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*Federal Legislation*

The Biden Administration proposed a budget for Fiscal Year 2022 that funds the Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) at \$151.8 million.

	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022 Administration
States	\$ 52.675	55.675	57.675
Tribes	13.735	15.0	23.0
Underrepresented communities	.75	1.0	1.0
African Amer. Civil Rights grants	15.50	16.750	21.750
History of Equal Rights grants	2.50	3.375	3.375
Historic Black colleges	10.0	10.0	10.0
Save America’s Treasures	16.0	25.0	25.0
Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization	7.50	7.5	10.0
Semi-quincentennial grants	-0-	10.0	-0-
TOTALS	\$ 118.66	\$ 144.3	\$151.8

\* Figures are in millions

### Office of History and Archaeology and Alaska Historical Commission news

The Office of History and Archaeology's FY2022 (July 2021 -June 2022) state *operating* budget is \$2,688,300 which represents level funding from FY2021. Of the total operating budget \$464,200 is General Fund Match (GFM) and \$16.1 General Fund Program Receipts (GF/PR) is from the Alaska Historical Commission's special publications account (A.S. 41.35.380). The balance of OHA's operating budget \$2,224,100 is "other" funds – federal grants and interagency agreement receipts – and represents *authorization* to receive those funds.

The Governor vetoed the \$200,000 General Fund Match funds for OHA's state *capital* budget with authorization to receive \$600,000 federal National Historic Preservation Funds. The federal HPF funds require a 40% state match.

### OHA's 2021 Virtual Education Series

*THE ALASKA HERITAGE RESOURCES SURVEY*: July 22, 1:30 pm to 3 pm via WebEx. Join AHRS manager Jeffery Weinberger, M.A., for the second OHA Virtual Education Series WebEx presentation which focuses on the State of Alaska's statewide inventory of over 48,000 reported sites, the Alaska Heritage Resources Survey (AHRS). Jeff will engage participants with a historical overview of the AHRS, a discussion on AHRS Policies and Guidelines, and examples of using the AHRS online database. Jeff will provide guidance on various aspects of the AHRS and its place in historic preservation activities across the state.

To register, email [dnr.oha@alaska.gov](mailto:dnr.oha@alaska.gov) .

For more information, visit

<http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/oha/publiceducation/Trainings/Workshop2021.htm>

### Certified Local Governments

The Municipality of Anchorage's Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) has written an ordinance establishing a Local Landmark Registry to recognize the unique cultural and historic resources found throughout the Municipality. The new ordinance was adopted unanimously by the Anchorage Assembly on April 14th. Local landmark registers enable communities to identify, recognize, and preserve their history and culture. To qualify, a resource must be at least 30 years old and have significance in one of the following areas: History, Architecture, Geography, Culture, or be listed in the National or Alaska Landmark Register. If you are interested in nominating a property, the application form and guidelines for completing a nomination packet will be available soon on the HPC's website. Applications and the director's guidance are also available in hard copy at the MOA Planning Department, 4700 Elmore Road, or you can have them emailed to you by contacting Kristine Bunnell at [kristine.bunnell@anchorageak.gov](mailto:kristine.bunnell@anchorageak.gov) .

### COVID 19 Adjustments

OHA employees are on a hybrid schedule with a split between working in the office and 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.

### Staff News

Long time employee, Alan Depew, has resigned from his position as head of the Office of History and Archaeology's Archaeology Survey Unit. Alan's many years leading the Survey Unit in providing field surveys and cultural resource research for state and federal agencies leaves a significant legacy of documented Alaskan cultural resources, helping protect, interpret, and manage Alaska's heritage sites.

### Division of Libraries, Archives, and Museums

#### Apply to Preparing Alaska's Cultural Organizations for Emergencies

Staff and volunteers at Alaska libraries, archives, museums, and other institutions with original collections materials are encouraged to apply to the PACO program. Participants enroll in a four-month course on comprehensive emergency management for collecting institutions, are paired with an experienced coach who assists with the drafting of an emergency plan, and take part in a 3-day in-person workshop on disaster response. This program is free for participants thanks to the National Endowment for the Humanities. The deadline to apply for Cohort B is August 9. Learn more and apply here: [www.lam.alaska.gov/pacoinfo](http://www.lam.alaska.gov/pacoinfo).

### National Park Service

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has updated and expanded the [Frequently Asked Questions about the Historic Tax Credit](#) on its website.

The [Real Estate Tax Tips](#) page on the IRS website is also a good resource for applicants, consultants, and other preservation professionals working with the historic tax credit program.

Both of these pages are linked through the [TPS website](#).

Updates about the overall NPS response to COVID-19, including safety information, are posted on [www.nps.gov/coronavirus](http://www.nps.gov/coronavirus).

### Advisory Council on Historic Preservation

**President Biden** [announced](#) his intent to nominate **Sara Bronin** to be Chairman of the [Advisory Council on Historic Preservation](#) (ACHP). If confirmed, she would become the second full-time Chairman of the ACHP, after the position was converted to a full-time, presidentially nominated position in 2016. See the White House announcement <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2021/06/24/president-biden-announces-seven-key-nominations-2/>

Bronin is a Mexican-American architect, attorney, and policy maker that specializes in historic preservation, property, land-use and climate change. She's currently a professor at the Cornell College of Architecture, Art and Planning and faculty member at Cornell Law School. She has held visiting positions at the Yale School of Architecture, University of Pennsylvania, and the Sorbonne. Among other scholarly service, Bronin is an elected member of the American Law Institute and a past chair of the State and Local Government Law Section of the American Association of Law Schools. She's published numerous articles and books on historic preservation law. She recently led an [amicus brief](#) on behalf of her native city of Houston, TX in support of their historic preservation ordinance, which was challenged, but upheld by the Texas Supreme Court. She's a current advisor for the [National Trust for Historic Preservation](#), a board member of [Latinos in Heritage Conservation](#), and a past Chair of [Preservation Connecticut](#).

Bronin's nomination would likely come before the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee and then be considered by the full Senate for confirmation.

**U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) "Program Comment for Vacant and Underutilized Properties"**. On October 26, 2018, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) issued a "Program Comment for Vacant and Underutilized Properties" at the request of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). The Program Comment provides VA with an alternative way to meet its responsibilities under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA). The Program Comment enables VA to proceed with certain undertakings following an expedited review process that complements VA's real property priorities in finding uses for its vacant and underutilized properties.

The ACHP is responsible for hosting a publicly accessible web page that features information on the VA Program Comment (<https://www.achp.gov/VA/VAProgramComment>) and, each year upon receipt of the list and narrative from VA, posting the composite list of properties and narrative on that web page and emailing the National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers (NCSHPO), State Historic Preservation Officers (SHPOs), Tribal Historic Preservation Officers (THPOs), Indian tribes, Native Hawaiian organizations (NHOs), interested Veterans Service Organizations (VSOs), and ACHP members about its availability, along with a reminder about the timeframes outlined below.

**The deadline for requesting additional information, sending comments, and/or providing an objection to VA regarding the properties on the list is Friday, July 30, 2021.**

Please direct all correspondence regarding this 30-day review period to VA's Federal Preservation Officer (FPO) Doug Pulak via email. His contact information is included below.

Doug Pulak

Federal Preservation Officer (FPO)

Phone: (202) 632-5462

Email: [douglas.pulak@va.gov](mailto:douglas.pulak@va.gov)

If you have any questions about the Program Comment, please contact Angela McArdle, VA Liaison, at [amcardle@achp.gov](mailto:amcardle@achp.gov), or by telephone at 202-517-0221.

The ACHP announced that the **newly updated Tribal Consultation in the Section 106 Review Process: The Handbook** is now available at <https://www.achp.gov/sites/default/files/2021-06/ConsultationwithIndianTribesHandbook6-11-21Final.pdf>.

**The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) is recruiting for two positions** within the ACHP's Office of Federal Agency Programs (OFAP), located in Washington, DC.

The Assistant Director for Federal Property Management, a GG-14 position, manages a professional staff of approximately 10 people who are responsible for representing the ACHP in consultation with federal agencies on individual undertakings pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, and advises on steps these agencies can take to improve their historic preservation programs. The closing date for applying for the position on USAJobs is **July 14, 2021**. The job description and application process can be found at: <https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/605274300>.

The position of Program Analyst/National Park Service (NPS) Liaison (GG-13) within OFAP is also available. The Program Analyst will serve as the ACHP's second liaison to the NPS. The closing date for applying for this position on USAJobs is **July 9, 2021**. The job description and application process can be found at: <https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/604955600>.

#### National Trust for Historic Preservation:

##### **Free Webinars: Women Are Essential**

The National Trust is offering a free two-part webinar series, moderated by public historian Dr. Heather Huyck, with experts who are interpreting the complexity of women's history and identity. Historic places and sites reveal that women were present everywhere in essential and sometimes surprising roles. This series is in collaboration with the National Trust's Where Women Made History campaign. To register go to: <https://forum.savingplaces.org/forum-webinar>

##### **Title and Registration Links:**

- [New Ways of Seeing Women in Every Historic Place \(June 24\)](#)
- [Interpretive Strategies that Reveal Women Are Everywhere \(August 12\)](#)

**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. Next application deadline is 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](mailto:Grants@savingplaces.org).

#### America250

America250 Foundation rolled out its new website and marketing campaign, Thursday July 1<sup>st</sup>, five years from the semiquincentennial – the 250th anniversary of America's formation on July

4, 1776. The website includes the results from a survey measuring Americans' sentiments on a variety of topics facing the country. Visit [www.america250.org](http://www.america250.org)

AASLH's "The Field Guide for the Semiquincentennial - Making History at 250" is now available and can be downloaded from its website. This is a new resource with guiding themes and inspiring ideas to help you prepare for 2026. [250th Anniversary – AASLH](#)

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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:

- Glenn Highway Corridor
  - Programmatic Agreement
- Sterling Highway MP 45-60
  - Data Recovery Plan
- U. S. Coast Guard Base Kodiak
  - Programmatic Agreement and ICRMP
- Formerly Used Defense Sites Program
  - Programmatic Agreement
- 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](mailto:sarah.meitl@alaska.gov).

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## PRESERVATION CALENDAR:

2021

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](http://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](http://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>.

July 31 Goucher College is presenting its Master of Arts in Historic Preservation (M.A.H.P.) 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Forum: *Preserving Place in a Rapidly Changing World?*, July 31, 11am to 6pm. EST, a Virtual Preservation Forum. To learn more visit [www.goucher.edu/mahp25](http://www.goucher.edu/mahp25)

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

August 5 and 12 NAGPRA Grant Proposal Development. Two-part Webinar. Instructor Jan Bernstein. National Preservation Institute. For information on scholarships and to sign up go to [www.npi.org](http://www.npi.org)

August 12 National Trust for Historic Preservation. **Women Are Essential Webinar Series Title and Registration Links:**

- [New Ways of Seeing Women in Every Historic Place \(June 24\)](#)
- [Interpretive Strategies that Reveal Women Are Everywhere \(August 12\)](#)

September 13-14 & 20-21 Museums Alaska Annual Meeting #MA2021: Sustainability: Adaptation and Resilience of Alaska Museums. To learn more, go to <https://museumsalaska.org/Conference>

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

September 22-25 AASLH 2021 Annual Meeting., Little Rock, AR. *Doing History/Doing Justice*. For more information go to <https://aaslh.org>

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

October 27-30 Western History Association 61<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference “*To the West and Beyond: The Global and the Local in Western History*”. Portland, OR. Conference will be on-site and will have online sessions and some livestream content. To learn more and register go to: <https://www.westernhistory.org/2021/Portland>

October 28 OHA Education Series *Section 106 Consultation Panel*. Session 1:30 – 3:00 PM AST. 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](http://www.achp.gov/training/classroom)

November 2-6 National Trust for Historic Preservation, PastForward, the Virtual National Preservation Conference. [conference@savingplaces.org](mailto:conference@savingplaces.org).