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Federal legislation and funding for historic preservation programs

The Historic Preservation Fund FY 16 appropriation is \$65.41 million. It is divided into \$46.925 million for State Historic Preservation Offices, \$9.985 million for Tribal Historic Preservation Offices, \$500,000 for grants to underrepresented communities, and \$8 million for grants to preserve the sites and stories of the Civil Rights Movement.

The Administration’s budget proposal for FY 17 (October 1, 2016-September 30, 2017) requests \$87.4 million for the Historic Preservation Fund, \$22 million more than the FY 16 appropriation. The proposal has \$46.9 million for State Historic Preservation Offices (same as FY 16), \$11.98 million for Tribal Historic Preservation Offices (\$2 million more than FY 16), \$25 million for the Civil Rights Movement program (\$17 million more than FY 16), \$500,000 for survey grants for underrepresented communities (same as FY 16), and \$3 million for Historic Black Colleges and Universities (new). The appropriation for the state historic preservation offices has not been increased the last four years.

Historic Preservation Fund FY14-FY17 Funding Levels (\$ in millions)							
Program	FY14 Admin Request	FY14 Enacted	FY15 Admin Request	FY15 Enacted	FY16 Admin Request	FY16 Omnibus Enacted	FY17 Admin Request
Historic Preservation Fund (HPF)	\$58.91	\$56.410	\$56.410	\$56.410	\$89.910	\$65.410	\$87.410
SHPOs	\$46.925	\$46.925	\$46.925	\$46.925	\$46.925	\$46.925	\$46.925
THPOs	\$8.985	\$8.985	\$8.985	\$8.985	\$9.985	\$9.985	\$11.985
Civil Rights Movement Initiative & grants	--	--	--	--	\$30.0	\$8.0	\$25.0
Historic Black Colleges (HCBU)	--	--	--	--	\$2.5	--	\$3.0
Survey Grants for Underrepresented communities	\$3.0	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500

[Chart created by the National Trust for Historic Preservation]

The Historic Preservation Fund authorization expired September 30, 2015. Four pending bills in Congress have HPF reauthorization provisions. The National Historic Preservation Amendment Act of 2015 (H.R. 2817) would reauthorize the HPF through 2025 at the current authorized level of \$150 million annually. The Energy Policy Modernization Act (S. 2012) would permanently authorize the HPF. The American Energy Innovation Act (S. 2089) also would permanently authorize the HPF, but goes a step further than S. 2012 towards full, permanent funding by requiring the funds to be available without needing an appropriation. And S. 556, called a sportsmen’s package bill, has a provision to permanently authorize the HPF.

Preservation Action has prepared one page information sheets on the HPF, the state historic preservation offices, the tribal historic preservation offices, the historic tax credits, and the HPF reauthorization. They are posted at <http://www.preservationaction.org/advocacy-week/>.

Office of History and Archaeology FY 17 budget

The state administration’s FY 2017 operating budget proposal has a \$13,500 decrease in General Fund Match (GFM) for the Office of History and Archaeology. The state funds match the annual federal Historic Preservation Fund award that provides Alaska with 60% of the funding for the state historic preservation program (SHPO). The proposed decrease will be a larger overall reduction for the office with the loss of the federal match funds. Much of the total amount for the Office of

History and Archaeology in state budget documents is authorization-to-receive grant and project money from a variety of sources including the HPF. The OHA section in the administration's budget can be found at: <https://www.omb.alaska.gov/html/budget-report/department-table.html?dept=DNR&fy=17&type=Proposed>

Alaska Historical Commission news

The Alaska Historical Commission met February 23rd and reviewed applications for projects that will help commemorate the 150th anniversary of the 1867 Alaska Treaty of Cession. Awards were made to:

- Alaska Historical Society, \$15,000, for online history articles about the Treaty of Cession and Alaska in the 1860s, suggested resources, and a calendar of commemoration events.
- Anchorage Museum, \$6,000, to bring a copy of the treaty and the cancelled check for the purchase to exhibit in 2017.
- Anchorage School District, \$15,000, for a sesquicentennial curriculum that will be shared with all Alaska school districts.
- Juneau Community Foundation, \$13,025, for interpretive signs to enhance the William H. Seward statue being made.
- Kodiak Historical Society & Baranov Museum, \$12,150, for a new exhibit on the later years of Russian America and the Treaty of Cession.
- University of Alaska Museum of the North, \$14,969, for an exhibit on Interior Alaska in the 1860s using artifacts from three archaeological sites.

In other commission news, the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) announced its 18th Annual Leadership Awards in February. Lt. Governor Byron Mallott received the Native American Leadership Award, observing "his public leadership and in-depth knowledge of and advocacy for Alaska Native issues are unparalleled." The narrative notes Mallott is the second Alaska Native elected Lt. Governor of the State of Alaska, and he has been Alaska Area Vice President for the National Congress of American Indians, mayor of Juneau and of Yakutat, president of the Alaska Federation of Natives, and executive director of the Alaska Permanent Fund Corporation. The NCAI is the oldest, largest and most representative American Indian and Alaska Native organization in the country (<http://www.ncai.org/>). Congratulations Lt. Governor!

Also at the February meeting, commission members re-elected Jonathon Ross to serve as vice-chair of the commission for 2016.

For information about the Alaska Historical Commission contact Jo Antonson, 907.269.8714 / jo.antonson@alaska.gov or go to www.dnr.state.ak.us/parks/oha/index.htm.

OHA, Advisory Council, and National Preservation Institute offering training in April

The Office of History and Archaeology is holding its annual workshop for agency cultural resources staff, tribes and representatives of Alaska Native organizations, and historic preservation consultants on Monday, April 18, 2016, 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. The one-day workshop will be at the BP Energy Center in Anchorage. It is presented in partnership with the Alaska Association for Historic Preservation. The registration fee for this year's workshop is \$25 and includes lunch. The agenda and registration are at <http://www.planetreg.com/OHAWorkshop>. For additional information contact Shina duVall, 907.269.8720 / shina.duvall@alaska.gov.

Later the same week, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation is offering two courses on Section 106 in Anchorage: Section 106 Essentials, an introduction to federal historic preservation compliance on April 19-20; and an Advanced Section 106 Seminar on April 21. More information, including registration, is at www.achp.gov/106. If you need answers to questions contact Cindy Bienvenue, 202.517.0202 / cbienvenue@achp.gov.

The following week, the National Preservation Institute, in cooperation with the Office of History and Archaeology and the National Park Service's Alaska Support Office, has scheduled GIS: Practical Applications for Cultural Resource Projects, to be given twice--April 26-27 and April 28-29. Space is limited to 12 participants in each session. Registration information is at www.npi.org/register.html. For more information contact Jere Gibber, 703.765,0100 / info@aol.com.

Incidentally, the Advisory Council website has added "Section 106 Success Stories" to its website. Nike Site Summit in Anchorage is featured for its successful public-private partnership. Congratulations Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson and Friends of Nike Site Summit! The feature can be read at http://www.achp.gov/sec106_successes.html.

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in Fairbanks added to National Register

The Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places added St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in Fairbanks to the nation's list of significant properties worthy of preservation on February 12, 2016. St. Matthew's Church, established when Fairbanks was founded in 1904, has played a significant role in the history of the community. From the start, the congregation embodied the philosophy of the first Episcopal Bishop of Alaska, Peter Trimble Rose, and pioneering missionary Archdeacon Hudson Stuck, to care for the welfare of the people of Fairbanks and surrounding Native and rural communities. Through the years the church has been a leader in starting social services in Fairbanks, opening a hospital and reading room in its earliest years, and in the 1960s partnering with other congregations to start an alcohol rehabilitation program and soup kitchen for Fairbanks. The log church stands on First Avenue just outside of the historic commercial center of Fairbanks. It was constructed in 1948 to replace the earlier church on the site that burned in 1947. The new church incorporated several significant furnishings saved from the original church, including the carved altar and lectern and the bell.

Alaska Association for Historic Preservation soliciting for endangered properties list

The Alaska Association for Historic Preservation wants to know about historic sites and buildings around the state that are threatened by development, abandonment, vandalism, or climate change, and are in need of preservation. AAHP has been publishing its Ten Most Endangered Historic Properties in Alaska list annually since 1991. Individuals and organizations are encouraged to contact AAHP and provide information and photographs for places to be considered for the 2016 list. The deadline for nominations is March 31, 2016, and additional information is at www.aahp-online.net/10-most-endangered.html. The list will be announced in May as part of National Historic Preservation Month. If you have specific questions about the program contact Allegra Hamer, 907.929.9870 / akpreservation@gmail.com.

Alaska Historical Society calls for papers, panels and posters for fall conference

The Alaska Historical Society annually holds a conference in the fall with Museums Alaska. This year the groups are meeting in Juneau, September 21-24. The Alaska Historical Society theme for their program is "Exploring Alaska's Past in the Pacific World." Dr. David Iglar, author of *The Great Ocean* (2013) and Professor of History at the University of California, Irvine will be the society's keynote speaker. Interested individuals are encouraged to submit proposals for papers, panels, and poster sessions. The deadline is May 1, 2016. Proposals should be sent to Chris Allan, Program Chair, Alaska Historical Society, sprucetip105@gmail.com.

Cook Inlet Historical Society offers research grants

The Cook Inlet Historical Society is calling for applicants for its Reeder-Davies Grant. The grant of up to \$1,000 is to help students, teachers, and historical researchers pursue projects about the Cook Inlet region and Alaska history. Prior grants have assisted with travel costs for research and with classroom-based projects. The application deadline is April 30, 2016, for a one-year research project. A full description of the program and the application are at <http://www.cookinlethistory.org/reeder-davies-grants.html>.

National Historic Preservation Act turns 50

To celebrate the 50th anniversary of the National Historic Preservation Act and the centennial of the National Park Service, the NPS Cultural Resources, Partnerships, and Science directorate has started a social media campaign to highlight preservation work done in all 50 states for the last 50 years. Using the hashtag #50for50 with #Preservation50 people are invited to post about places and share preservation stories. More information is at <http://www.nps.gov/subjects/historicpreservation/50for50.htm>. There is also *Preservation50: Our Legacy, Our Future*, a nationwide initiative to celebrate the anniversary. To find and publicize events, download logos, and get other tools, go to www.preservation50.org.

The Society for American Archaeology, the Society for Historic Archaeology, the Archaeology Channel, and the organization of registered professional archaeologists are producing an interactive map supplemented by short videos as a 50th anniversary project. Burr Neely, Northern Land Use Research, is the Alaska coordinator for the Making Archaeology Public (MAP) project and is working with the Alaska Anthropological Association's Public Education Group. For more information contact Burr Neely, 907.474.9684 / bjn@northernlanduse.com.

Russian America conference to be held in Moscow in April

The Institute of World History, Russian Academy of Sciences and the Kennan Institute are holding an international conference, "The History and Heritage of Russian America," on April 13-14, 2016, in Moscow. Papers presented will address the Russian Orthodox Church, Fort Ross, indigenous peoples, the joint-stock Russian-American and Hudson's Bay companies, as well as Russian-American relations and how they influenced the development of the North Pacific. The conference also will have presentations on contemporary international cooperation in the North Pacific and subarctic space around Siberia, Alaska, and Canada. For more information contact Alexander Petrov, +7 916.531.6305 / alaska13@yandex.ru or Dave McMahan, 907.230.8880 / ugruk@hotmail.com.

Free emergency management for protecting cultural resources webinar in April

The International Association of Emergency Managers and the Federal Emergency Management Agency are offering a webinar, Partnerships for Protecting Cultural and Historic Resources, on Tuesday, April 12, 2016, at 9:00 a.m. Alaska time. The webinar will talk about how cultural heritage emergency networks better position a community and the state to be ready to respond to and recover from disasters affecting cultural and historic resources. More information and registration can be found at <http://www.iaem.com/page.cfm?p=events/IAEM-webinars>.

Historic Preservation Education Foundation seeks partners

The Historic Preservation Education Foundation is accepting proposals for its Partners in Training program. Educational institutions and non-profit organizations can apply for assistance to provide training on technical topics associated with preservation technology. Grants range from \$5,000 to \$20,000 and are for up to fifty percent of the total project cost. The deadline to apply is April 10, 2016. Additional information can be found at www.hpef.us or contacting submissions@hpef.us

Archaeological internship program for Alaska Native youth available

The Kivlii Heritage Foundation, a community-based consortium including the U.S. Forest Service, Kenaitze Dena'ina Tribe, Cook Inlet Tribal Council, University of Alaska Fairbanks Museum of the North, and Applied Archaeology International, are seeking applicants for an Alaska field school, June 1-July 30, 2016. Paid internships for Alaska Native youth are available. Students will work at sites near Juneau, Kenai, and outside Fairbanks. More information is available at www.appliedarchaeology.com.au. For a field school handbook, more information, and registration form contact David R. Guilfoyle, Coordinator, 907.297.8224 / dg@appliedarchaeology.com.au.

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PUBLIC PROJECT ALERTS:

Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities / Sterling Highway MP 45-60 Project (Quartz Creek Road to Skilak Lake Road in the Cooper Landing area), draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement and draft Section 4(f) Evaluation

Project information: www.sterlinghighway.net

Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Division of Parks / Nancy Lake State Recreation Area Management Plan

Project information: <http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/units/nancylk/planning.htm>

Contact: 907.645.3975 or Brandon McCutcheon 907.269.8536

Comments: nlsrcomments@alaska.gov, due April 4, 2016

Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities / West Susitna Surface Access Reconnaissance Study

Project information: <http://dot.alaska.gov/roadstoresources/westsusitna/index.shtml>

Bureau of Land Management Bering Sea – Western Interior Resource Management Plan

Project information: www.blm.gov/ak/planning/bswi

Contact: 907.267.1246 / 800.478.1263

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission / Alaska Liquid Natural Gas (LNG) project (Docket number PF 14-21)

Contact: 202.502.8258 / efining@ferc.gov

Municipality of Anchorage / Anchorage Bowl Land Use Plan Map Project

Project information: <http://www.muni.org/planning>

Contact: 907.343.7940 / landuseplanmap@muni.org

Comments: due April 29, 2016

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers / Donlin Gold Project draft EIS

Project information: www.donlingoldeis.com

Comments: due April 30, 2016

U.S. Forest Service / Chugach National Forest Plan

Plan revision: www.fs.usda.gov/chugach / Land and Resource Management

Comments: chugachplanrevision@fs.fed.us

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PRESERVATION CALENDAR:

March 2-6 Alaska Anthropological Association annual meeting, Sitka, AK (Brinnen Carter, brinnen_carter@nps.gov)

March 8-10 National Council of State Historic Preservation Officers (NCSHPO) annual meeting and advocacy day, Washington, DC (202.624.5465 / www.ncshpo.org)

March 9-10 Alaska Library Association and Alaska Native Language Archive: Digital Heritage Preservation for Alaska Native Libraries, Archives, and Museums, Fairbanks (Sue Sherif, sue.inletview@gmail.com or <https://www.uaf.edu/anla/shn-workshop/>)

March 9-10 National Center for Preservation Technology and Training (NCPTT): Petrography for Archeologists, Phoenix, AZ (Tad Britt, 318.351.5641 / Tad.Britt@nps.gov)

March 16 National Council on Public History and Society for History in the Federal Government annual meeting: On the Edge of 2016: Commemorating the Past and Shaping the Future of Federal Preservation Activities, Baltimore, MD (Barbara Little, barbara.little@nps.gov or <http://ncph.org/cms/conferences/working-groups/>)

March 19-20 Goucher College, National Forum on Historic Preservation Practice: A Critical Examination of the Next 50 Years, Baltimore, MD (Richard Wagner, rwagner@goucher.edu)

March 22-23 National Center for Preservation Technology and Training: Dance Halls, Juke Joints, and Honky Tonks: Placemaking and Cultural Sustainability Symposium, Lafayette, LA (<https://ncptt.nps.gov/events/dance-halls-2016/>)

March 31 Alaska Association for Historic Preservation, 2016 Ten Most Endangered Historic Properties nomination deadline (Allegra Hamer, 907.929.9870 / akpreservation@gmail.com)

April 6-10 Society for American Archaeology annual meeting, Orlando, FL (www.saa.org)

April 10 Historic Preservation Education Foundation, Partners in Training application deadline (HPEF, www.hpef.us / submissions@hpef.us)

April 10-13 Newport Restoration Foundation: Keeping History Above Water conference, Newport, RI (401.849.7300 / historyabovewater@newportrestoration.org)

April 12 International Association of Emergency Managers and Federal Emergency Management Agency Partnerships for Protecting Cultural and Historic Resources webinar (Jessica Stewart, Jessica.Stewart2@fema.dhs.gov)

April 13-14 Institute of World History, Russian Academy of Sciences, and Kennan Institute: The History and Heritage of Russian America international conference, Moscow, Russia (Alexander Petrov, +7 916.531.6305 / alaska13@yandex.ru or Dave McMahan, 907.230.8880 / ugruk@hotmail.com)

April 13-16 Friends of NCPTT, Mid-Century Modern Structures: Materials and Preservation 2015 Symposium, St. Louis, MO (Mary Striegel, 318.356.7444 x224 / mary_striegel@nps.gov)

April 18 Alaska Office of History and Archaeology workshop, Anchorage (Mark Rollins, 907.269.8722 / mark.rollins@alaska.gov)

April 19-20 Advisory Council on Historic Preservation: The Section 106 Essentials, www.achp.gov/sec106webinar.html, Anchorage, AK (Cindy Bienvenue, 202.517.0202 / cbienvenue@achp.gov)

April 21 Advisory Council on Historic Preservation: Advanced Section 106 Seminar, www.achp.gov/sec106webinar.html, Anchorage (Cindy Bienvenue, 202.517.0202 / cbienvenue@achp.gov)

April 26-27 and April 28-29 National Preservation Institute: GIS: Practical Applications for Cultural Resource Projects, Anchorage (Jere Gibber, 703.765.0100 / info@npi.org)

April 28-30 Statewide Arts and Culture Biennial Conference, Anchorage, AK (Alaska State Council on the Arts, aksca.info@alaska.gov)

April 30 Cook Inlet Historical Society: Reeder-Davies Grant for Alaska History deadline (Bruce Parham, bparham@gci.net or www.cookinlethistory.org/reeder-davies-grants.html)

May 1 Alaska Historical Society conference: Exploring Alaska's Past in the Pacific World, September 21-24, Juneau (Chris Allan, sprucetip105@gmail.com)

May 4-7 Canadian Archaeological Association annual meeting, Whitehorse, YT (Greg Hare or Jeff Hunston, heritage.resources@gov.yk.ca)

May 9-12 Yukon Historical and Museum Association, International Centre for Northern Governance and Development, University of Saskatchewan, and Yukon College: The North and the First World War Conference, Whitehorse, YT (conference@heritageyukon.ca / www.heritageyukon.ca)

May 9-10 National Preservation Institute: The Secretary of the Interior's Standards: Treatment Considerations, Anchorage (Jere Gibber, 703.765.0100 / info@npi.org)

May 12-13 National Preservation Institute: The Secretary of the Interior's Standards: Treatment Considerations, Sitka (Jere Gibber, 703.765.0100 / info@npi.org)

May 16-20 National Park Service 2016 Archaeological Prospection Workshop, <http://www.nps.gov/mwac/>, Tallahassee, FL (Steve DeVore, 402.437.5392 / steve_de_vore@nps.gov)

May 23-25 National Main Streets Conference: Main Street Now, Milwaukee, WI (National Main Street Center, 312.610.5611 / mainstreet@savingplaces.org)

May 23-June 24 Smithsonian Institution, International Course on First Aid to Cultural Heritage in Times of Crisis, aidincrisis@iccrom.org, Washington, DC (Lori Foley, 781.259.8652 / lori.foley@fema.dhs.gov)

May 26-29 Construction History Society of America biennial meeting: Knowledge Exchange and Transference of Building Technology, Austin, TX (<http://www.chsa-5thbiennial.org/chsa-austin-callforabstracts> / melaniefeerst@gmail.com)

May 31 National Park Service, Leicester B. Holland Single-Sheet Measured Drawing Competition entry forms deadline (www.nps.gov/ndp/competitions/holland.htm)

June 21-23 National Center for Preservation Technology and Training: A Century of Design in the Parks, Preserving the Built Environment in National and State Parks, Santa Fe, NM (Debbie Smith, 318.356.7444 / Debbie_Smith@nps.gov)

June 30 Historic American Buildings Survey Peterson Prize Measured Drawings Student Competition submission deadline (Mark Schara, 202.354.2166 / mark_schara@nps.gov)

June 30 National Park Service, Leicester B. Holland Single-Sheet Measured Drawing Competition entry deadline (www.nps.gov/hdp/competitions/holland.htm)

July 27-31 National Alliance of Preservation Commissions Forum: Hip, Happening Historic Preservation@50, Mobile, AL (NAPC, 757.802.4141 / forum2016@napcommissions.org)

July 31 Historic American Landscapes Survey 2016 Challenge: Documenting National Register Listed Landscapes short format histories deadline (Chris Stevens, 202.354.2146 / Chris_Stevens@nps.gov)

August 24-26 National Center for Preservation Technology and Training: Hyperspectral Imaging for Conservators, Santa Fe, NM (<https://ncptt.nps.gov/training-conferences-events/upcoming/>)

September 14-17 American Association for State and Local History annual meeting: The Spirit of Rebirth, Detroit, MI (Bethany Hawkins, hawkins@aaalh.org / 615.320.3203)

September 21-24 Alaska Historical Society and Museums Alaska annual meetings and conference, Juneau, AK (Bob Banghart, 907.465.2912/ bob.banghart@alaska.gov)

November 21-23 21st International Conference on Cultural Heritage and New Technologies: Urban Archaeology and Archaeological Data: Preservation, Re-use and Repurposing, Vienna, Austria (Wolfgang Boerner, +43(0)1 4000 81176 / wolfgang.boerner@stadtarchaeologie.at)