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MAY – HISTORIC PRESERVATION MONTH

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Federal Legislation

The Fiscal Year 2022 appropriations process is moving forward. A Congressional letter of support lead by Representatives Earl Blumenauer (D) and Michael Turner (R) and a Senate letter lead by Senators Kirsten Gilliband (D) and Bill Cassidy (R) have been sent to the House and Senate Appropriations committees with a request to appropriate the fully authorized \$150 million in funding for the Historic Preservation Fund for FFY 2022.

	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
			Request to Appropriations
States	\$ 52.675	55.675	60.0
Tribes	13.735	15.0	24.0
Underrepresented communities	.75	1.0	
Civil Rights Movement grants	15.50	16.750	19.0
Civil rights – All Americans	2.50	3.375	7.0
Historic Black colleges	10.00	10.0	10.0
Save America’s Treasures	16.00	25.0	20.0
Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization	7.50	7.5	9.0
Survey/document historic properties	-0-	-	
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Semi-quincentennial grants	-0-	10.0	-0-
TOTALS	\$ 118.66	\$ 144.3	\$150.0

* Figures are in millions

Office of History and Archaeology and Alaska Historical Commission news

The **Alaska Historical Commission** will meet by WebEx on Tuesday, May 25, 2021, from 9 am to 4 pm. The agenda includes a review of applications for projects from Certified Local Governments, consideration of National Register nominations and geographic name proposals, and updates on historic preservation programs. Any person or group wishing to address the commission on the grant requests, National Register nominations, geographic name proposals, or any other historic preservation issue is invited to participate in the public comment session starting at 10:00 am. To sign up for public comment or register to attend the meeting, please email a request to dnr.oha@alaska.gov. To sign up by phone or to request a printed copy of the agenda, please call 907-269-8700. You may also write to the Office of History and Archaeology, Alaska Department of Natural Resources, 550 West 7th Ave., Suite 1310, Anchorage, AK 99501-3565. The agenda is posted at <http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/oha/>.

OHA's Virtual Education Series: The Office of History and Archaeology (OHA) will host an education series in 2021 to provide a continuing education opportunity to Tribes, cultural resource management professionals, and our local, state, and federal agency partners to strengthen partnerships with the goal to preserve, protect, educate, and advocate for Alaska's cultural resources. Each one-to-two hour session will focus on a topic relevant to history, archaeology, historic preservation, and/or cultural resource management.

The second presentation of OHA's online Education Series is on *Alaska Heritage Resources Survey*, July 22, 2021, at 1:30-3:00 pm, by AHRS Manager, Jeffery Weinberger, M.A.. This session is offered through WebEx to accommodate social distancing. If you are interested in attending, please contact dnr.oha@alaska.gov to receive a meeting invite.

Mr. Weinberger's presentation focuses on the State of Alaska's statewide inventory of over 48,000 reported sites. Participants will get a historic overview of the Alaska Heritage Resource Survey, a discussion on AHRS policies and guidelines, and examples of how to use the AHRS online database. Mr. Weinberger will provide guidance on various aspects of the AHRS and its place in historic preservation activities across the state.

On Thursday, October 28, 2021, Review and Compliance Coordinator Sarah Meitl will host a paneled discussion on Section 106 consultation. The October presentation is the last of the 2021 series.

To register, email dnr.oha@alaska.gov.

More information about OHA's Virtual Education Series can be found at <http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/oha/publiceducation/Trainings/Workshop2021.htm>

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.

Staff News

We are pleased to welcome a new staff member to the Office of History and Archaeology. Amy Hellmich has accepted the position of Historian with the Review/Compliance unit and will start May 24th. A graduate of the University of Alaska, Anchorage with a B.A. in History, Amy has a Master of Design Studies & Historic Preservation from Boston Architectural College.

National Park Service

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

Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization Grant Program. Applications are due May 12, 2021. The goal of the Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization Program is to fund subgrant programs that support the rehabilitation of historic properties to foster the economic development of rural communities. Apply via Grants.gov.

Advisory Council on Historic Preservation

The ACHP has extended to May 31, 2021, the normal 30-day period in which the special procedures in 36 C.F.R. 800.12 can be used for the implementation of COVID-19-related emergency undertakings. This authorization applies to all federal agencies. See the provisions here <https://www.achp.gov/news/emergency-procedures-federal-undertakings-extended-may-2021>

Please share any questions you have about this extension with Jaime Loichinger, Assistant Director, Office of Federal Agency Programs at jloichinger@achp.gov.

The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) is pleased to announce the publication of **“Traditional Knowledge and the Section 106 Process: Information for Federal Agencies and Other Participants.”** This information paper explores the concept of traditional knowledge; discusses its role in the Section 106 review process; and underscores the importance of traditional knowledge in the identification and assessment of effects to historic properties of religious and cultural significance to Indian tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations (NHOs). A copy of the publication can be found at: <https://www.achp.gov/sites/default/files/2021-05/TraditionalKnowledgePaper5-3-21.pdf>.

Revised National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) regulations from the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) went into effect on September 14, 2020. While the relationship between NEPA and Section 106 reviews remains fundamentally the same, the ACHP developed this **Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) flow chart** in coordination with CEQ to serve as a reference for how the two reviews align. It includes updated NEPA citations and definitions of key terms in NEPA and Section 106. This flow chart serves as a supplement to “NEPA and NHPA: A Handbook for Integrating NEPA and Section 106” (Handbook), jointly developed by CEQ and the ACHP in 2013. More thorough updates to the Handbook will be carried out in the future. For additional information on NEPA and Section 106 review integration, please visit the ACHP's website: https://www.achp.gov/integrating_nepa_106.

The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) is pleased to present the **Final Report of the Leveraging Federal Historic Buildings Working Group**. The report presents the findings and recommendations of the Working Group, established by the ACHP to assess the status of outleasing of federally owned or controlled historic buildings and to develop recommendations for overcoming obstacles to outleasing. The report can be accessed at <https://www.achp.gov/initiatives/leveraging-federal-historic-buildings>.

National Trust for Historic Preservation:

Since 1973, the National Trust for Historic Preservation has joined the preservation movement in celebrating historic places during May. This year the National Trust is focusing Preservation Month on telling the full American story, offering a wide variety of ways to discover and save places that showcase the depth and diversity of the nation's history. #TellTheFullStory

You are encouraged to take action to save, celebrate, and discover places that reflect the breadth of American history. Learn more at <https://savingplaces.org/stories/celebrate-preservation-month>

Annual Grants: The National Trust for Historic Preservation is accepting applications for its annual grants program. The funding ranges from \$2,500 to \$5,000 and supports preservation planning and educational projects. Application deadlines are June 1 and October 1. Applications are available eight weeks before the deadline. 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/build/funding/grant-seekers/preservation-funds> or contact Grants@savingplaces.org.

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PUBLIC PROJECT ALERTS:

Section 106 large project consultation in progress:

Alaska to Alberta Railroad

Greens Creek Mine

Mendenhall Glacier Visitors Center Rehabilitation

Review and compliance agreement development for large projects in progress:

Sterling Highway MP 45-60

Data Recovery Plan

Decommission of the Fort Greely Nuclear Power Plant
Memorandum of Agreement
U. S. Coast Guard Base Kodiak
Programmatic Agreement and ICRMP
Kensington Mine
Programmatic Agreement
Formerly Used Defense Sites Program
Programmatic Agreement
AK LNG
Cultural Resources Management Plan
Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson
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:

2021

May Check out the Alaska Association for Historic Preservation’s Historic Preservation Month’s calendar of events. [Historic Preservation Month 2021 – Alaska Association for Historic Preservation, Inc. \(alaskapreservation.org\)](http://alaskapreservation.org)

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

July 22 OHA Education Series *AHRS – Introduction and Site Records*. Session 1:30 – 3:00PM AKST. Free. To learn more, go to <http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/oha/publiceducation/training.htm>.

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

October 6-9 and 13-16 Alaska Historical Society Annual Conference *Communities Remembered and Imagined*. To learn more and register, go to <https://alaskahistoricalsociety.org/about-ahs/conference/>.

October 28 OHA Education Series *Section 106 Consultation Panel*. Session 1:30 – 3:00PM AKST. Free. To learn more, go to <http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/oha/publiceducation/training.htm>.

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.