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Federal Legislation

The federal fiscal year 2020 ended on September 30th. Congress passed and President Trump signed a Continuing Resolution that funds the government at current levels through December 11th. The House passed a FY21 Department of Interior appropriations bill which provided \$136 million for the Historic Preservation Fund, a nearly \$18 million increase for the Historic Preservation Fund. The Senate Appropriations Committee on Nov. 10th released a FY21 bill that increased the Historic Preservation Fund from its current level of \$118 million to \$138 million.

	FY 2020	FY2021 Admin	FY 2021 House	FY2021 Senate
States	\$ 52.675	26.9	55.675	57.0
Tribes	13.735	5.7	15.0	16.0
Underrepresented communities	.75	-0-	1.0	0.75
Civil Rights Movement grants	15.50	-0-	18.0	20.75
Civil rights – All Americans	2.50	-0-	4.25	
Historic Black colleges	10.00	8.0	10.0	10.25
Save America’s Treasures	16.00	-0-	25.0	16.5
Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization	7.50	-		
0-	7.5	7.5		
Semi-quincentennial grants	-0-	-0-	-	
0-	10.0			
TOTALS	\$ 118.67	\$ 40.6	\$ 136.425	\$138.75

* Figures are in millions.

Office of History and Archaeology and Alaska Historical Commission news

COVID 19 Adjustments

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

OHA will soon be recruiting for an Architectural Historian to work with the State Historic Preservation Office programs. The job posting will be on Workplace Alaska.

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.

National Park Service

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

NPS recently announced several grant opportunities. Apply via grants.gov.

African American Civil Rights Grants – History and Preservation– Dec 15, 2020

History of Equal Rights (HER) aka Civil Rights for All American Grants – Dec 15, 2020

Save America’s Treasurers – Jan 26, 2021

Battlefield Preservation Planning grants – Feb 12, 2021

The National Park Service’s proposed rule that changes the National Register process has been submitted to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA), virtually unchanged from the 2019 proposed rule. The OIRA step gives federal agencies 90 days to review and comment. Under Executive Order 12866 (a 1993 order covering the regulatory process) OIRA is supposed to meet with any interested party to hear their views on rulemaking, but the importance of listening to the views of “state, local, and tribal governments” is emphasized.

Advisory Council on Historic Preservation

Executive Director, John Fowler will retire on January 2, 2021. The ACHP is recruiting for his replacement. The position is posted on USAjobs.gov, at <https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/583814600> and applications will be received through that website until November 30, 2020.

The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation is offering digital classrooms for their Section 106 courses: The Section 106 Essentials and Section 106 Agreements Seminar. They will use Zoomgov.com. To learn more and register, go to www.achp.gov/training/classroom.

National Trust for Historic Preservation:

The National Trust announced recipients of its June 2020 National Trust Preservation Fund Grants. The Trust awarded \$379,082 in grants to 69 organizations in 31 states and the District of Columbia. In Alaska, ROSSIA received \$5,000 for planning, communications and fundraising for the relocation of the historic Ascension of Our Lord Russian Orthodox Chapel in Karluk Alaska, which is in danger from cliffside erosion.

National Preservation Institute news

As a precautionary measure during COVID-19, NPI has temporarily suspended in-person training. The online training initiative complements their in-person seminar curriculum. NPI offers the option of online customized training with interested organizations. Look for training options at www.npi.org. Modules available or under development include **GIS, Historic Wood Windows, Section 106: The Meaning of Effects, Corridor Development, New Sources of Funding, Native America, Streetscapes, Cultural Landscapes, and additional Section 106 modules.**

PUBLIC PROJECT ALERTS:

Section 106 large project consultation in progress:

USDA Forest Service Nationwide Phasing Programmatic Agreement
Comments due November 20, 2020. Deadline Extended to DECEMBER 4, 2020
<https://www.fs.usda.gov/managing-land/heritage/programmatic-agreement>

Review and compliance agreement development for large projects in progress:

Formerly Used Defense Sites Program
Programmatic Agreement
U. S. Coast Guard Base Kodiak
Programmatic Agreement and ICRMP
Kensington Mine
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:

2020

December 8-9 Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, *Section 106 Essentials*. Digital Classroom. Two four-hour sessions on consecutive days. Class size limit – 30 participants. 12:30-4:30pm EST. Registration Fee \$350.00. To learn more and register, go to www.achp.gov/training/classroom.

December 10 Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, Section 106 Agreements Seminar. Digital Classroom. One four-hour session. Class size limit – 30 participants. 12:30-4:30pm EST. Registration Fee \$300.00. To learn more and register, go to www.achp.gov/training/classroom

2021

September 22-25 American Association for State and Local History (AASLH) annual meeting. Little Rock. Arkansas. Virtual components and onsite sessions planned. Theme centered around justice. Call for papers deadline Dec 18, 2020. To learn more visit <https://aaslh.org/2021-call-for-proposals-now-open/>