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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. The Historic Preservation program is operating under Continuing Resolution Public Law number 117-7 that provides funds at 2021 levels through February 18, 2022 or until FY 2022 appropriations bill are enacted into law.

	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY2022	FY2022
		Administration	House	Senate
States	55.675	57.675	57.675	57.675
Tribes	15.0	23.0	23.0	24.0
Underrepresented communities	1.0	1.0	1.250	1.0
African Amer. Civil Rights grants	16.750	21.750	21.75	21.75
History of Equal Rights grants	3.375	3.375	4.625	3.875
Historic Black colleges	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Save America's Treasures	25.0	25.0	30.0	26.0
Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization	7.5	10.0	7.5	10.0
Semi-quincentennial grants	10.0	-0-	-0-	10.0
Congressionally Directed HPF projects	-0-	-0-	-0-	15.772
TOTALS	\$ 144.3	\$ 151.8	\$155.8*	\$180.072

* Figures are in millions

The bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, H.R. 3684, was signed into law by President Biden on November 15th. The U.S. Department of Transportation released State Fact

Sheets highlighting in each state. <https://www.transportation.gov/briefing-room/usdot-releases-state-state-fact-sheets-highlighting-benefits-bipartisan>

The House passed the Safeguard Tribal Objects of Patrimony or STOP Act, H.R. 2930, S. 1471. This bill, introduced by Rep. Don Young (AK), Rep. Teresa Leger Fernandez (NM), Rep. Tom Cole (OK), and Rep. Sharice Davids (KS), would help protect Native American cultural items by strengthening laws to prevent trafficking. The bill also encourages the return of sacred and cultural items. The bill passed the House and moves to the Senate where companion legislation has been introduced by Sen. Marin Heinrich (NM).

Office of History and Archaeology and Alaska Historical Commission news

The **Alaska Historical Commission** meet by WebEx on Tuesday, December 8, 2021. The AHC approved six development and predevelopment historic preservation grant projects and the National Register nomination for Fort McGilvray Historic District, Seward area. One geographic name proposal was approved, Jade Mountain located in the North Slope Borough, and one, Jade Lake, located in the Lake and Peninsula Borough, was not approved.

Predevelopment Grants approved: Bergmann Hotel (Juneau), Russian American Company Magazin (Kodiak).

Development Grants approved: Discovery Saloon (Nome), Five Finger Lighthouse (Pertersburg area), Fort W.H. Seward (Haines), Pioneer School House (Anchorage).

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 Park Service

Charles “Chuck” Sams was confirmed as the 19th Director of the National Park Service. The first Native American to serve in this role, Sams is a Tribal member of the Confederated Tribes of Umatilla Indian Reservation, is Cayuse and Walla Walla, with blood ties to the Yankton Sioux and Cocopah Peoples.

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

Underrepresented Community Grant Program Applications due Jan. 11, 2022 [Apply to URC via Grants.gov](#)

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

Advisory Council on Historic Preservation

On December 6th, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation signed the National Programmatic Agreement Among the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, and the National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers for Phasing Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act for Large Scale Multi-Year Undertakings. The agreement authorizes the Forest Service to defer and phase identification and consideration of historic properties for large landscape projects. Under this agreement, urgent projects can continue to progress while allowing for effective consideration of the effects on historic properties.

<https://www.achp.gov/news/achp-and-usfs-sign-agreement-advance-important-forest-health-and-large-scale-projects>

https://www.achp.gov/sites/default/files/programmatic_agreements/2021-12/FS.PhasingNPA.2021.pdf

National Trust for Historic Preservation:

Enhance your efforts to save the historic places within your community—participate in the National Trust Preservation Funds grant program. This annual program supports local preservation organizations' efforts to **preserve and protect** important places in their communities.

Funding ranges from **\$2,500 to \$5,000** and supports **preservation planning and educational projects**. The next **deadline is February 1**.

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.

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PUBLIC PROJECT ALERTS:

NEPA:

Section 106 large project consultation in progress:

- Mendenhall Glacier Visitors Center Rehabilitation
- Greens Creek Mine

Review and compliance agreement development for large projects in progress:

- Glenn Highway Corridor
 - o Programmatic Agreement
- Sterling Highway MP 45-60
 - o 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
- USFS Sustainable Cabins
 - Programmatic Agreement
- NMFS Grants
 - Programmatic Agreement
- KNWR Cabins
 - Programmatic Agreement
- Point Thomson
 - Programmatic Agreement Amendment
- Grant Lake Hydroelectric Project
 - Historic Properties Management Plan

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:

2022

January 24-28 [National Tribal Preservation Conference \(virtual\) NATHPO](http://nationaltribalpreservationconference.org) For more information, go to nathpo.org.

February 28 – March 1 [American Alliance of Museums Advocacy Day](http://americanallianceofmuseums.org)

February 28 – March 4 *Alaska Anthropological Association 49th Annual Meeting* via Zoom (#AKAA virtual 2022). Theme “The Effects of Climate Change”. For more information, go to alaskaanthropology.org/annual-meeting/

March 7 – 10 National Historic Preservation Virtual Advocacy Week 2022.

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