies that Reveal Women Are Everywhere \(August 12\)](#)

Annual Grants: The National Trust for Historic Preservation is accepting applications for its annual grants program. The funding ranges from \$2,500 to \$5,000 and supports preservation planning and educational projects. Next application deadline is October 1. Applications are available eight weeks before the deadline. The National Trust reports that past grant projects have included engineering and architectural consulting services; tours that are accessible via smart devices; and market studies to assist in prioritizing preservation objectives. For more information visit <http://forum.savingplaces.org/build/funding/grant-seekers/preservation-funds> or contact Grants@savingplaces.org.

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PUBLIC PROJECT ALERTS:

Section 106 large project consultation in progress:

- Alaska to Alberta Railroad
- Greens Creek Mine
- Mendenhall Glacier Visitors Center Rehabilitation

Review and compliance agreement development for large projects in progress:

- Sterling Highway MP 45-60
 - Data Recovery Plan
- Decommission of the Fort Greely Nuclear Power Plant
 - Memorandum of Agreement
- U. S. Coast Guard Base Kodiak
 - Programmatic Agreement and ICRMP
- Kensington Mine
 - Programmatic Agreement
- Formerly Used Defense Sites Program
 - Programmatic Agreement
- AK LNG
 - Cultural Resources Management Plan
- Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson
 - 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, sarah.meitl@alaska.gov.

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PRESERVATION CALENDAR:

2021

June 24 National Trust for Historic Preservation. **Women Are Essential Webinar Series**

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- [New Ways of Seeing Women in Every Historic Place \(June 24\)](#)
- [Interpretive Strategies that Reveal Women Are Everywhere \(August 12\)](#)

July 13-14 Advisory Council on Historic Preservation: *Section 106 Essentials*. Session 12:30pm-4:30pm EST. Registration \$400. To learn more and register, go to www.achp.gov/training/classroom

July 15 Advisory Council on Historic Preservation *Section 106 Agreements Seminar*. Session 12:30 – 4:30PM EST. Registration fee \$350. To learn more and register, go to www.achp.gov/training/classroom

July 22 OHA Education Series *AHRS – Introduction and Site Records*. Session 1:30 – 3:00PM AKST. Free. To learn more, go to <http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/oha/publiceducation/training.htm>.

August 3, 4, 10, and 11 Advisory Council on Historic Preservation. *Section 106 Practitioners Workshop*. Each of the four days sessions 12:30-4:30 pm EST. Participants must attend all four sessions to complete the course. Registration fee \$500. To learn more and register, go to www.achp.gov/training/classroom

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September 16 *Section 106 Agreements Seminar*. Session 12:30 – 4:30PM EST. Registration fee \$350. To learn more and register, go to www.achp.gov/training/classroom

October 6-9 and 13-16 Alaska Historical Society Annual Conference *Communities Remembered and Imagined*. To learn more and register, go to <https://alaskahistoricalsociety.org/about-ahs/conference/>.

October 27-30 Western History Association 61st Annual Conference “*To the West and Beyond: The Global and the Local in Western History*”. Portland, OR. Conference will be on-site and will have online sessions and some livestream content. To learn more and register go to: <https://www.westernhistory.org/2021/Portland>

October 28 OHA Education Series *Section 106 Consultation Panel*. Session 1:30 – 3:00 PM AST. Free. To learn more, go to <http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/oha/publiceducation/training.htm>.

November 2, 3, 9, and 10 Advisory Council on Historic Preservation. *Section 106 Practitioners Workshop*. Each of the four days sessions 12:30-4:30 pm EST. Participants must attend all four sessions to complete the course. Registration fee \$500. To learn more and register, go to www.achp.gov/training/classroom

November 2-6 National Trust for Historic Preservation, PastForward, the Virtual National Preservation Conference. conference@savingplaces.org.