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Office of History and Archaeology news

Big news from OHA is the retirement of Richard Vanderhoek, State Archaeologist, and Judy Bittner, State Historic Preservation Officer in June, 2025. Please join Alaska State Parks and OHA to celebrate their contributions and years of service Friday, June 6, 11am to 1:30pm, at the Atwood Building, Suite 102. 550 W 7th Ave, Anchorage, AK.

Federal Legislation

Enacted Historic Preservation Fund budget, FFY25

FY 2024	FY2025	FY 2026	FY 2026	FY2026			
			Passed	Passed	Administration	House	Sen
ate							
State Historic Preservation			\$ 62.15	\$62.15	-0-		
Tribal Historic Preservation			23.0	23.0	-		
0- Pending Pending							
Underrepresented communities			1.25	1.25	-0-		
Civil Rights African-American			24.0	24.0	-0-		
History of Equal rights			5.0	5.0	-0-		
Historic Black colleges			11.0	11.0	\$11.0		
Save America's Treasures			25.5	25.5	-0-		
Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization			10.0	10.0	-0-		
Semiquincentennial Sites			7.0	7.0	-0-		
Tribal Heritage Grants (new category)			0.0	0.0	-		
0-							
Congressionally Designated			19.766	0.0	-		
0-							
TOTALS			\$ 188,666	\$168,900	\$11.0		

* Figures are in millions.

Although Congress passed the FY25 budget in March, the HPF funding has not yet been released.

National Park Service

Technical Preservation Services, which manages the historic preservation tax credit program, recently issued additional information on [Part 1 Preliminary Determinations of Significance Documentation Requirements](#). The information supplements the Historic Preservation Certification Application instructions.

Emergency Supplemental Historic Preservation Fund Grants. the National Park Service (NPS) announced [a grant opportunity](#) through the Emergency Supplemental Historic Preservation Fund (ESHPPF). \$48,000,000 will be awarded under the ESHPPF grant program for necessary expenses related to the consequences of natural disasters occurring in calendar years 2023 and/or 2024. Grants are awarded through a competitive process and do not require non-Federal match. There are separate funding announcements for capacity and survey grants to State and Tribal Historic Preservation Offices and physical preservation projects. **Applications are due July 15, 2025.**

Advisory Council on Historic Preservation

ACHP announces that three of their eLearning courses are now back online! These include What is Section 106?; What Now? Protecting Historic Properties During Disaster Response; and Section 304 and Confidentiality. Visit the eLearning course webpage to check out these updated courses.

In person Alaska training:

October 8 - ACHP Section 106 Essentials Training, in-person, Atwood Conference Center, 550 W 7The Ave, Suite 1940, Anchorage, Alaska.

https://www.achp.gov/sites/default/files/2024-12/InfoSheet-AnchorageEssentials-8Oct2025_0.pdf

October 9 - ACHP Section 106 Agreements Seminar, in-person, Atwood Conference Center, Anchorage, Alaska

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Public project alerts

Section 106 large project consultation in progress:

- Graphite One Mine near Nome

- Safer Seward Highway, MP 98.5-118
- Seward to Glenn Connection PEL, DOT&PF
- Chilkoot National Historic Trail Comprehensive Trail Plan, NPS
- Iditarod National Historic Trail Comprehensive Trail Plan Revision, BLM
- Cook Inlet LNG

Review and compliance agreement development for large projects in progress:

- West Susitna Access Road, DOT&PF
 - Programmatic Agreement
- Harbor Mountain, USFS
 - Memorandum of Agreement
- USFS Heritage Program
- USFS Sustainable Cabins
 - Programmatic Agreement
- NPS Kennecott Maintenance and Operations
 - Programmatic Agreement Amendment
- NPS Dyea and the Chilkoot Trail
 - 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

2025

June 10 NAGPRA REVIEW COMMITTEE public meeting. The NAGPRA Review Committee will hold a virtual public meeting on Tuesday, June 10, from 2pm to 6pm Eastern. You can register for the meeting, find videos of past NAGPRA Program webinars, and see dates for upcoming webinars [HERE](#).

August 18-21 – COGNA (Council on Geographic Names Authorities) annual conference. Golden, Colorado. To register, click [HERE](#)

September 8-12 – NATHPO 25th annual conference. Hosted by [Reno-Sparks Indian Colony](#). [Registration is now open for NATHPO's 25th Annual Conference, happening September 8-12, 2025, at the Grand Sierra Resort and Casino in Reno, NV!](#) Visit NATHPO's website [HERE](#) to get details.

September 10 - 13 - AASLH annual conference, theme *The American Experiment*, Cincinnati, OH.

September 24-27 – Alaska Historical Society annual conference, theme “Vital Lifelines in Alaska History”, Fairbanks, Alaska. For more information go to the AHS website www.alaskahistoricalsociety.org

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October 28-29 – NPI training “NAGPRA and ARPA: Application Requirements”, Anchorage, AK. Offered in conjunction with “NEPA Compliance and Cultural Resources). For information go to npi.org

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