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**Federal Legislation**

The federal fiscal year 2020 ended on September 30<sup>th</sup>. The federal government is staying open through short-term Continuing Resolutions. Congress is considering a FY21 omnibus spending bill and COVID-19 relief legislation. The final numbers for the Historic Preservation Fund will be known in a few days. 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. 10<sup>th</sup> 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

It is with great sadness that we recognize the recent passing of two former Alaska Historical Commission members, Beverly Beeton and Terrence Cole. They generously shared their enthusiasm and knowledge of Alaska history with the Commission and the public. They will be greatly missed.

The Alaska Office of History and Archaeology, Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation, Department of Natural Resources, is recruiting for three positions: Historian II (Architectural Historian), Historian I, and Archaeologist I.

Historian II – Architectural Historian full time position. The individual provides professional subject matter expertise on architectural history for the State of Alaska and the state historic preservation programs administered by the Office of History and Archaeology. The Historian II fulfills the Architectural Historian staff requirement in the Alaska State Historic Preservation Office program. Recruitment closes Dec. 30, 2020.

Workplace Alaska posting:

<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/alaska/jobs/2929905/historian-ii-architectural-historian-pcn-10-5049?keywords=10-5049&pagetype=jobOpportunitiesJobs>

Archaeologist I. Archaeologist I/II flex seasonal position in the Survey Unit. The individual will conduct cultural resource investigations. Duties include field work, laboratory analysis and processing, and report writing. Recruitment closes Dec. 24, 2020.

Workplace Alaska posting:

<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/alaska/jobs/2932445/archaeologist-i-pcn-10-5105?keywords=10-5105&pagetype=jobOpportunitiesJobs>

Historian I. Historian I/II flex seasonal field historian position in its Survey Unit. Duties include cultural resource surveys, historical research, and report preparation. Recruitment closes Dec. 24, 2020.

Workplace Alaska posting:

<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/alaska/jobs/2931823/historian-i-pcn-10-5103?keywords=10-5103&pagetype=jobOpportunitiesJobs>

### 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](mailto:dnr.oha@alaska.gov)

Review/compliance, Section 106, project review: [oha.revcomp@alaska.gov](mailto:oha.revcomp@alaska.gov)

State Cultural Resource Investigation Permits: [oha.permits@alaska.gov](mailto: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](http://www.nps.gov/coronavirus).

NPS recently announced several grant opportunities. Apply via [grants.gov](http://grants.gov).

*African American Civil Rights Grants – History and Preservation*– Jan. 12, 2021

*History of Equal Rights (HER) aka Civil Rights for All American Grants* – Jan. 12, 2021

*Save America’s Treasures* – Jan. 26, 2021

*Battlefield Preservation Planning grants* – Feb 12, 2021

For more information go to: <https://www.nps.gov/orgs/1623/grant-programs-accepting-applications.htm>

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 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](http://www.achp.gov/training/classroom).

### National Trust for Historic Preservation:

The National Trust’s African American Cultural Heritage Action Fund grant cycle is open. The grants are designed to advance ongoing preservation activities for historic places representing African American cultural heritage. The fund supports work in four areas: capital projects,

organizational capacity building, project planning, and programming and interpretation. Grants range from \$50,000 to \$150,000. Letter of Intent due January 15, 2021. For more information go to: <https://savingplaces.org/african-american-cultural-heritage> or [Forum.SavingPlaces.org/aachactionfund](http://Forum.SavingPlaces.org/aachactionfund)

#### 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](http://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.**

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#### PUBLIC PROJECT ALERTS:

Section 106 large project consultation in progress:

**Long Lake Rehabilitation, Glenn Highway**  
**Alaska to Alberta Railroad**  
**KIC Seismic Project, ANWR**  
**Decommission the Fort Greely Nuclear Power Plant**

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](mailto:sarah.meitl@alaska.gov).

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### PRESERVATION CALENDAR:

2021

January 7 Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, *Archaeological Sites and Section 106: A Discussion on Identification and Evaluation*. To learn more and register, go to [www.achp.gov/training/classroom](http://www.achp.gov/training/classroom).

January 14 Advisory Council on Historic Preservation: *Meeting the Reasonable and Good Faith Identification Standard in Section 106 Review*. To learn more and register, go to [www.achp.gov/training/classroom](http://www.achp.gov/training/classroom).

January 21 Advisory Council on Historic Preservation: *Managing Confidential Information and Section 304*. To learn more and register, go to [www.achp.gov/training/classroom](http://www.achp.gov/training/classroom).

January 28 Advisory Council on Historic Preservation: *Resolving Disputes in Section 106*. To learn more and register, go to [www.achp.gov/training/classroom](http://www.achp.gov/training/classroom).

February 3 – 5 Texas Historical Commission’s [Real Places 2021 virtual conference](https://realplaces.us). Learn more about the conference at [realplaces.us](https://realplaces.us).

February 22-23 Museum Advocacy Day. Virtual event. For more information go to [www.aam-us.org/museums-advocacy-day](http://www.aam-us.org/museums-advocacy-day)

March 8-11 National Historic Preservation Virtual Advocacy Week. Preservation Action and the National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers. For more information go to [preservationaction.org/advocacyweek](http://preservationaction.org/advocacyweek)

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/>