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Federal funding and legislation for historic preservation programs

The authorization of the federal Historic Preservation Fund that supports state and tribal historic preservation programs and funds special initiatives has been expired for more than a year. A number of bills have been before Congress that include a reauthorization provision, and the administration's FY17 budget proposal included a provision for permanent authorization. In the last days of this Congress, there are three potential paths for reauthorization: as part of Senate energy bill S.2012, part of a National Park Service centennial bill, or passing the stand-alone bill H.R. 2817. Preservation groups report there are big problems with the energy and centennial bills, so are working to get H.R. 2817 passed. "This is challenging, but possible" according to Ted Monoson, National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers.

Despite the fact the HPF is not authorized, it will receive funding in FY 17. The Administration, House of Representatives, and Senate proposals for HPF funding for FY 17 (October 1, 2016-September 30, 2017) are given in the table below. Senators Lisa Murkowski and Bill Cassidy led the effort to raise funding for the state programs, the first increase in five years, and the House budget committee accepted the

increase. Congress passed a continuing resolution to fund the government programs at FY 16 levels through December 9th.

Historic Preservation Fund:	FY 2016 Final	FY 2017 President	FY 2017 House	FY 2017 Senate proposal
States	\$ 46.925*	\$ 46.925	\$ 47.925	\$ 47.925
Tribes	9.985	11.985	11.985	9.985
Underrepresented communities grants	.500	.500	.500	.500
Civil Rights Movement initiative	8.000	25.000	11.000	9.000
Historic Black Colleges/Universities		3.000	3.000	
Save America's Treasures grants			5.000	
TOTALS	\$ 65.410	\$ 87.410	\$ 79.410	\$ 67.410

* Figures are in millions.

Office of History and Archaeology and Alaska Historical Commission news

The Alaska Historical Commission will meet by teleconference, Wednesday, November 16, 2016. The principal agenda items are review of seven requests for Certified Local Government projects and thirteen proposals for 150th anniversary of the Alaska Treaty of Cession grants. The agenda is available on the OHA website, or by contacting Jo Antonson (907.269.8714 / jo.antonson@alaska.gov).

The Office of History and Archaeology is collecting information for its 2018-23 state historic preservation plan. Input from individuals around the state is being sought on what historic places should be preserved and what policies and programs would help promote stewardship, protection, and use of Alaska's historic properties. Please take a few minutes to complete the survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/AKHPP>.

Summer Louthan, 907.269.8717 / summer.louthan@alaska.gov, is leading the planning project.

The office has #ThisPlaceMatters Alaska, an interactive map with photos of historic properties around the state. The site is at <http://arcg.is/1TvQiht>. Photos are welcome and can be submitted to bit.ly/AKThisPlaceMatters

150th anniversary of the Alaska Treaty of Cession activities

Governor Walker issued a proclamation October 17th declaring 2017 *The Alaska Year of History and Heritage*. It encourages "all Alaskans to take the occasion of this 150th anniversary [of the Alaska Treaty of Cession] year to study, teach, reflect upon our past, and apply its lessons to a brighter, more inclusive future." It, and the discussion of U.S. Secretary of State William H. Seward and the treaty that was produced by 360 North public television in Juneau in September, are available on the OHA website, <http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/oha/designations/150Anniversary>

Jon Pugh, former University of Alaska Southeast chancellor moderated the discussion featuring Jonathon Ross, Terrence Cole, and Wayne Jensen (members, Alaska Historical Commission), Steve Haycox (Distinguished Professor Emeritus, UAA), and Ross Coen (Editor, *Alaska History*).

Peter Metcalfe is coordinating commemoration events for the Alaska Historical Commission. If you have ideas, please contact him at metcom@gci.net. A calendar of events is on the Alaska Historical Society website www.alaskahistoricalociety.org. Groups, agencies, and individuals should send information about commemoration projects and activities to include on the list to

members@alaskahistoricalsociety.org.

Threatened historic buildings at Big Delta State Historic Park update

The response to the fund-raising campaign to help preserve several historic buildings at Big Delta State Historic Park (aka Rika's Roadhouse), impacted by Tanana River bank erosion, has been terrific. Thank you to the over ninety people and groups that donated over \$48,000. Engineers have been surveying the site, preparing construction documents, and obtaining permits for work next year. If you missed the crowd-funding platform and would like to donate, checks can be made to the State of Alaska with reference to Big Delta State Historic Park and sent to 3700 Airport Way, Fairbanks, AK. More information is available from Brooks Ludwig, Northern Region Superintendent, Alaska State Parks, 907.451.2698 / brooks.ludwig@alaska.gov.

50th anniversary of the National Historic Preservation Act

For celebration of the 50th anniversary of the National Historic Preservation Act and centennial of the National Park Service, the NPS Cultural Resources, Partnerships, and Science Directorate continues its campaign to highlight preservation work at #50for50 and #Preservation50. More information is at <http://www.nps.gov/subjects/historicpreservation/50for50.htm> and www.preservation50.org. Also, the Alaska Region of the U.S. Forest Service created a website "49 Sites in the 49th State" to commemorate the anniversary of the historic preservation act, www.fs.usda.gov/goto/AK49Sites.

A coalition of Preservation50 partners created ARCUS, a cultural heritage preservation development initiative of short courses, materials and networking opportunities. The coalition has established a fellowship program for emerging preservation leaders. Applications for the spring 2017 fellowship program are due January 15, 2017. For more information about the initiative and fellowships contact Greg Werkheiser, 703.408.2002 / www.preservation50.org/arcus/.

Alaska Association for Historic Preservation news

The association will hold its annual members' meeting on November 1, 2016, at the Pioneer School House in Anchorage. The recipients of its grants to help several properties on its 2016 Ten Most Endangered Historic Properties list and its Ninth Annual Historic Preservation Awards will be announced at the meeting. More information about AAHP and its upcoming activities is at www.aahp-online.net or by contacting Allegra Hamer, 907.929.9870 / akpreservation@gmail.com

National Park Service

The National Park Service is seeking applications for projects to preserve or to educate about *Japanese American confinement sites during World War II*. The deadline to apply for a grant from the program is November 1, 2016. Additional information is available at <https://www.nps.gov/jacs/> or by contacting Tom Leatherman, 510.778.4171 / tom_leatherman@nps.gov.

The *National Center for Preservation Technology and Training* is accepting applications for projects that advance the application of science and technology to historic preservation in the areas of climate change impacts, disaster planning and response, modeling and managing big data, innovative techniques for documentation, and protective coatings and treatments. U.S. universities and colleges, non-profit

organizations, and government agencies are eligible to apply. The application deadline is November 3, 2016. Additional information is available from NCPTT at 318.356.7444.

American Battlefield Protection Program grants are available for archaeology, cultural landscape inventories, cultural resource documentation, GIS mapping, preservation planning and National Register nominations. The application form and guidelines are available at www.cr.nps.gov/abpp. Additional information is available from Kristen McMasters, 202.354.2037 / kristen_mcmasters@nps.gov.

The National Park Service has published its Fiscal Year 2015 Annual Report on the Economic Impact of the Federal Historic Tax Credit. The report notes 870 projects around the country represent private investment of \$9.4 billion in historic preservation. The report is available at <https://www.nps.gov/tps/tax-incentives/taxdocs/tax-incentives-2015annual.pdf>.

Summer Louthan is the Office of History and Archaeology's tax credit program manager, and can provide more information about the program, 907.269.8717 / summer.louthan@alaska.gov.

Advisory Council on Historic Preservation

The council's Office of Native American Affairs has prepared a new information paper on cultural landscapes. It is available at <http://www.achp.gov/docs/Information%20on%20Cultural%20Landscapes.pdf>. The council's Section 106 webinar in November is "Defining the Area of Potential Effect." A description of the course, dates, and registration instructions are at www.achp.gov/sec106webinar.html.

Mining History Association meeting in Fairbanks

The Mining History Association plans to hold its 28th annual conference in Fairbanks, June 15-19, 2017. The program committee has issued a call for papers on any topic or aspect of mining history—no temporal or geographic limits, although there is special encouragement of proposals that address mining history in Alaska and the Far North. Proposals are due November 30, 2016, and should include a title, an abstract not to exceed one page, and biographical information about the presenter and contact information. Proposals should be sent to Eric Nystrom, Program Chair, eric.nystrom@asu.edu, Arizona State University, MC 2780, 7271 Sonoran Arroyo Mall, Mesa, AZ 85212.

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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

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

Project information: www.donlingoldeis.com

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission / Alaska Liquid Natural Gas (LNG) project (Docket number PF 14-21), <http://www.ferc.gov>

Contact: 202.502.8258 / efining@ferc.gov

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission / Grant Lake Hydroelectric Project (Project No. P-13212-005),
<http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp>

Contact: Kenneth Hogan, 202.502.2375 / Kenneth.hogan@ferc.gov

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PRESERVATION CALENDAR:

November 1 Alaska Association for Historic Preservation annual members' meeting, Anchorage (Allegra Hamer, 907.929.9870 / akpreservation@gmail.com)

November 1 National Park Service FY 2017 Japanese American Confinement Sites grant application deadline, <https://www.nps.gov/jacs/> (Tom Leatherman, 510.778.4171 / tom_leatherman@nps.gov)

November 3 National Center for Preservation Technology and Training 2017 grant application deadline (NCPTT, 318.356.7444)

November 15-18 National Trust for Historic Preservation annual conference: Past Forward: Think big. Places. People. Innovation. Houston, TX (PastForwardConference.org)

November 16 Alaska Historical Commission meeting (Jo Antonson, 907.269.8714 / jo.antonson@alaska.gov)

November 16-18 21st International Conference on Cultural Heritage and New Technologies: Urban Archaeology and Archaeological Data: Re-use and Repurposing of Archaeologist and Historical Material and Date, Vienna, Austria (Wolfgang Borner, +43(0)1 4000 81176 / wolfgang.boerner@stadtarchaeologie.at)

November 18-20 National Center for Preservation Technology and Training: Metal Detecting for Archeologists, Rincon, GA (Tad Britt, 318.521.5641 / Tad_Britt@nps.gov)

November 19 Spatial Archaeometry Research Collaborations Summer 2017 Data & Analytics and Archiving and Publication Awards application deadline (<http://sparc.cast.uark.edu> / sparc@cost.uark.edu)

November 30 Mining History Association annual conference: call for proposals deadline, Fairbanks, AK (Eric Nystrom, eric.nystrom@asu.edu)

December 15 Alaska Humanities Forum grant program application deadline (www.akhf.org / grants@akhf.org)

December 15-17 National Center for Preservation Technology and Training, Archeological Modeling, Fayetteville, AR (Tad Britt, 318.341.5641 / Tad_Britt@nps.gov)

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February 27-March 2 Alaska Anthropological Association annual meeting, Fairbanks (<https://www.alaskaanthropology.org/annual-meeting/>)

March 14-16 National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers Annual Meeting and Preservation Advocacy Week, Washington, DC (Ted Monoson, 202.624.5476 / monoson@ncshpo.org)

April 24 National Preservation Institute: Renewable Energy Development: Impacts on Cultural Resources seminar, Anchorage, AK (Jere Gibber, 703.765.0100 / info@npi.org)

April 25-26 National Preservation Institute: Cultural and Natural Resources: An Integrated Management Strategy seminar, Anchorage, AK (Jere Gibber, 703.765.0100 / info@npi.org)

April 27-28 National Preservation Institute: Native American Cultural Property Law seminar, Anchorage, AK (Jere Gibber, 703.765.0100 / info@npi.org)

June 15-19 Mining History Association's 28th annual conference, Fairbanks, AK (Eric Nystrom, eric.nystrom@asu.edu)

September 6-9 American Association for State and Local History 2017 annual meeting: I AM History, Austin, TX (Bethany Hawkins, 615.320.3203 / hawkins@aaslh.org)



OHA is updating Alaska's historic preservation plan and wants to know what historic places matter to you. Please share your thoughts by taking a short survey that is available online at:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/AKHPP>