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National Park Service Awards New Maritime Heritage Grants to the State of Alaska

Anchorage, Alaska — The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) announces that the National Park Service has once again awarded the State of Alaska two competitive National Maritime Heritage Grants, building on the success of the FY23 program. In August 2025, Alaska received \$250,000 for maritime education initiatives and \$604,404 for maritime preservation projects.

Previous National Maritime Heritage funding totaling \$342,500 supported efforts across the state to safeguard and interpret Alaska's maritime history, including projects at the Alaska State Museum and community-led initiatives in coastal and river communities. **The new 2025 awards, totaling \$ 854,404, will allow these maritime communities to continue the work they began in the first round—expanding preservation projects, strengthening public education, and celebrating Alaska's deep cultural connections to northern waters.**

A new grant cycle is expected to open in July 2026, with the specific launch date to be announced. Additional information on application requirements and deadlines will be shared as soon as details are finalized.

About the Office of History and Archeology:

The Office of History and Archaeology (OHA) serves as Alaska's State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), providing statewide expertise in historic preservation under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 and the Alaska Historic Preservation Act of 1971. OHA works with local governments, the public, and partner organizations to identify, preserve, and interpret Alaska's cultural, historic, and archaeological resources, ensuring that the state's heritage is protected for future generations.

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