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Office of History and Archaeology news **Historic Preservation Grants**

Historic Preservation development and pre-development 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, September 30, 2022. The application package is available online at <http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/oha/index.htm> or by contacting the Office of History and Archaeology at dnr.oha@alaska.gov. All projects would need to be completed by December 15, 2023.

The Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) grant program provides 50 percent matching assistance for the development or pre-development grant. Development grants are for rehabilitation or restoration 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 \$200,000 will be available to award to eligible projects. Pre-development requests are limited to \$3,500 minimum and \$15,000 maximum in matching assistance. Development requests have a \$10,000 minimum and \$50,000 maximum in matching assistance.

Preserve Alaska Grants

The Office of History and Archaeology is launching a new reimbursable grant program designed to encourage Alaskan communities to identify, interpret, designate, develop heritage tourism plans, or survey special places that 1) convey important aspects of their unique heritage and 2) contribute to local tourism.

Preserve Alaska grants aim to encourage historic preservation at the local level by supporting heritage/cultural tourism programs and other preservation efforts that use historic properties and sites to stimulate economic vitality and community revitalization. Individuals, small businesses, nonprofits, local governments, state agencies, or Tribes are eligible to apply. All projects would need to be completed by December 15, 2023.

The state grant program provides 50 percent reimbursement for the cost of the grant projects with documented match expenses or eligible in-kind services. Grants will be accepted in the following categories:

- Survey, Inventory
- Historic Preservation Planning
- Historic Contexts & National Register Nominations
- Historic Preservation Education and Interpretive Material

The Office of History & Archaeology anticipates \$200,000 will be available to award to eligible projects. Grants can range from a minimum of \$4,000 and a maximum of \$40,000 State share. A 50/50 match is required for these reimbursable grants. Application deadline is 4:00 pm on Friday September 30, 2022. The application package is available online at <http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/oha/index.htm> or by contacting the Office of History and Archaeology at dnr.oha@alaska.gov

Education Series

Office of History and Archaeology's 2022 education series provides a continuing education opportunity to Tribes, cultural resource management professionals, and our local, state, and federal agency partners to strengthen partnerships with the goal to preserve, protect, educate, and advocate for Alaska's cultural resources. Each one-to-two-hour long session focuses on a topic relevant to history, archaeology, historic preservation, and/or cultural heritage.

Two presentations have already taken place, April 21, 2022, *Inadvertent Discoveries Guidance* by Sarah Meitl, M.A., and June 30, *CLG Basics – Practicalities and Possibilities* moderated by Maria Lewis, M.A. **The third presentation is *National Register Program – Writing a Historic Context* presented by Katie Ringsmuth, Ph.D., October 20, 2022.** For details or to register

for the session, please email dnr.oha@alaska.gov. More information about the series can be found at <http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/oha/publiceducation/publicedindex.htm>.

OHA 2022 Virtual Education Series		
Date	Time	Topic
April 21, 2022	1:30 pm AKST	Inadvertent Discoveries Guidance
June 30, 2022	1:30 pm AKST	CLGs – local historic preservation programs
October 20, 2022	1:30 pm AKST	National Register Program- Writing a Historic Context

Our office is interested in your feedback and requests your input on future topics. For more information go to: <http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/oha/publiceducation/training.htm>. Send suggestions and recommendations to dnr.oha@alaska.gov.

COVID 19 Adjustments

OHA employees are working a hybrid schedule. This means that correspondence, phone calls, and the processing of invoices/payments may be delayed.

While the Office of History and Archaeology staff are 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
 AHRs access, renewals, or submissions: oha.ibs@alaska.gov

Federal Legislation news

The U.S. House passed a 6-bill minibus for FY 2023 funding on July 20. It contained the Department of Interior budget, including the Historic Preservation Fund in the amount of \$170.825. For SHPOs, the House proposes \$58.675 million, a \$1 million dollar increase over FY22 funding level. Tribal Historic Preservation Offices proposed amount is \$23 million, an increase of \$7 million over FY22. The Senate plans to release their appropriations bills at the end of July.

The proposed Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) budget for Fiscal Year 2023:

	FY 2022 Final	FY 2023 Senate	FY2023 House
States	57.675	61.0	58.675
Tribes	16.0	21.0	23.0
Underrepresented communities	1.25	1.25	1.25
African Amer. Civil Rights grants	21.750	24.0	22.0
History of Equal Rights grants	4.625	5.0	4.75
Historic Black colleges	10.0	11.0	10.0
Save America's Treasures	26.5	26.5	26.5
Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization	10.0	12.5	10.0
Semi-quincentennial grants	10.0	10.0	3.0

Congressionally Directed HPF projects	15.272	19.654	11.65
TOTALS	\$ 173.072	\$ 191.904	\$170.825

* Figures are in millions

State Legislation News

On June 30, Governor Dunleavy signed the FY23 State Budget. It contained level funding for the Office of History and Archaeology and included award of the supplemental budget request to provide matching State funds for the FY22 Historic Preservation Fund grants received by the Alaska State Historic Preservation Office. These funds were pivotal to enable the Development and Preserve Alaska grants and maintain current staffing levels at OHA/SHPO.

On July 28, Governor Dunleavy signed House Bill 123, formally recognizing Alaska's 229 federally recognized tribes. [Alaska State Legislature \(akleg.gov\)](http://akleg.gov)

National Park Service news

Congratulations to Brooke Merrell, the new superintendent at Denali National Park and Preserve. Brooke previously served as the deputy superintendent and was the acting superintendent for the past 9 months.

The National Historic Landmarks Program announced release of a new theme study, *Labor History in the United States*, which highlights the many stories of Americans at work through current scholarship on labor history and nationally significant places. In addition to a discussion of existing and potential labor history National Historic Landmarks, the context can also inform National Register of Historic Places nominations. The complete accessible PDF is available for download on the National Historic Landmarks website – Recent Theme Studies.

<https://www.nps.gov/subjects/nationalhistoriclandmarks/recent-theme-studies.htm>

NPS Grant opportunities:

The National Park Service's **Tribal Historic Preservation Program** grant program is accepting grant applications for about \$500,000 that will be available in the fall 2022.

<https://www.nps.gov/subjects/historicpreservationfund/tribal-heritage-grants.htm>

Tribal Heritage **grant award recipients** announced in July, 2022, included two Alaskan tribes:

- Ahtna, Inc., Ahtna-Yakutat Elders Project, \$50,000
- Knik Tribe, Fish Creek Village Pedestrian Survey and Mapping Project, \$37,814

National Park Service's [Underrepresented Communities Grant Program \(URC\)](#) works towards diversifying the nominations submitted to the [National Register of Historic Places](#). URC grants are funded by the [Historic Preservation Fund \(HPF\)](#), and are administered by the NPS. Projects include surveys and inventories of historic properties associated with communities underrepresented in the National Register, as well as the development of nominations to the National Register for specific sites. Congress has appropriated \$1.25 million for the URC Grant Program. All projects must result in the submission of a new nomination to the National Register of Historic Places or [National Historic Landmark Program](#), or an amendment to an existing nomination to include underrepresented communities. Grants are awarded through a competitive process and do not require non-Federal match. The URC grant opportunity number is [P22AS00294](#). For more information go to [Underrepresented Community Grants - Historic Preservation Fund \(U.S. National Park Service\) \(nps.gov\)](#)

National Parks Service's **African American Civil Rights (AACR) grants** program (P22AS00647 and P22AS00648) is to preserve and protect sites associated with the struggle for equality from the transatlantic slave trade forward. Applications due November 8, 2022. For more information go to [African American Civil Rights Grant Program](#)

NPS grant program [History of Equal Rights](#) (P22AS00644) is to preserve and protect sites associated with efforts to achieve equal rights. The History of Equal Rights grants are not limited to any specific group and are intended to include the broadest possible interpretation of equal rights for any American. Application deadline September 14, 2022.

The National Register is actively working to update and reissue National Register Bulletin 38: *Traditional Cultural Properties*. A draft has been completed and is under internal review. A draft for tribal consultation, and partner and public engagement, is expected to be released by early fall 2022, kicking off a 16-month schedule for consultation, external engagement, and document development.

[Advisory Council on Historic Preservation news](#)

ACHP/HUD award

Apply now for the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) and U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) 2022-2023 ACHP/HUD Secretary's Award for Excellence in Historic Preservation! This joint award honors outstanding projects that have advanced the goals of historic preservation while promoting affordable housing, community revitalization, and/or enhanced economic opportunities for low- and moderate-income families and individuals.

Projects or activities must have been completed or have made substantial achievements within the last three years and have done the following:

- Promoted the use of historic buildings for affordable housing, community development, and/or expanded economic opportunities
- Included HUD funds or financing
- Met preservation guidelines
- Contributed to local community revitalization efforts

Two awards will be presented in summer 2023, as the award schedule is transitioned from fall to summer.

Submissions for the 2022-2023 cycle are due by 11:59 p.m. PDT on August 15, 2022.

Nomination details can be viewed at [HUD's award website](#). Information about previous award winners is available from [HUD's Historic Preservation Awards webpage](#). Questions regarding criteria and requirements may be addressed to pknoll@achp.gov. Technical assistance may be requested from helpdesk@huduser.gov.

The ACHP is recruiting for the position of Executive Director, located in Washington, D.C. Applications will be received through the website until August 15, 2022. achp.gov

The ACHP Foundation's new program, 21st Century Leaders Fellowship, provides early-career preservation professionals an opportunity to spend 6 to 9 months in Washington, D.C. to participate in policy development activities including research, writing, strategy, partnership cultivation and legislative monitoring. A stipend up to \$40,000 is provided. Deadline for applying is September 15, 2022. [Fellowship - ACHP Foundation](#)

Training:

The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation is offering digital classrooms for their Section 106 courses: The Section 106 Essentials and Section 106 Agreements Seminar. They will use Zoomgov.com. To learn more and register, go to www.achp.gov/training/classroom.

The ACHP extended FEMA COVID pandemic emergency procedures through November 30, 2022. For more information go to ACHP's website at achp.gov.

National Trust for Historic Preservation news

Peter H. Brink Leadership Fund grants (up to \$2,500) for travel costs and mentor honoraria are available for Organization Level Forum or Main Street America members of the National Trust. The purpose of these grants is to support the leadership and effectiveness of staff and board members of preservation organizations through individualized mentoring and the sharing of expertise. For more information go to forum@savingplaces.org

Scholarships are available for the National Trust's annual conference:

[PastForward Diversity Scholarship Program: Apply Today](#)

Scholars receive complimentary registration for PastForward Online 2022 this fall and the opportunity to participate in bi-monthly convenings through 2023. Apply by September 2.

National Preservation Institute news

NPI provides online training that complements their in-person seminar curriculum. NPI offers the option of online customized training with interested organizations. Look for training options at www.npi.org. On-demand modules available include **GIS, Historic Wood Windows, Corridor Development, New Sources of Funding, Native America 101, Streetscapes, Cultural Landscapes, and Section 106 compliance**. For further information contact Jere Gibber, Executive Director, NPI, 703.765.0100, info@npi.org.

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PUBLIC PROJECT ALERTS:

Section 106 large project consultation in progress:

- Greens Creek Mine
- Ambler Access Road

Review and compliance agreement development for large projects in progress:

- Polychrome and East Fork, Denali National Park

- Memorandum of Agreement
- Mendenhall Glacier Visitors Center Rehabilitation
 - Programmatic Agreement
- Glenn Highway Corridor
 - Programmatic Agreement
- Sterling Highway MP 45-60
 - Data Recovery Plan
 - Programmatic Agreement Amendment
- Formerly Used Defense Sites Program
 - Programmatic Agreement
- USFS Sustainable Cabins
 - Programmatic Agreement
- NMFS Grants
 - Programmatic Agreement
- KNWR Cabins
 - Programmatic Agreement
- USACE Mahn Choh
 - Memorandum of Agreement
- NPS Kennecott Maintenance and Operations
 - Programmatic Agreement Amendment
- NPS Climate Change at Dyea
 - Programmatic Agreement
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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

September 20-21 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 22 *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 21-24 Museums Alaska annual conference, *Transitions: Navigating Change and Moving Forward*. Will be held in Valdez and online. <https://museumsalaska.org/Conference>

September 22-24 Preserving the Historic Road International Conference, Portland, OR. Link to the conference website for the Preliminary Program, description of the Special Conference Field Session, Registration and Hotel information. <http://historicroads.org/conference/>

October 6-8 and Oct 13-15 Alaska Historical Society annual conference, *Conflicting Visions in Alaska History*. Co-sponsored with Cook Inlet Historical Society. Will be held in Anchorage online and in person. For more information: <https://alaskahistoricalsociety.org/>

October 20 OHA Education Series *National Register Nominations* Session 1:30 – 3:00PM AKST. Free. To learn more, go to <http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/oha/publiceducation/training.htm>.

November 1-4 National Trust for Historic Preservation, *PastForward, the Virtual National Preservation Conference*. Theme: **Moving from Vision to Action**. Registration is now open. https://savingplaces.org/conference#.Yh7dG_7MKUk

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