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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 2021	FY 2022 Administration	FY2022 House
States	55.675	57.675	57.675
Tribes	15.0	23.0	23.0
Underrepresented communities	1.0	1.0	1.250
African Amer. Civil Rights grants	16.750	21.750	21.75
History of Equal Rights grants	3.375	3.375	4.625
Historic Black colleges	10.0	10.0	10.0
Save America's Treasures	25.0	25.0	30.0
Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization	7.5	10.0	7.5
Semi-quincentennial grants	10.0	-0-	-0-
TOTALS	\$ 144.3	\$ 151.8	\$155.8*

* Figures are in millions

Office of History and Archaeology and Alaska Historical Commission news

The Division of Parks and Recreation is recruiting for the Grants Administrator 2 position, PCN 10-5142, that works with the Historic Preservation Fund and the Land and Water Conservation Fund grant programs. It will be posted from August 6, 2021 through August 23, 2021 (5:00 pm). Go to Workplace Alaska: [Grants Administrator 2](#).

OHA's 2021 Virtual Education Series

October 28 is the next Webinar, *Section 106 Consultation Panel*. Sarah Meitl, OHA's Review and Compliance Coordinator, will moderate a discussion among consulting party panelists about meaningful consultation in Section 106 via Webex. The panel will be comprised of individuals from a federal agency, a federally recognized Tribe, a local government, an ANSCA Corporation, and legal counsel. The goal of this forum is not to present or make policy, but rather to provide a venue to share experiences or lessons learned for a community of cultural resource management practitioners. Through questions and resultant discussions, Ms. Meitl will moderate topics concerning consultation process, definitions, and experiences that will benefit all steps of Section 106 and consultation in general. 1:30 – 3:00pm. Free – registration required. To register, email dnr.oha@alaska.gov.

For more information, visit

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

Staff News

Cory Glover, who has worked for OHA for eight years in the AHRS is moving on to the Division of Mining Land and Water. He will be working the Contracting Unit. We wish him well and are pleased he will still be working within the Department of Natural Resources.

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

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 Register listings

Gould Cabin, Fairbanks, AK

The Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places added the Gould Cabin to the nation's list of historic properties worthy of preservation on August 12, 2021. The cabin, now surrounded by the Morris Thompson Cultural and Visitor Center (MTCVC) grounds, is likely the oldest residence situated at its original location in the City of Fairbanks and one of a few small log cabins still standing in the downtown area. Built in 1910, the cabin serves as a rare, significant example of early 20th-century vernacular log home architecture.

High Ridge, Machetanz Cabin, Matanuska-Susitna Borough

The Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places added High Ridge, Machetanz Cabin, to the nation's list of historic properties worthy of preservation on August 19, 2021. High Ridge, otherwise called the Machetanz Cabin, is located on a ridge in Matanuska Valley with views of Pioneer Peak and other "paintable" peaks. The historic cabin was built in 1950 by Fred Machetanz, one of Alaska's most renowned artists, and his wife, Sara Machetanz, a nationally published writer. The couple lived there seasonally until 1959. Because both Matanuska Valley residents and Alaskans across the state celebrate Fred and Sara for their influence on Alaskan art and literature, the High Ridge cabin is significant on both a local and statewide level.

Ascension of Our Lord Russian Orthodox Church in Karluk moved

The Ascension of Our Lord Russian Orthodox Church was successfully moved to a temporary location 80 feet from an eroding bluff that threatened destruction of the church. Russian Orthodox Sacred Sites in Alaska (ROSSIA) led the fundraising effort to save the church. Listed as one of Alaska's Ten Most Endangered Properties in 2020 and 2021 by Preservation Alaska; the National Trust for Historic Preservation published a story in a recent issue of *Preservation Magazine*, Summer 2021:

<https://savingplaces.org/stories/behind-the-effort-to-save-an-imperiled-cliffside-church-in-alaska>

National Park Service

The NPS Tribal Heritage program announced 2021 grant awards to American Indian Tribes, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiian Organizations. The Native Village of Eyak received an award for its "Traditional Sugpiaq Regalia Workshop. Applications for at least \$500,000 in 2022 funding will be announced fall 2021. For information about grants and the Tribal Heritage Grant program visit: <http://go.nps.gov/tribalheritage>

The National Historic Landmarks Program released a new theme study, *Civil Rights in America: Racial Discrimination in Housing*. It is the fourth in a five-part *Civil Rights in America* series which uses the provisions of 1960s civil rights acts as a framework. The study examines the history of housing discrimination against African American, Latinx, American Indian, and Asian American people leading to passage of the Fair Housing Act of 1968. To download the study go to: www.nps.gov/subjects/nationalhistoriclandmarks/recent-theme-studies.htm

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

Advisory Council on Historic Preservation

Washington, D.C. – ACHP Vice Chairman Jordan E. Tannenbaum, acting as ACHP chairman, signed an agreement with [America250, the nationwide commemoration of America’s 250th anniversary in 2026 led by the U.S. Semiquincentennial Commission](#). The ACHP was one of 20 federal agencies to sign the agreement supporting activities marking 250 years of American independence. The signing ceremony took place 245 years to the day that 56 members of the Second Continental Congress started signing the Declaration of Independence.

“The opening words of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 say, ‘the spirit and direction of the Nation are founded upon and reflected in its historic heritage,’” Tannenbaum said in his remarks during the ceremony. “It is the ACHP’s distinct pleasure to help you highlight the important role historic preservation has played in the first 250 years of development of this nation.”

Federal Communications Commission

The FCC is providing an opportunity to either learn more about or refresh your memory on the two FCC Nationwide Programmatic Agreements

Please join the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) on Thursday, August 26th from 2-4pm EST for a virtual review of the FCC’s 2004 Nationwide Programmatic Agreement . [The two nationwide programmatic agreements set specific procedural requirements for the Section 106 review of wireless telecommunications facilities.](#)

DATE: THURSDAY, AUGUST 26, 2021

TIME: 200 PM EST

[Please register for the event in advance by emailing Christine Heacock, FCC Deputy Federal Preservation Officer, at \[christine.heacock@fcc.gov\]\(mailto:christine.heacock@fcc.gov\)](#). We will email the meeting link to all registered participants a week before the event. Due to the large number of anticipated participants, we encourage you to e-mail Christine any questions you would like the FCC FPOs to address by 8/16/21.

National Trust for Historic Preservation:

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.

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PUBLIC PROJECT ALERTS:

NEPA:

- Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Program

- Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement Scoping, comments due October 4, 2021 *ePlanning Website*: <https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/102555/510>
- Opening Lands Subject to ANCSA 17(d)(1) Withdrawals to Selection Under the Alaska Native Vietnam-Era Veterans Land Allotment Program of 2019, Public Land Order 7899
 - Environmental Assessment Scoping, comments due September 21, 2021 *ePlanning Website*: <https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/2014748/510>

Section 106 large project consultation in progress:

- Mendenhall Glacier Visitors Center Rehabilitation

Review and compliance agreement development for large projects in progress:

- Greens Creek Mine
 - Programmatic Agreement
- Glenn Highway Corridor
 - Programmatic Agreement
- Sterling Highway MP 45-60
 - Data Recovery Plan
 - Programmatic Agreement Amendment
- 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.

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PRESERVATION CALENDAR:

2021

August 24 - 25 National Alliance of Preservation Commissions (NAPC): summer short course via webinar geared toward historic preservation commissions, boards, and staff. To register go to: [NAPC Summer Short Course: August 24-25, 2021 - National Alliance of Preservation Commissions \(napcommissions.org\)](https://www.napcommissions.org). Website: [napcommissions.org](https://www.napcommissions.org)

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

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

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://alaskahistoricalsociety.org/about-ahs/conference/>.

October 27-30 Western History Association 61st 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

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

National Preservation Institute provides continuing education and professional training in historic preservation and cultural resource management throughout the year. For training options go to: www.npi.org For information contact Jere Gibber, Executive Director, info@npi.org