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SUBJECT: Priorities for Grant Funding

On September 21, 2026, the Alaska Historical Commission (Commission) approved the following project types for favorable consideration for funding through the Alaska State Historic Preservation Program's subgrant program, administered by the Office of History and Archaeology (OHA), Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation (DPOR). The funding priorities are numbered for administrative reasons and are not ranked in order of importance. Grant applications need to clearly associate the proposed project with applicable priorities.

1. Projects that increase public awareness of historic preservation and establish partnerships —particularly with local tribes and underrepresented groups—to strengthen their local historic preservation program.
2. Projects that result in nominations for new properties to the National Register of Historic Places, including projects that recognize places associated with Alaska Native and underrepresented communities. Projects that create or expand historic contexts or are associated with Maritime Heritage are encouraged.
3. Projects that address the rehabilitation of historic properties and leverage funds and resources. Restoring and preserving defining elements of historic properties and addressing their sustainability are encouraged.
4. Projects that update plans, review ordinances, create local register, draft local tax incentives, and determine design review guidelines. Projects that maintain or update historic property data, local register or inventory, or GIS systems and data are encouraged. The use of a consultant to address local historic preservation issues is also encouraged.
5. Projects that address the survey and evaluation of properties. Archaeological projects, projects in urban and rural areas, and cultural and historic sites are encouraged. Projects that record information on traditional Native places and place names as part of survey projects are encouraged. Projects that identify historic properties at risk are encouraged.
6. Projects that encourage historic preservation at the local level by supporting heritage and cultural tourism programs and other preservation efforts that use historic properties to stimulate economic incentives and community revitalization. Priority is given to projects that promote heritage tourism via surveys, inventories, preservation planning, development of historic contexts, national register nominations, education and interpretive materials, and predevelopment/development projects.
7. Projects that create or improve educational material for schools or the public about historic preservation, historic properties in Alaska, and Alaska's role in history.
8. Projects that provide educational opportunities for current and future historic preservation professionals in Alaska.