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### Historic Preservation Grants

The Office of History & Archaeology is accepting grant applications for *historic preservation development* and *pre-development* projects in Alaska. The application deadline is 4:00 p.m. on Friday, October 15, 2021. The FFY21 HPF application package is available online at <http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/oha/index.htm> or by contacting the Office of History and Archaeology shown below. All projects would need to be completed by September 15, 2022.

The Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) grant program provides up to 50 percent matching assistance for the cost of a development or pre-development project. Development grants are for rehabilitation of Alaska buildings and structures listed in the National Register of Historic Places, individually or as contributing properties to a historic district. Pre-development grants are for Alaska buildings and structures on or eligible for the National Register.

The Office of History & Archaeology anticipates \$150,000 will be available to award to eligible projects. Pre-development requests are limited to \$3,500 minimum and \$10,000 maximum in matching assistance. Development requests have a \$10,000 minimum and \$27,000 maximum in matching assistance.

If you have any questions, please contact us at [dnr.oha@alaska.gov](mailto:dnr.oha@alaska.gov).

The next meeting of the **Alaska Historical Commission** will be by WebEx on **Wednesday, December 8, 2021**. The agenda includes review of grant applications for Development and Pre-development projects, geographic name proposals, and National Register nominations, and updates from the Office of History and Archaeology. The agenda and information about how to participate in the meeting will be posted on the website in October.

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

For more information,

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

### **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.

### **National Register listings**

#### **The Diamond NN Cannery, Bristol Bay Borough**

The Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places listed the Alaska Packers Association's Diamond NN Cannery on August 20, 2021. The 132-year-old industrial complex, comprised mainly of vernacular wood and steel frame buildings, many on wood pilings, represents a self-contained community of industrial, support, administration, and housing resources built to serve

the hundreds of cannery workers and fisherman employed during Alaska's relatively brief salmon canning season. The Diamond NN is the first salmon cannery in Bristol Bay to receive such recognition, joining only two other Alaska canneries listed on the National Register —Kake and Kukak. Its contributing 50 buildings, seven sites, two structures, and two objects provide an exceptional glimpse into the twentieth-century canning industry's inner workings and laborers.

### **Qinuyang, Lake and Peninsula Borough**

The Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places added Qinuyang, also known as Old Igiugig and Kashanak, to the nation's list of historic properties worthy of preservation on August 23, 2021. Located on the banks of the Kvichak River, Qinuyang is an ancestral Yup'ik village site with multiple archaeological components of Arctic Small Tool tradition (4,800-3,300 years ago), Norton tradition (2,400-800 years ago), and historic Yup'ik. In addition to Criterion D, Qinuyang is also significant under Criteria A and B for its association with the 1918-1919 influenza epidemic and Anuska "Blind Grandma" Kasylic, who courageously led the few surviving children of the pandemic to safety. Today, the site is a portal into at least 3,600 years, providing information on how people of the Kvichak River employed strategies to survive, face adversity, and culturally endure.

### **The Iditarod Trail MPS Documentation and the Alaska Road Commission Shelter Cabin (Fritz's)**

The Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places approved the **Iditarod Trail** Multiple Property Submission on August 20, 2021, a decade-long effort that included significant historical preparation and multi-agency collaboration. Traveled historically by Native people, Russian and American traders, and prospectors, the route was surveyed by the Alaska Road Commission in 1908. Today, the Iditarod National Historic Trail is an extensive system that includes over two thousand miles of trails between Seward, in southcentral Alaska, where there is an ice-free deep-water port, and Nome, on the southern side of the Seward Peninsula in northwest Alaska. Additionally, the Keeper added the **Alaska Road Commission (ARC) Shelter Cabin (Fritz's Cabin)** August 20, 2021, located in the vicinity of Ophir, to the National Register of Historic Places. The standing cabin provides direct evidence of association with the development of the Iditarod Trail and its associated sub-trails. The historic cabin is a wayside stop outlined in the Iditarod Trail multiple property documentation and provides shelter for travelers today who often refer to it as Don's Cabin.

### **National Park Service**

The White House announced the intent to nominate Charles F. "Chuck" Sams III as Director of the National Park Service. The nomination will now be considered by the U.S. Senate. Mr. Sams currently serves as a council member to the Northwest Power and Conservation Council, based in Oregon. Sams is an enrolled member of the Cayuse and Walla Walla, of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation. He has worked in the nonprofit conservation sector and for state and tribal governments for more than 25 years

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

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

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## PRESERVATION CALENDAR:

2021

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 22-23 *First Annual NATHPO Sacred Sites Summit*, National Association of Tribal Historic Preservation Officers (NATHPO). To learn more and register go to <https://www.nathpo.org/sacred-sites-summit/>

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 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).

November 29- Dec. 1 2021 *International Conference of Indigenous Archives, Libraries, and Museums*, Washington, D.C., Association of Tribal Archives, Libraries, and Museums, <https://www.atalm.org/node/430>

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January 24-28 *National Tribal Preservation Conference*, National Association of Tribal Historic Preservation Officers, location TBD. For more information go to [nathpo.org](http://nathpo.org).

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