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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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Federal Historic Preservation Fund FY 2021 budget

Congress passed and the President signed a bill that appropriates \$144.3 million for the Historic Preservation Fund for FY2021. The bill funds state programs that includes the core programs of the Alaska Office of History and Archaeology.

	FY 2020	FY2021
States	\$ 52.675	55.675
Tribes	13.735	15.0
Underrepresented communities	.75	1.0
Civil Rights Movement grants	15.50	16.750
Civil rights – All Americans	2.50	3.375

Historic Black colleges	10.00	10.0
Save America's Treasures	16.00	25.0
Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization	7.50	7.5
Semi-quincentennial grants	-0-	10.0
TOTALS	\$ 118.66	\$ 144.3

* Figures are in millions.

Office of History and Archaeology and Alaska Historical Commission news

We are pleased to welcome two new staff members to the Office of History and Archaeology. Katie Ringsmuth has accepted the position of State Historian and will start January 25th. She brings a wealth of experience in Alaska history and community engagement. Nick Schmuck joined the Office January 11th as a special projects archaeologist. He is a PhD. candidate at the University of Alaska Fairbanks.

Recruitment of the Archaeologist I/II flex seasonal position in the Survey Unit has been extended to January 19th. The individual will conduct cultural resource investigations. Duties include field work, laboratory analysis and processing, and report writing.

Workplace Alaska posting:

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

Governor Dunleavy has reappointed Wayne Jensen to the Alaska Historical Commission. A principal architect with Jensen Yorba Wall, Inc., Jensen fills the professional architect position on the state review board. We welcome Wayne Jensen's continued service on the Commission.

COVID 19 Adjustments

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

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.

Division of Libraries, Archives, and Museums news

The Division of Libraries, Archives, and Museums is recruiting participants for a new training program. Preparing Alaska's Cultural Organizations for Emergencies (PACO) is open to staff or volunteers from institutions with original humanities materials. Participants will enroll in an online course geared at developing institutional emergency preparedness and disaster plans, receive coaching support, and take part in a hands-on workshop once we're safe to travel. The application is open now. Learn more here: <https://lam.alaska.gov/pacoinfo>.

National Park Service news

NPS grant opportunities. Apply via [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov).

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.

Department of Interior news

Secretarial Order #3389 on Streamlining Section 106/NEPA Reviews and Mitigation:

On December 22, Interior Secretary David Bernhardt issued a Secretarial Order #3389 meant to streamline Section 106 and NEPA reviews, and to limit offsite mitigation. The order places time limits on NHPA review that are tied to NEPA analyses and directs that NEPA substitution be used for any project requiring an EIS or an EA. It also requires that all mitigation be "of direct benefit" and office compensatory mitigation is discouraged. There are also several sections that seem to require renegotiation of Bureau of Land Management and other agency Programmatic Agreements. The Order is effective immediately and will remain in effect until it is amended, superseded, or revoked, whichever occurs first.

Advisory Council on Historic Preservation news

The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation and the National Trust for Historic Preservation are seeking nominations for the 2021 [National Trust/ACHP Award for Federal Partnerships in Historic Preservation](#). A category of the [National Preservation Awards](#), this joint award honors outstanding federal partnerships that advance the preservation of important historic resources. The deadline for nominations is February 15, 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.

On April 3, 2020, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation issued a blanket extension regarding the review under 36 CFR 800.12 of undertakings responding to COVID-19 emergency and disaster declarations. Three extensions were issued, the third of which was set to expire on December 31, 2020. Considering the likelihood of such declarations remaining in place into the foreseeable near future, and the ongoing need for federal agency responses to them, that extension is now set to expire on **March 31, 2021**.

Alaska Women's Hall of Fame seeks nominations

The Alaska Women's Hall of Fame is soliciting nominations of significant women for their class of 2021. A nominee may be living or deceased; of community, statewide or national importance and enduring value; and must have lived in Alaska at some point in her life. The application deadline is January 15, 2021. Nomination forms can be submitted electronically, and more information is at www.alaskawomenshalloffame.org.

National Trust for Historic Preservation news

Funds Grant Programs

Annual Grants: The National Trust for Historic Preservation recently announced their annual grants program is accepting applications. The funding ranges from \$2,500 to \$5,000 and supports preservation planning and educational projects. The deadline is February 1, 2021. The National Trust reports that past grant projects have included engineering and architectural consulting services; tours that are accessible via smart devices; and market studies to assist in prioritizing preservation objectives.

For more information, visit <http://forum.savingplaces.org/preservation-funds> or contact Grants@savingplaces.org.

Call for Proposals – PastForward 2021 Submit your session ideas for #PastForward21, Nov 2-6, the @SavingPlaces annual #preservation conference. Deadline is Feb 1, 2021. <https://savingplaces.org/conference>

African American Cultural Heritage Action Fund: The National Trust for Historic Preservation, is now accepting Letters of Intent for the African American Cultural Heritage Action Fund. **LOIs will be due Jan 15, 2021**. The Action Fund, now in its third year, **grants funding from \$50,000 to \$150,000** for historic sites, museums, or landscapes representing the African American story. Last year 22 projects received \$1.6 million dollars in funding.

The National Trust has a marketing kit with sample email/newsletter blurbs, along with social media samples and images available for use and sharing.

For more information visit <https://forum.savingplaces.org/build/funding/grant-seekers/specialprograms#AACHAF>

2021 National Preservation Awards

The National Trust is now accepting nominations for National Preservation Awards. **Nominations are due Feb 3, 2021.**

Award categories:

Richard H. Driehaus Foundation National Preservation Awards: Celebrating the “best of the best” in perseverance projects.

The Louise du Pont Crowninshield Award: Honoring an individual for their contributions over time.

American Express Aspire Award: Recognizing the achievements of an emerging professional.

Trustee’s Award for Organizational Excellence: Awarding a nonprofit organization that demonstrates sustained achievement in historic preservation.

For more information, visit <https://forum.savingplaces.org/preservation-awards> or email awards@savingplaces.org

Kenai Mountains-Turnagain Arm National Heritage Area news

KMTA awards grants to communities that recognize, preserve, and interpret the historic, scenic, and natural recreational resources and cultural landscapes of the KMTA historic transportation corridor. Projects promote and facilitate public enjoyment of these resources. Applications are due March 12, 2021, Website: kmtacorridor.org. Grant information webinar scheduled for January 20, 2021. Questions: email amandasassi@kmacorridor.org.

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PUBLIC PROJECT ALERTS:

Section 106 large project consultation in progress:

Long Lake Section, Glenn Highway Rehabilitation

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:

U. S. Coast Guard Base Kodiak

Programmatic Agreement and ICRMP

Kensington Mine

Programmatic Agreement

Greens Creek

Programmatic Agreement

Mendenhall Glacier Visitors Center Rehabilitation

Programmatic Agreement

Formerly Used Defense Sites Program

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, 907.269.8720 / sarah.meitl@alaska.gov.

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PRESERVATION CALENDAR:

2021

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.

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.

January 27-28 National Tribal Preservation Virtual Conference. Theme “Resilience in a Changing Environment”, speaker Walter Echo-Hawk. Registration free. For more information go to nathpo.org

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

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

February 9-10 Advisory Council on Historic Preservation: *Section 106 Essentials*. Session 12:30pm-4:30pm EST. Registration \$400. To learn more and register, go to www.achp.gov/training/classroom

February 11 Advisory Council on Historic Preservation *Section 106 Agreements Seminar*. Session 12:30 – 4:30PM EST. Registration fee \$350. To learn more and register, go to www.achp.gov/training/classroom

February 22-23 Museum Advocacy Day. Virtual event. For more information go to 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

March 9, 10, 11, 12 Advisory Council on Historic Preservation. *Section 106 Practitioners Workshop*. Each of the four days sessions 12:30-4:30 pm EST. Participants must attend all four sessions to complete the course. Registration fee \$500. To learn more and register, go to www.achp.gov/training/classroom

April 13-14 Advisory Council on Historic Preservation: *Section 106 Essentials*. Session 12:30pm-4:30pm EST. Registration \$400. To learn more and register, go to www.achp.gov/training/classroom

April 15 Advisory Council on Historic Preservation *Section 106 Agreements Seminar*. Session 12:30 – 4:30PM EST. Registration fee \$350. To learn more and register, go to www.achp.gov/training/classroom

May 21-22 Vernacular Architecture Forum 2021 virtual conference: <http://vernaculararchitectreforum.org/event-4046405>

July 13-14 Advisory Council on Historic Preservation: *Section 106 Essentials*. Session 12:30pm-4:30pm EST. Registration \$400. To learn more and register, go to www.achp.gov/training/classroom

July 15 Advisory Council on Historic Preservation *Section 106 Agreements Seminar*. Session 12:30 – 4:30PM EST. Registration fee \$350. To learn more and register, go to www.achp.gov/training/classroom

August 3, 4, 10, and 11 Advisory Council on Historic Preservation. *Section 106 Practitioners Workshop*. Each of the four days sessions 12:30-4:30 pm EST. Participants must attend all four sessions to complete the course. Registration fee \$500. To learn more and register, go to www.achp.gov/training/classroom

September 14-15 Advisory Council on Historic Preservation: *Section 106 Essentials*. Session 12:30pm-4:30pm EST. Registration \$400. To learn more and register, go to www.achp.gov/training/classroom

September 16 *Section 106 Agreements Seminar*. Session 12:30 – 4:30PM EST. Registration fee \$350. To learn more and register, go to www.achp.gov/training/classroom

November 2, 3, 9, and 10 Advisory Council on Historic Preservation. *Section 106 Practitioners Workshop*. Each of the four days sessions 12:30-4:30 pm EST. Participants must attend all four sessions to complete the course. Registration fee \$500. To learn more and register, go to www.achp.gov/training/classroom

November 2-6 National Trust for Historic Preservation, PastForward, the Virtual National Preservation Conference. conference@savingplaces.org.